



Snyder County Conservation District

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How to Identify Gypsy Moth from Other Pests

There are other caterpillar pests currently present in Snyder County. Many presume that what they see is the gypsy moth in its larval stage. However, that may not be the case. Please look at the photos below.



FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR LARVA



EASTERN TENT
CATERPILLAR



GYPSY MOTH

Top: Forest tent caterpillar larva has whitish spots on its back that resemble "key holes," "foot prints" or "shoe prints."

Bottom Left: Eastern tent caterpillar larva has continuous whitish stripe on its back.

Bottom Right: Gypsy moth larva has five double rows of dark blue spots, followed by six double rows of brick red spots on its back.

Occasionally, the Snyder County Conservation District is asked to conduct gypsy moth egg mass surveys to determine the severity of the infestation. The Conservation District may conduct a survey this year depending on the situation.

For more information about the monitoring program, or you suspect that you have gypsy moth caterpillars or egg masses, please contact [Craig Bingman](#), District Manager, at 570-837-3000, x114. You can also contact DCNR's Bald Eagle State Forest District office near Laurelton at 570-922-3344 regarding gypsy moths and other forest pests.

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