

News Release

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EUROPEAN GYPSY MOTH FACT SHEET

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) in partnership with the Invasive Species Centre and the County of Lanark are pleased to announce the development of a Fact Sheet on the European Gypsy Moth, a destructive pest threatening Ontario's forests. The Fact Sheet is just one step in increasing public awareness and education about invasive species in Ontario.

This initiative is part of the Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) Project, a two-year project lead by the Invasive Species Centre in partnership with the EOMF and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Invasive species are among Canada's greatest threats to the survival of our native species. The goal of the program is to train volunteers and increase public awareness to better detect and reduce invasive species in Ontario, one community at a time. Production and delivery of invasive species information products, webinars and field workshops will be key to increasing public awareness.

The European Gypsy Moth Fact Sheet highlights the moth's life cycle, the threat it poses to native tree species and the overall impact of the pest on our forest ecosystem. Information on how to manage the moth is described in terms of monitoring, trapping and hand removal, and biological control. The fact sheet also provides information on where to report sighting and who to contact for more information, two important pieces of information for the property owner dealing with the European Gypsy Moth consuming their forests!

A copy of the European Gypsy Moth Fact Sheet can be found on the EOMF website, [European Gypsy Moth Fact Sheet](#)



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