

Lilac Ash Borer Response

Hello,

Thank you for your email and concern about Emerald Ash Borer.

There are several insects that attack ash that have been in Colorado for years, including some borers that are commonly called just “Ash Borer”. However, they are not nearly as damaging as Emerald Ash Borer. If you have found sawdust and holes that are round and about 1/4 of an inch wide, it is probably Lilac ash borer or it could be a number of other insects.

Treatment options will be developed for Emerald Ash Borer, but any action will not be effective until next spring.

Please look at the following for reference on what may be attacking your ash trees

[Emerald Ash Borer in Colorado - Identification of Insects and Damage of Similar Appearance](#)

You can also refer to the [Colorado Department of Agriculture EAB page](#) for information and for future updates

If after looking at the images and publications you still think it is EAB please let me know.

Regards,

Other Links

Signs and Symptoms of the Emerald Ash Borer

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E-2938.pdf>

EAB lookalikes

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2944.pdf>

Response to “I think I saw the Insect”

Hello,

Please take a look at the following document. After looking at the document, if the insect you saw matches the Emerald Ash Borer, please let me know.

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/e-2939.pdf>

Thanks,

Treatment Response

Thank you for your email and concern about Emerald Ash Borer.

There is not too much you can do to prevent EAB, except we ask that people not move firewood or ash nursery stock. All varieties of *Fraxinus* spp. are susceptible; including white, green and purple ash. Mountain ash is a different genus and is not susceptible. Colorado State University and the Colorado State Forest Service are developing treatment recommendations for Emerald Ash Borer in Colorado. There are pesticide treatments available, but they will not be effective until next spring and we would not recommend treatment unless it has been found within 15 miles of a known infestation (currently the northeast part of the city of Boulder). I can say that we have not found it near your location (yet) but will be looking.

You can also refer to the Colorado Department of Agriculture [EAB page](#) for information and for future updates or email caps.program@state.co.us

Regards,
John

Hello, can you give me more information on this pest and what the state is doing about it with this program?

Thank you for your email and concern about Emerald Ash Borer.

At this time, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) is focused on detecting, controlling, and preventing the human spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle. We are working with the affected community (Boulder city and county) other state agencies, and the USDA. We are going to survey the area and we may impose quarantine on ash wood, hardwood firewood and nursery stock.

Please refer to the Colorado Department of Agriculture [EAB page](#) for information and for future updates. There is a lot of good information on the web but one site in particular is www.emeraldashborer.info

Regards,

John