



Identification protocol developed to aid response to invasive beetle emerald ash borer

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Colleagues,

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) has established a protocol for identification of suspected emerald ash borer specimens (beetle, larvae, or infested wood) collected by the general public. The protocol describes how the public can bring specimens into local county CCE Association offices for no-cost screening and identification by Cornell University entomology diagnostic lab faculty. The CCE protocol provides for both physical specimen identification as well as screening of digital photographs of suspected emerald ash borer sightings (tree symptoms or other indications) when a stakeholder cannot provide a specimen.

The CCE emerald ash borer outreach program is being coordinated by Cornell University Department of Natural Resources Extension Associate Mark Whitmore and NYS Extension Forester Dr. Peter Smallidge. Sr. Extension Associate Carolyn Klass of the Cornell University Insect Diagnostic Laboratory will be doing specimen analysis. Dr. Holly Menninger, Coordinator of the NYS Invasive Species Research Institute at Cornell University, and Sr. Extension Associate Chuck O'Neill, Coordinator of the CCE Invasive Species Program, are also contributors to the CCE EAB program.

For more information contact Mark Whitmore mcw42@cornell.edu. For more information on the emerald ash borer, visit the NYS Invasive Species Clearinghouse EAB page at <http://nyis.info/Insects/EmeraldAshBorer.aspx>

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