

Gypsy Moths – Visual Guide

Identification:

- Egg State: They remain in place from the time they are laid in August and persist well after caterpillars hatch in May. Egg masses are typically brown, teardrop shaped and about 1–2 inches long. They contain all the eggs a female moth produces, typically 600–1000 for a healthy female.
- Caterpillar State: Emerge from egg masses in April and feed on leaves through late June. Caterpillars are hairy, with a yellow and black head and 5 pairs of blue spots, followed by 6 pairs of red spots.
- Leaf debris and small, round frass found under trees are indications of gypsy moth infestation.



Picture's courtesy of the Michigan State University Website



Actual pictures taken around the Tri-Lakes by the TLA Board during their fall

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