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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

(SLF)
Lycorma delicatula



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WHAT IS SPOTTED LANTERNFLY?

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive planthopper from Asia that damages plants and trees by sucking the sap from leaves and stems. This pest feeds on over 70 different plants, including economically important crops (grapes, apples, hops), forest and shade trees (maple, willow, birch), and the invasive tree-of-heaven. Feeding SLF excrete a sugar substance (honeydew), which can attract other nuisance pests and cause concentrated bee, wasp & ant activity.

WHERE IS IT?

Spotted lanternfly was first detected in Pennsylvania in 2014, and has since established and spread to numerous states in the northeast.



WHAT CAN I DO?

As of 2021, there are no known populations of spotted lanternflies in Vermont. Follow these guidelines to ensure populations do not get established in the state.

- Report any observations and submit photos at [VTinvasives.org](https://vtinvasives.org);
- Avoid planting tree-of-heaven (SLF's preferred host);
- **This pest spreads very easily and readily hitchhikes on a variety of surfaces.** Check for and remove all life stages of SLF from outdoor items, such as vehicles and tires, plants and nursery stock, camping equipment, wood, and building materials.

View map of SLF infestations at QR code below.



LIFE STAGES



Size: 0.25-0.5 inch

EARLY NYMPHS

May to July



Size: 0.5 inch

LATE NYMPHS

July to September



Size: 1 inch

ADULTS

July to December



EGG MASSES

September to June

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