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PREFACE

The gypsy moth was accidentally introduced to North America near Boston in 1869 by a naturalist hoping to breed a producer of silk. The very attributes that first attracted the naturalist to the gypsy moth are now the bane of pest managers. The high reproductive potential of the gypsy moth and the ability of the caterpillar to feed on a wide variety of common native tree species has facilitated the establishment of the gypsy moth in a broad range of ecological zones from the cool temperate forests of the Great Lakes Basin to the warm, humid forests of the Carolinas. With so many new and diverse areas infested each year, it is difficult to establish any historical or ecological generalisations to predict what will happen next.

Pest managers have tried almost everything in their efforts to control the gypsy moth. Reports of gypsy moth control programs are voluminous, but often unavailable and very nearly indigestible. It is not easy for pest managers to use these reports to guide their own local programs. In contrast, documentation of the impact of the gypsy moth on the forest, and by implication, the benefits of these control programs, has been relatively neglected. There is very little specific information on the short- and long-term impacts of the gypsy moth that can be used to guide the pest manager.

Complicating this management situation is the gypsy moth's intricate relationship with people. Unlike other forest pests, which primarily threaten commercial timber values, the gypsy moth is a pest of semi-urban, shelter-belt and recreational land. This not only challenges the pest manager to incorporate non-traditional notions of forest values into decisions but also obligates the manager to deal with a diverse range of demands and expectations from the public.

It is against this backdrop that communities must devise a management program for the gypsy moth. We hope that this sourcebook helps. It is aimed at professional pest managers as well as municipalities, woodlot owners and cottage association groups that are trying to develop a gypsy moth management strategy at the community level.

It is not our intention to prescribe a particular strategy. Nor have we tried to produce a com-

prehensive compendium of everything you need to know about the gypsy moth. Instead, we have summarized concepts and information most relevant to local management programs and provided a guide to the sources of specific information. The biology and ecology of the gypsy moth, its impact and the methods used for monitoring populations are covered in chapters 1, 2 and 3. Management activities such as control, public information programs, and integrated pest management are covered in chapters 4, 5 and 6. An annotated bibliography of references follows these chapters. An appendix that lists the addresses of organisations mentioned in the text is found at the end of this publication.

Each chapter consists of text with supporting tables and figures. The text provides general background information and definitions, and explains critical concepts. Bracketed numbers within the text indicate references. For clarity, references within the text are kept to a minimum. Most references are identified by number in the tables and in a separate section at the end of each chapter.

This sourcebook was designed primarily with the gypsy moth situation in Ontario in mind. We hope that others will find it useful. We have drawn heavily on the experience in the United States, and have tried to bring an update of many of the new developments there to as broad an audience as possible.

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Chapter 1

BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF THE GYPSY MOTH

The gypsy moth, *Lymantria dispar* (L.), is a notorious defoliator of broadleaved trees in temperate regions. It is native to Europe and Asia and a member of a worldwide family of moths that includes other leaf-feeding insects such as tussock moths. In its native range, the gypsy moth is highly variable in appearance and behavior. One of the most striking variations is between the flightless adult female in Europe and the flying adult female gypsy moth in Asia.

The European form of the gypsy moth was introduced accidentally to North America near Boston in 1869. Despite the flightless nature of the adult female in this founding population, the gypsy moth has steadily extended its range in North America. By the early 1990s, the gypsy moth inhabited most hardwood forests of eastern North America, as far west as Indiana, north to the Great Lakes Basin, and south to the Carolinas (Photo 6). Isolated infestations, likely caused by inadvertent transport of egg masses by people, have recurred at several locations in North America.

Introduction to Canada

In Canada, occasional collections of the gypsy moth have been made in areas adjacent to infested American locations since the early part of the century. It was not until 1969, however, that the first defoliation was noted in southeastern Ontario. Since then, the area of infestation has increased rapidly. By 1992, the gypsy moth was established throughout all of Ontario to the south and east of Lake Huron and there was evidence of resident populations along the northern shore of Lake Huron, extending to Lake Superior.

Established populations of the European gypsy moth exist throughout the St. Lawrence River and Ottawa River valleys in Québec and Ontario. In spite of quarantine and eradication programs, evidence of new infestations is found annually in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

In 1991, Asian gypsy moths were discovered in western North America. Asian gypsy moths differ

from European gypsy moths in several biological characteristics, most notably the flight capabilities of the female moth. In this publication, unless otherwise noted, the information presented pertains to the European gypsy moth already introduced and widely distributed in North America. Most of the general management concepts presented, however, will be applicable to the Asian gypsy moth. Sources of information for the Asian gypsy moth are found in the reference list (6, 77, 151).

LIFE CYCLE

The gypsy moth's life cycle is characterized by four distinct stages: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa and adult. The gypsy moth produces one generation per year (see Table 3.1).

Eggs

The female adult gypsy moth lays all of her eggs in a single, buff-colored egg mass that resembles a sponge or chamois (photos 7 and 8). The number of eggs in one of these masses varies from fewer than 100 to more than 1,000 eggs, with an average of 700 eggs for females feeding on unlimited quantities of preferred foliage. The egg masses are placed in sheltered positions on trees, or on rocks or fallen logs on the ground (Photo 8).

The gypsy moth embryo develops within the egg until it forms a small caterpillar, but does not hatch immediately. Instead, the insect remains in a state of arrested development within the egg mass for the winter. In this stage, the gypsy moth can tolerate temperatures as low as -30°C provided these conditions do not persist for several days. Hibernating gypsy moth need at least 2 months of low temperatures before they can become active again.

Larvae

Gypsy moth larvae or caterpillars emerge from their eggs in early spring (Photo 9). The exact time will

vary from place to place and with weather. Most egg hatch will be completed by mid-May in Ontario.

The small, newly hatched caterpillars disperse from the egg mass within one day. They climb to the tops of trees, where they may venture off the branch and hang by a silk thread. Breezes then "balloon" these caterpillars to neighboring trees. This windborne movement is undoubtedly the most important dispersal event in the life cycle of the gypsy moth, as it enables caterpillars from egg masses on non-preferred trees or even on the ground to locate a preferred tree on which to feed.

Once the caterpillars become established on foliage, they feed and grow throughout May and June. The gypsy moth caterpillar passes through a series of progressively larger stages (instars), separated by a molt in which the entire outer skin is shed and replaced with a new one. Male gypsy moths have five, and females have six instars (Photo 10).

Although each instar has a characteristic range in size and in color pattern, the most reliable method of determining the stage of a caterpillar is to measure the width of its head capsule using a microscope equipped with a micrometer (Fig. 1.1). Larger gypsy moth caterpillars feed on leaves at night and rest in sheltered crevices lower on the tree during the day. When gypsy moth population densities are very high, caterpillars may remain in the tree canopy and feed intermittently throughout the day and night. The large, final-instar caterpillar is voracious. Each may consume as much as

1,000 square centimetres of foliage in their lifetime. This represents approximately 10 to 15 entire leaves of red oak.

Pupae

The development of gypsy moth caterpillars is complete by early to mid-summer, at which time the caterpillar finds a sheltered location in which to pupate (Photo 11). Female gypsy moths, with an extra instar and a longer period of development, pupate later and form larger pupae than do the males. The pupal stage lasts approximately two weeks.

Adults

Emerging female gypsy moths are swollen with eggs. Despite full-size wings, the female cannot fly. Instead, the female moth remains near the pupation site and releases a pheromone (odor) that attracts the highly mobile and responsive males (Photo 12). The female mates only once and then lays all of her eggs in a single egg mass (Photo 7).

POPULATION ECOLOGY

Evidence for cyclical outbreaks of gypsy moth has been claimed in both Europe and Asia. In North America, however, the pattern of outbreaks is less clear. Most localities in North America are only recently colonized by the gypsy moth, so the historical

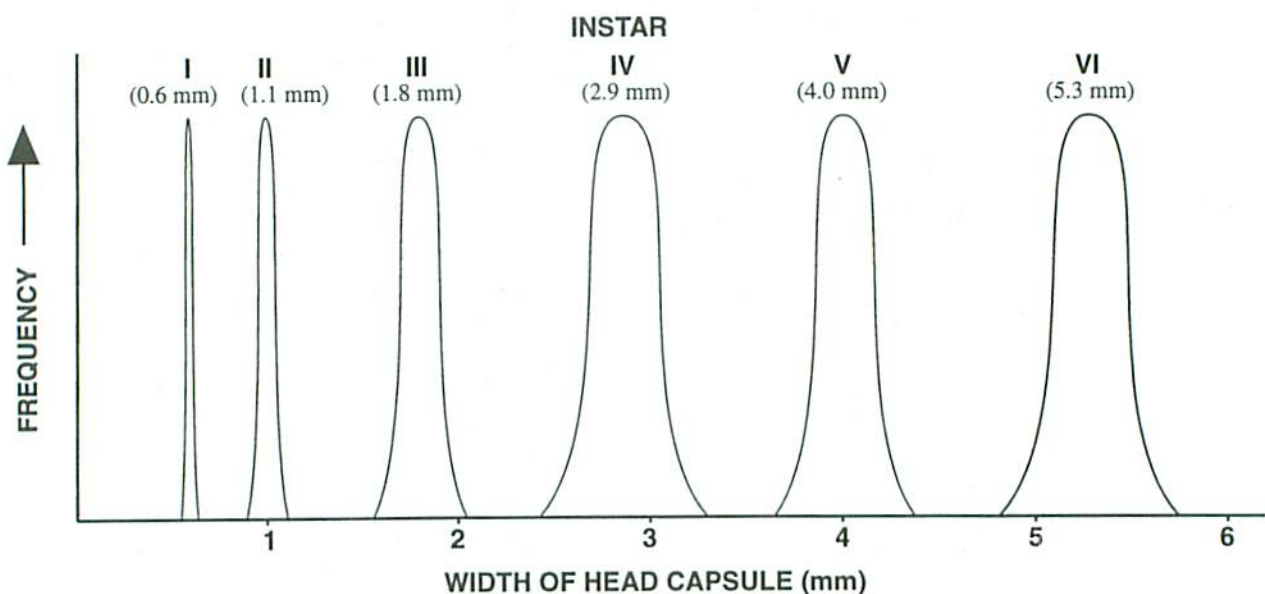


Figure 1.1: Width of head capsules for each instar of the gypsy moth. (Data from reference number 83.)

record is insufficient for general predictions of future patterns.

Temporal Patterns

Many researchers agree that North American populations of the gypsy moth exist either as an *innocuous phase*, in which numbers are maintained at low densities by the action of natural enemies, or as a high-density *outbreak phase*, in which gypsy moth populations become limited by food supply and prone to catastrophic epidemics of disease. The transition between the two phases, the *release phase*, is characterized by high survival of gypsy moth larvae and as much as a 100-fold increase in density in only a

few generations (Fig. 1.2). Not all areas infested with gypsy moth, however, will experience such dramatic fluctuations.

In all population phases, mortality of the large larvae appears to have the greatest influence on population trends. The major factors that influence the population ecology of the gypsy moth are summarized in Table 1.1 and Figure 1.2. Natural mortality agents include: *predators* such as insects (Photo 15); small mammals and some bird species (Photo 16) that eat gypsy moth larvae; *insect parasitoids* that kill the gypsy moth by laying their eggs inside the pest (Photo 13); and *pathogens* (disease organisms) such as the nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV) (Photo 14).

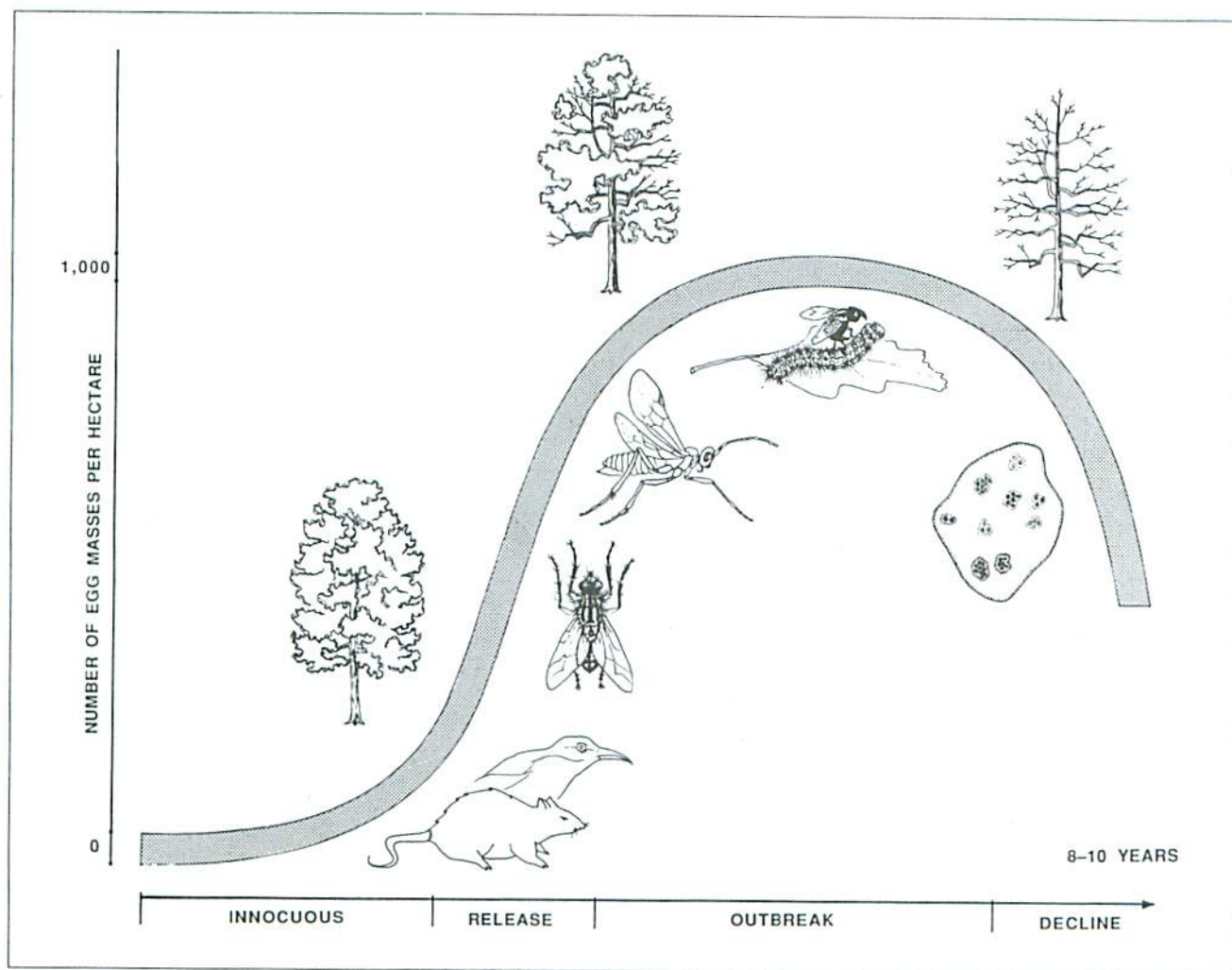


Figure 1.2: Gypsy moth population ecology. The number of insects is determined by the abundance and condition of host trees and the number of natural enemies. Populations increase when suitable foliage is abundant, but severe defoliation limits populations by reducing available foliage. Natural enemies (e.g., predators and parasites) reduce populations at low and moderate gypsy moth densities. Natural viral epidemics cause infestation collapses at high population densities.

Spatial Patterns

Defoliation by the gypsy moth may appear patchy within a region. The pattern of defoliation reflects the particular mix of preferred and non-preferred trees and the topography of the region (photos 3 and 5; see also Chapter 2).

Populations within a region may be in different phases of the outbreak cycle at different times. A consequence of this asynchronous pattern is that even though local outbreaks may subside after a few years, broader outbreaks can persist in a region for several years.

These generalized patterns of population ecology may not be typical in areas newly infested by the gypsy moth. There is evidence that gypsy moth populations along the “leading edge” of the insect’s expanding range display exceptionally high densities, low natural mortality, and cause severe defoliation if conditions are suitable.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references on the biology and ecology of the gypsy moth are 14, 18, 27, 37, 44, 48, 59, 67, 70, 96, 98, 131, 135, 153 and 163.

Table 1.1: Factors that affect gypsy moth population dynamics.

Factors	Characteristics	References
Environmental		
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some tree species are more suitable as food plants than others Food quality deteriorates after severe defoliation 	Table 2.2 50, 128
Dispersal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement by newly hatched larvae is important for local dynamics 	25, 50
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most effects of weather are subtle and difficult to predict Activity and development rates increase at warmer temperatures Weather influences the timing of the appearance of various life stages Extreme conditions of prolonged cold can kill unprotected eggs 	50, 92, 138
Natural enemies		
Predators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small mammals (e.g., the white-footed mouse) and larger birds (e.g., the black-billed cuckoo) can have significant local effects The effect of predators is limited by their relatively low rates of dispersal and reproduction Impact is greatest when gypsy moth population levels are low Predators are important at maintaining low population levels of the gypsy moth infestation or reducing habitat susceptibility 	25, 28, 50, 66, 136
Parasitoids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different species of parasitoids characterize different population phases Parasitoids have a moderately high capacity for dispersal and reproduction Parasitoids are widely distributed, but have a variable local impact 	Chapter 4, 50, 66, 102 123, 134
Pathogens		
NPV (nuclear polyhedrosis virus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This virus is specific to the gypsy moth It persists at some level in all populations NPV causes a characteristic “wilted” appearance of caterpillars NPV causes the most extensive mortality at outbreak levels 	50, 71, 166
<i>Entomophaga maimaiga</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This fungus is specific to gypsy moth It can cause extensive mortality under some environmental conditions It may persist from year to year in gypsy moth populations 	4, 71, 72, 162



Chapter 2

IMPACT OF THE GYPSY MOTH

The gypsy moth represents a new and additional stress to North American forests. Management programs for the gypsy moth will be determined ideally by a prediction of the impact and some assessment of the value of the resource at risk.

SHORT- AND LONG-TERM IMPACTS

The short-term impacts of a gypsy moth infestation, such as defoliation (Photo 5), nuisance and allergic reactions, are the most obvious and alarming impacts to residents. However, the relationship between these immediate impacts and more long-term impacts, including tree mortality, is anything but clear. Many areas may become infested, but the long-term impact may be slight.

Broadleaved trees are, in general, resilient and will survive single bouts of defoliation unless they are already stressed by other factors. Repeated outbreaks of the gypsy moth tend to be restricted to forests dominated by tree species such as oaks on which the gypsy moth prefers to feed (Table 2.1). Within this forest type, long-term impacts including the death of trees are restricted to poor growing sites on which trees have low vigor. Difficulties in determining the exact cause of death of a tree makes it difficult to attribute the

death of trees in an area to past infestations of the gypsy moth.

Even very low levels of a gypsy moth infestation can cause economic impacts in newly infested areas. Forest products from these areas may be subject to quarantine and require costly inspections before entering the market.

The gypsy moth causes significant impacts other than tree mortality. Large populations of caterpillars can cause temporary allergic reactions in people and reduce the aesthetic and recreational value of infested property.

Not all impacts of the gypsy moth are negative. Thinning of densely stocked stands, release of understory plant species, and acceleration of stand conversion to more desirable species as a result of infestations by the gypsy moth may be regarded as beneficial by some.

The management response to gypsy moth infestations will itself have an impact on the habitat. No response to gypsy moth infestations will permit the outbreak to take its natural course. Aggressive control operations or alteration of the forest to make it less susceptible to the gypsy moth may themselves be dramatic disturbances to the habitat.

We found very few scientific publications that contained actual measurements and analyses of impact of the gypsy moth. Most of the information in Table 2.2 has been generalized from several public information brochures and handbooks.

Table 2.1: List of preferred and less-preferred tree species for the gypsy moth. (References: 70, 79, 94)

Most preferred	Intermediate	Least preferred
Alder	Beech	Ash
Apple	Birch, black	Cedar
Aspen, largetooth	Birch, yellow	Fir, balsam
Aspen, trembling	Butternut	Juniper
Basswood, American	Cherry	Locust, black
Birch, gray	Dogwood, flowering	Maple, mountain
Birch, paper	Elm, slippery	Spruce
Hawthorn	Elm, white	Sumac
Mountain-ash	Hemlock, eastern	Sycamore
Oak (all types)	Hickory	Tulip tree
Poplar, Lombardy	Ironwood	Walnut, black
Tamarack	Maple	
Willow	Pine, white	
	Witch-hazel	

HAZARD RATING

A good pest management program anticipates impacts. In forestry, the concept of hazard rating is commonly used to rank the risk of forest stands being damaged. Forest fire hazard ratings are familiar examples. Similar hazard rating systems can be devised for the gypsy moth.

Hazard rating systems for the gypsy moth are based on an understanding of the *susceptibility* of trees to becoming infested and their *vulnerability* to significant damage once the infestation occurs.

Table 2.2: Short- to long-term impacts of the gypsy moth on forests and humans.

Time	Impact on forests	References	Impact on humans	References
Short-term	Trees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defoliation of preferred tree species^a Reduced capability to produce food Increased utilization of food reserves Deciduous trees may refoliate (additional stress) Woody growth retarded Reduced acorn production 	14, 26, 37, 44, 48, 70, 96, 116, 155	Physical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allergic reactions in sensitive individuals 	165
	Wildlife: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of specialist predators (e.g., white-footed mouse) Reduction in cover may affect some bird species Impact slight and localized Reduced acorn crop significant for animals such as deer and squirrels 	9, 15, 28, 44, 50, 136	Nuisance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defoliation affects aesthetic values Reduced shade value of amenity trees Frass may damage finished surfaces Larvae bothersome to many people 	14, 44, 48, 78
	Water quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in water temperature and yield Quality may be influenced by droppings (frass) and cast skins 	9	Economic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative effects on seasonal tourism industry Quarantine and inspection costs Protection programs with insecticides may be required Unanticipated silvicultural treatments may be required 	48, 78, 127
	Soil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in mineral composition and seasonal distribution of litterfall Increased soil temperature (can damage tree roots) 	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing control program may be necessary Loss of valuable trees for timber or ornamental uses 	
Medium-term	Trees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twig and branch dieback Canopy thinned Mortality of vulnerable trees Repeated defoliation increases all mortality Increased risk from secondary pests (e.g., root rot) and wildfire Increased light to forest floor encourages understory growth Trees can recover 	26, 44, 48, 69, 70, 96, 154, 155		
	Wildlife: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased habitat diversity may favor some species Loss of food trees adversely affects dependent animals 	44		
Long-term	Trees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shift in tree composition to less preferred species Acceleration of natural succession, decline of pioneer species (e.g., gray birch, aspen) 	9, 19, 26, 70, 75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composition of managed stand may change, requiring new management objectives and practices 	
	Wildlife: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow change reflects the replacement of vulnerable tree species 	15, 44		

^a Preferred host species are listed in Table 2.2

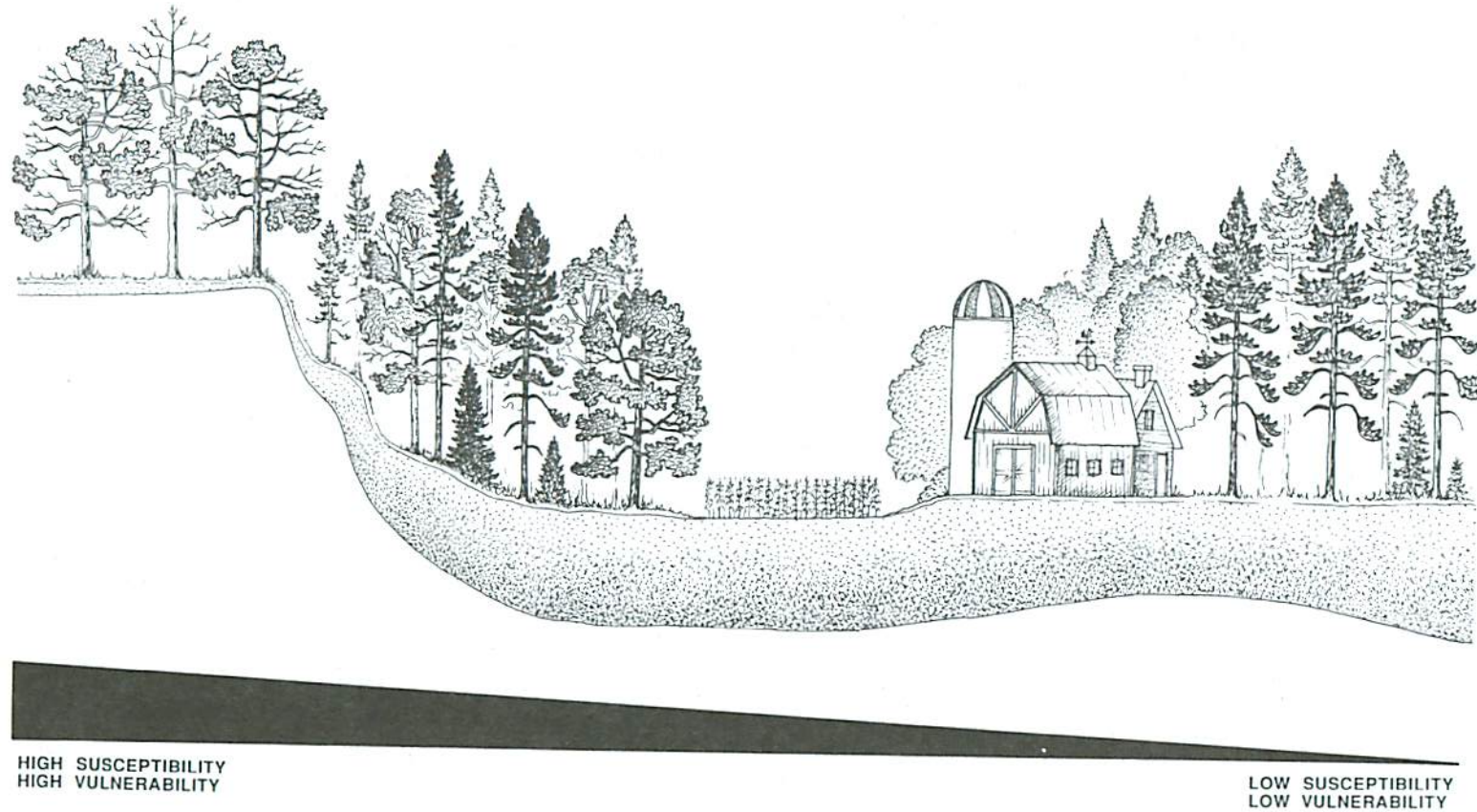


Figure 2.1: Landscape cross-section showing a gradient of habitat ranging from highly susceptible and vulnerable oak trees on ridge tops with shallow soils to less susceptible and relatively invulnerable nonhost trees.

Susceptibility

Susceptibility is the likelihood of a forest stand becoming infested by the gypsy moth. Stand composition is probably the single largest determinant of susceptibility. It has been widely concluded that the gypsy moth prefers to feed on oaks over any other tree species. High-density infestations of the gypsy moth tend to occur where oak species comprise more than 20% of the forest. This generalisation may not hold along the leading edge of the expanding range of the gypsy moth. Forests dominated by other preferred hardwoods such as aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) or white birch (*Betula papyrifera*) may be severely defoliated when the gypsy moth first infests an area. The susceptibility of less-preferred species to defoliation by the gypsy moth increases if these trees are close to an infested forest. The susceptibility of understory trees is particularly high in infested stands. Once the gypsy moth has completely defoliated the oaks, they will move on to and damage trees that in other circumstances would not be considered at risk. An abbreviated list of preferred and non-preferred tree species is given in Table 2.1.

Site factors influence the susceptibility of trees to gypsy moth infestations. Drainage and topography are important. Dry, rocky ridgetops with slow-growing, scrubby oak trees are highly susceptible to infestation by the gypsy moth. Forests in which there is an abundance of healthy, less-preferred tree species growing on deep soils are least susceptible to gypsy moth infestations.

Vulnerability

Vulnerability is a measure of the degree of damage trees will sustain once they become infested by the gypsy moth. Factors that affect the vulnerability of a tree include its species, the severity and duration of the infestation, tree vigor, and site conditions.

Deciduous trees such as oaks store much of their food reserves in their roots. If defoliated, they are capable of re-foliating the same year. Severe defoliation stresses the tree but it may take several successive years of defoliation to actually kill it. By comparison, evergreen species such as white pine store food reserves in their needles. These trees are highly vulnerable to severe damage if defoliated. A single year of complete defoliation by the gypsy moth can kill these trees.

The health of the trees influences their vulnerability. Large, dominant trees with full canopies and extensive root systems are capable of withstanding severe and repeated defoliation. They also have a good chance of recovering once the infestation has passed. Understory or suppressed trees may not fare as well.

The health of trees is largely determined by site conditions. Many of the same factors that affect a tree's susceptibility also determine its vulnerability. Any factor that stresses the tree (e.g., poor soils, drought, exposed conditions, other pests) will increase its vulnerability to significant damage. Figure 2.1 summarizes some of the general factors that influence susceptibility and vulnerability of a forest stand to the gypsy moth.

Assessment of the hazard rating of a forested stand in terms of the gypsy moth requires considerable judgment. The hazard rating should be developed with reference to local conditions and the anticipated impact of an infestation on the community. A simple example of a hazard rating system for gypsy moth is a series of questions such as those in Table 2.3. The more times you respond "yes" to these questions, the higher the hazard for the area.

Table 2.3: A simple hazard rating system for the gypsy moth.

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- Is the area of concern near existing infestations?
 - Have the trees been defoliated previously?
 - Is there a large proportion of preferred hosts (i.e., oaks)?
 - Are the preferred trees clustered?
 - Are the most valued trees understory trees?
 - Are the trees showing signs of stress from other factors? (i.e., drought, other insects and diseases)
 - Are the trees on dry ridgetops with thin soils?
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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references on the impact of the gypsy moth are 74, 76, 79, 80, 145 and 146.



Chapter 3 MONITORING THE GYPSY MOTH

The first questions people ask about gypsy moth populations are “*Is there gypsy moth in the area?*” and if so, “*How many?*” Start by consulting federal or provincial forestry offices or other knowledgeable sources (Table 6.2). Forestry Canada’s Forest Insect and Disease Survey (FIDS) is a national network that provides information on forest health conditions in Canada. Regional offices of Forestry Canada can be contacted to obtain published information on the current situation and forecasts for the gypsy moth (published in the *Survey Bulletin*). Annual and multi-year summaries are sometimes available (Table 6.1).

SAMPLING

Information about gypsy moth populations can be obtained by employing various *sampling methods*. Sampling is a method of gaining information about an entire population by examining only a part of that population. Public opinion polls are familiar examples of sampling, in which pollsters try to determine national trends by asking only a few thousand people. Sampling information is used by pest managers to assess the current and future status of the pest population in order to make decisions for management. It is essential that the sampling information be reliable.

There are obvious savings of time and money that result from only examining a portion of the population, but the answer gained from sampling is an estimate and subject to errors. It is important to understand these potential errors when using the information from sampling. Different sampling methods may be more appropriate for some purposes than others, but all have limitations.

Accuracy and Precision in Sampling

Errors in sampling are errors of accuracy or precision (Fig. 3.1).

Accuracy relates to how closely the sample estimates the true value of interest. Methods that consistently under- or overestimate the true value are

biased. An awareness of the degree and direction of bias is critical in interpreting information from sampling. Accuracy in a sampling method is most important when one is trying to find out how severe an infestation is or when one wants to assess the effectiveness of some control measure. Accuracy is less important if you only want to know *if* gypsy moth is present. Finding even one gypsy moth will confirm its presence.

Precision relates to the repeatability of the method. A sampling method that tells you that the number of gypsy moth present is between 10 and 1 million larvae per hectare is neither precise nor useful. Conversely, a method that provides a consistent estimate of between 500 and 1,000 caterpillars per hectare is reasonably precise. Precision can often be improved by increasing either the size or the number of samples.

METHODS OF SAMPLING

The gypsy moth is a difficult insect species to sample accurately. The caterpillar’s habit of frequent movement makes definition of a stable sample unit for this feeding stage nearly impossible. The complex association of the gypsy moth with many plant species (Chapter 2) and the tendency of populations to fluctuate between low and high density levels over a relatively short period of time (Chapter 1) make reliable predictions difficult.

The purpose of the sampling program determines the method. Choosing a good sampling method

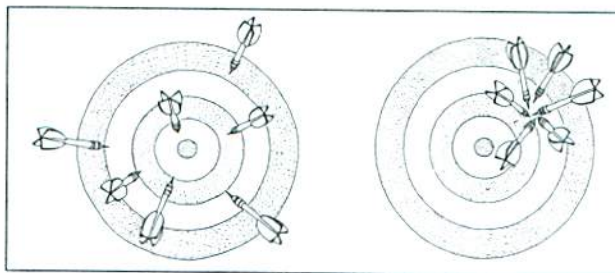


Figure 3.1: Accurate but imprecise (left); precise but inaccurate (right).

requires you to keep objectives, limitations and cost-effectiveness firmly in mind. Management programs must use a variety of sampling methods and then carefully interpret the results of those sampling methods in view of the management objectives.

Methods of sampling gypsy moth populations can be organized by the life stage of the gypsy moth (Table 3.1). Consult Figure 3.2 for the approximate seasonal occurrence of each stage.

Caterpillars (Larvae) and Pupae

The caterpillars and pupae of the gypsy moth can be trapped by girdling the trunks of host trees with a band of dark fabric such as burlap or tar paper. The caterpillars seek shelter by day and so can be found resting under these bands (Photo 2). At the end of the feeding period, many insects pupate in the shelter provided under these bands.

The number of gypsy moth caterpillars trapped under bands can vary greatly from day to day. Weather, the type and size of tree banded, the density of feeding caterpillars and their ages all influence the catch. These factors must be kept in mind when interpreting the results.

The banded tree method is, however, simple and inexpensive if the sampling area is not too large. Fabric bands are useful in early detection of feeding caterpillars in an area because they tend to concentrate the caterpillars in one place. They may also provide a reasonable relative estimate of the trend of the infestation (annual increases or decreases) at moderate levels of infestation if a consistent timing and duration is established for the sampling program. The accuracy of the method is poorest at high population densities.

The population density of gypsy moth caterpillars can also be observed by clipping and examining infested foliage. This method is more time-consuming and destructive than tree banding. The accuracy of this method has not been assessed but it is generally thought to be poor unless combined with other methods of sampling.

The most accurate method of determining the density and stage of development of feeding gypsy moth is by collecting their frass (droppings) in containers placed beneath the tree canopy. Although a well-tested method, collecting frass is time-consuming and requires experience as well as making associated measurements on rates of feeding, etc. Use of this method is restricted to detailed research objectives.

Adult moths

Newly emerged adult female gypsy moths do not fly but release a specific airborne scent, called a *pheromone*, to attract a mate. A synthetic mimic of this mating pheromone can be used to lure male moths to a trap. Pheromone trap designs vary from disposable cardboard traps with a sticky inside surface to various cannister-type or "milk carton" traps made of cardboard or reusable plastic and that contain an insecticide to kill the moths (Fig. 3.3). A list of commercial suppliers of pheromones and traps can be found in Table 3.2.

Pheromone traps are very efficient at detecting the presence of sparse populations of gypsy moth. They are widely used in survey operations to detect new infestations or after eradication programs to confirm the presence or absence of male gypsy moths.

Very few traps are required to detect the presence of the gypsy moth. In Ontario, two traps are placed in each selected park or campsite. If male gypsy moths are found, more traps are used in subsequent years in an attempt to delimit the potential area of infestation. In these intensive trapping programs, a grid system of trap locations is used.

Pheromone traps are so efficient that they become less useful in areas where gypsy moth populations are well established. The large number of moths caught can saturate the sticky surfaces of the disposable traps or otherwise change the efficiency of the traps. The

Table 3.2: Gypsy moth pheromone trap suppliers.

Company	Trap(s)
Great Lakes IPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wing traps (pherocon, scentry) • delta traps (trece, scentry, pherocon) • multipher traps • milk carton traps • single trap kits available
Phero Tech Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delta traps
Bio-Contrôle Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multipher II and lures
Zoecon Industries Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pherocon traps and lures
Pest Management Supply Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multipher II and lures • trap kits (scentry, trece) • single station kits available
Cooper Mill Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gypsy moth carton trap
Trece Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pherocon trap kits and lures

result is that the relationship between the number of moths caught in traps and the size of the population is often weak, and pheromone traps by themselves do not consistently forecast population levels in infested stands. Recent research, however, is improving the accuracy of these predictions.

Male moths caught in pheromone traps can be used to assess the reproductive potential of the population. Larger males with longer wings imply larger, more fecund females in the resident population.

Egg masses

Counting egg masses is the most reliable method of estimating established gypsy moth populations. Unlike the previously mentioned sampling methods, which rely on trapping individuals, egg-mass counts are a direct estimate of the size of gypsy moth populations.

The gypsy moth is in the egg stage for most of the year. This allows a relatively long time during which sampling can be carried out. Egg masses are most readily visible in the autumn after the leaves fall from the trees or in the spring before leaves appear. Care must be taken to count only the current year's egg masses. Old egg masses are softer and have a bleached appearance (Photo 8).

The location of egg masses can be informative. In high-density infestations, most egg masses are located on tree trunks and branches. In low-density populations, a larger portion of the egg masses is found on the forest floor or on man-made objects. Trees at the edge of a forested stand may have more egg masses than trees in the center of the stand. In residential areas, man-made objects have a large number of egg masses. These patterns are, however, generalizations and exceptions have been noted.

The actual size of the egg mass is a vital statistic for assessing gypsy moth populations. Larger egg masses (more than 500 eggs per mass) indicate a healthy, increasing population, whereas smaller egg masses are characteristic of a decreasing population. The number of eggs per mass can be estimated in the field by measuring the length of the egg mass (105).

Timed walk

Early gypsy moth programs estimated the number of egg masses by simply counting all of the egg masses seen on a "five-minute walk" through an area. This

method has been shown to be imprecise because of differing capabilities of the observers and variable characteristics of forested stands, residential areas, etc. However, such a quick survey by an experienced observer can provide a good starting point for population assessment in conjunction with other sampling methods. Annual timed walks by the same observer in the same area should give an acceptable relative estimate of the population trend for that area.

Fixed-area plots

The recommended method of estimating the density of gypsy moth egg masses is by counting egg masses within a standardized area, a *fixed-area sample plot*. Using a standard area rather than a standard time to search allows for differences between observers and encourages close examination of the egg masses. Careful examination of egg masses minimizes mistakes as a result of counting egg masses from previous years.

The fixed-area sample plot gives results that are easily translated into an estimate of the number of insects per hectare for comparing different stands or changes in population levels within a stand. The method can be time-consuming and requires more observers than simply walking through the stand. It is, however, the most reliable way of estimating gypsy moth numbers in an area.

There is some variation in the details of conducting fixed-area sampling for gypsy moth egg masses, but all variations attempt to count all of the current year's egg masses within a standard area. Binoculars must be used to observe egg masses high in the tree (Fig. 3.4).

In the United States, fixed-radius plots (5.4-metre radius) of 1/40 acres (0.01 hectares) are used most commonly (Fig. 3.4, left). All egg masses seen on the trunks of all trees within the circle and on the ground are counted. Modifications of this method that are relevant to residential properties have been assessed. In Ontario, a square (10 by 10 metre) fixed-area plot, the modified Kaladar plot (MKP), is used. In this design, all egg masses above ground are counted but only a few 1-square-metre quadrats of the forest floor are examined (Figure 3.4, right).

Fixed- and variable-rate plots are a further modification. These employ a standard area on the ground (20.2 m²) but examine only those trees of a

Table 3.1: Sampling techniques for the gypsy moth.

Stage sampled	Method	Sampling characteristics	Uses	References
Gypsy Moth				
Caterpillars	Burlap banding (mid-June to July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affected by diurnal movements of larvae (in response to weather, population density) Concentrates larvae; biased Effectiveness decreases as population increases Feasible only in small areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early detection of larval populations Provides a way of monitoring larval development Provides an estimate of density trends Demonstration/education 	88, 97, 159
	Frass collection (mid-June to July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More accurate than burlap bands Requires special equipment, experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive field studies, research 	86
Male moths	Pheromone traps (July to August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly sensitive at low population levels Concentrates insects; biased Different trap designs and lure formulations may influence the catch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of new infestations Monitoring low-density populations Identifying priority areas for subsequent egg-mass sampling Demonstration/education 	13, 31, 49 59, 140
Egg masses	Timed walk (Sept. to Nov.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to observer and stand variations Counting efficiency decreases as egg-mass density increases Effective in combination with other sampling methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms presence of breeding population Gross categorization of population density 	1, 90, 114
	Fixed-area plots Sept. to Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardized sampling procedure Non-constricting time frame Reliable at high egg-mass numbers Precision increases as number of sample plots increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise estimate of population size Ascertain effectiveness of control methods General defoliation forecasts 	24, 27, 51 52, 85, 121 135, 139
Trees				
July to Aug.	Single-tree defoliation estimates and/or aerial surveys of plots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to observer errors Must be carried out after all feeding is complete but before plants recover Reliable mostly for recording severe defoliation Covers large areas quickly (aerial) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording leaf loss Recording refoilation Providing regional maps of severe defoliation 	87, 89

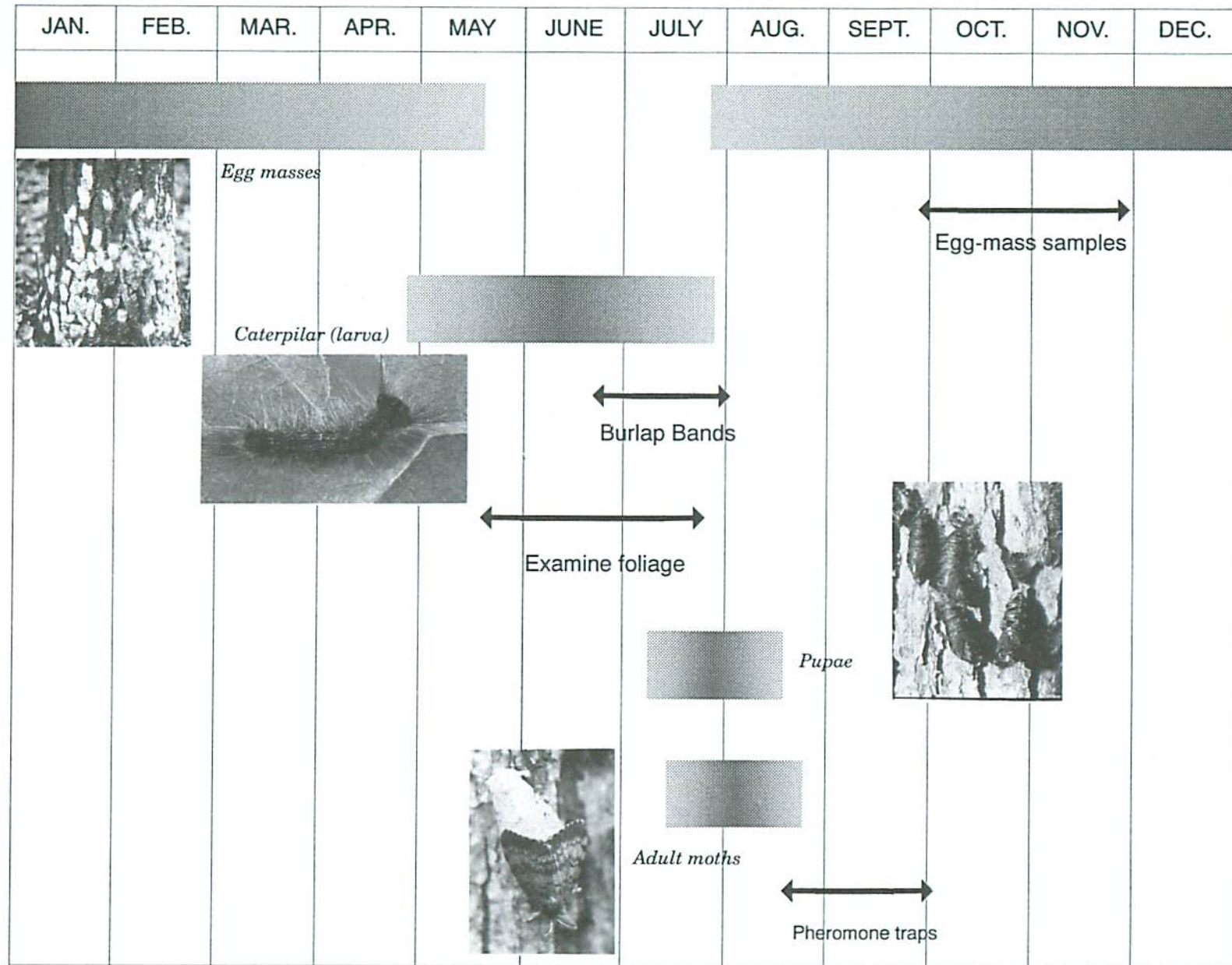


Figure 3.2: Approximate seasonal occurrence of various life stages of the gypsy moth indicating the best time for sampling.

specific size. This method is not intended for forested areas smaller than 10 hectares.

The number of fixed-area plots required to obtain a useful estimate depends on the the size of the gypsy moth population and the level of precision desired.

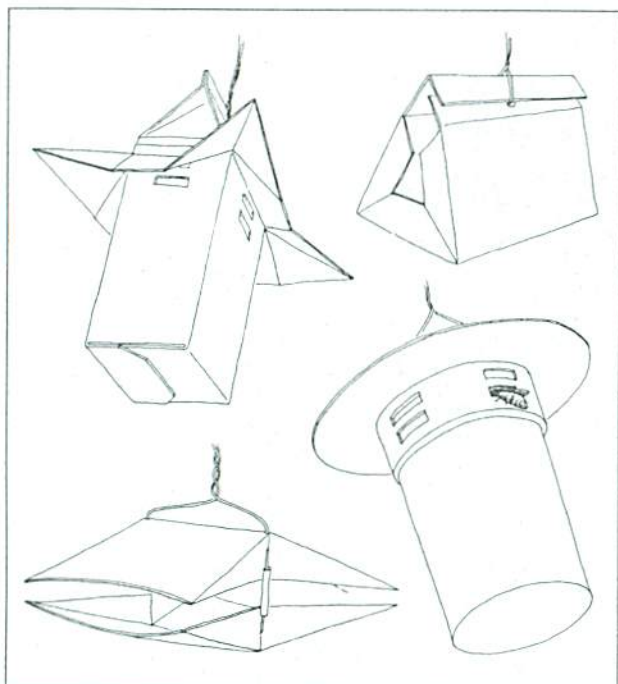


Figure 3.3: Examples of pheromone trap designs used to monitor populations of adult gypsy moths.

Sequential methods have been devised to reduce the number of samples required when population levels are either very high or very low. A minimum of three plots per square kilometre has been suggested. In the United States, four to 10 fixed-area plots per square kilometre are used. In general, the more plots, the more precise the estimate obtained.

Although egg-mass samples provide the best estimate of population levels, they give only approximate forecasts of future defoliation. Several studies have developed equations for relating egg-mass density to defoliation, but these equations are probably specific to the site studied and have limited applicability in new areas.

Defoliation

Direct estimates of defoliation are sometimes desirable. This usually means estimating the percentage of the current year's foliage removed by the gypsy moth. Such a survey should be carried out in late July or August, after feeding has finished.

Rough estimates can be obtained by an examination of the tree crowns with binoculars. This method is vulnerable to the same disadvantages as the timed-walk method of estimating egg masses; the results can be highly variable and dependent on the observer. A more reliable estimate can be obtained by

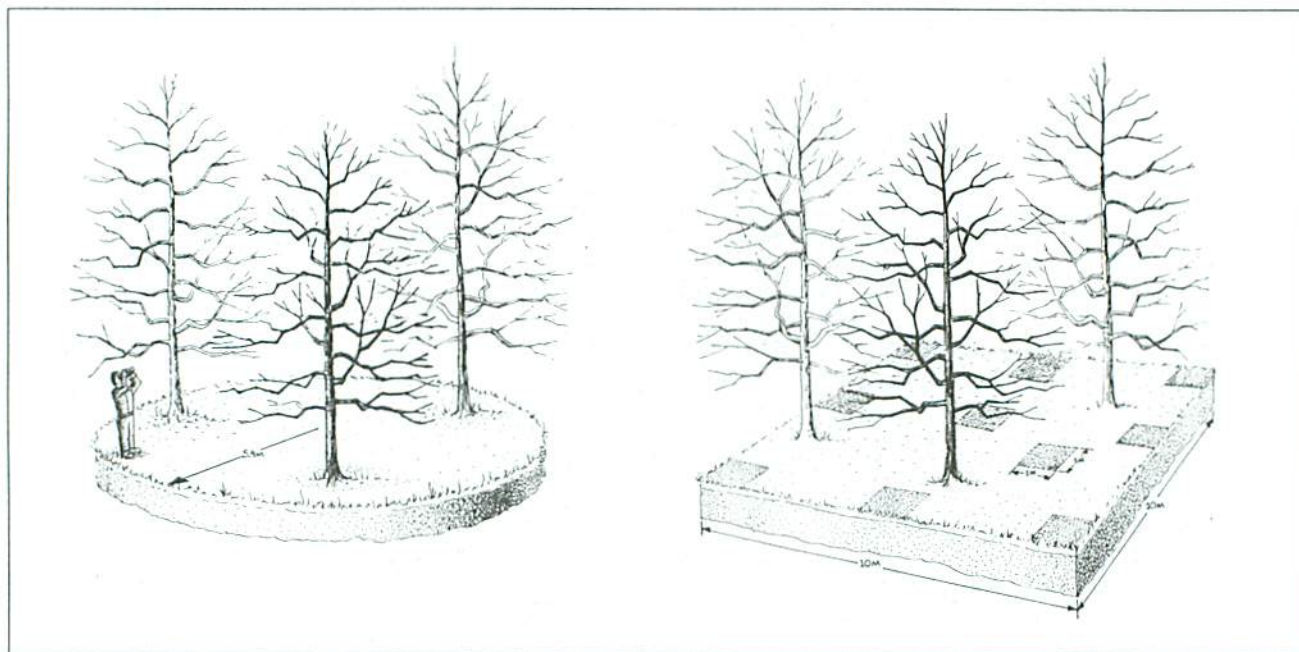


Figure 3.4. Circular and square (MKP) sample plot layouts for estimating gypsy moth egg-mass density in a fixed area.

clipping branches from the trees and actually measuring the percentage of the foliage remaining (or absent) on individual branches. This method is time-consuming and acceptable sample sizes have not been worked out. A reasonable starting point would be to sample trees within the same fixed-area plot employed for egg-mass surveys.

Some agencies, such as Forestry Canada, conduct aerial surveys to estimate the total area defoliated by the gypsy moth. These surveys map only detectable (i.e., moderate-to-severe) defoliation. They do not represent the total area infested by the gypsy moth.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references on monitoring gypsy moth populations are 12, 32, 44, 60, 104, 106, 144 and 163.



Chapter 4 CONTROL

If gypsy moths are found in sufficient numbers to cause concern and the actual or potential impact is considered unacceptable, then control programs may be undertaken to reduce population levels.

OBJECTIVES OF A CONTROL PROGRAM

There are two general objectives of control programs: eradication and suppression of gypsy moth populations.

Eradication

Eradication programs attempt to exterminate the gypsy moth from an area. It is important to understand that eradication can be realized only in isolated infestations of limited size. A gypsy moth eradication program depends on early detection of the arrival of the pest and specific delimitation of the area infested. Both detection and delimitation are greatly aided by the systematic use of pheromone traps (Chapter 3).

To eradicate the gypsy moth in newly infested areas, intensive and aggressive control action may be necessary. Cutting and burning of infested stands or multiple aerial applications of registered insecticides are some of the control measures taken.

Proponents of eradication programs cite the necessity of aggressive control of these isolated infestations in order to prevent the establishment or slow the spread of the gypsy moth. Successful eradication programs are important management victories as they deny or significantly delay establishment of the gypsy moth in new areas. These on-going control programs address long-term pest management objectives.

Suppression

Suppression programs aim to reduce gypsy moth numbers sufficiently to reduce anticipated impacts. Suppression programs are commonly carried out when gypsy moth populations increase to unacceptable levels within the established range of the insect.

Suppression programs vary greatly in scale and cost. There have been large aerial spray programs over 100,000 hectares of forest in Ontario but suppression programs may also be carried out on residential properties or even single trees at no cost outside of the owner's time and effort. The intensity of a suppression program reflects the perceived severity of the pest problem. Repeated control measures or combinations of different control measures are used where any losses would be judged intolerable.

Successful suppression programs are concerned primarily with the protection of foliage. Unless a suppression program involves treatment of a significant proportion of the area infested, suppression programs have little influence on the regional dynamics of the gypsy moth. They are short-term solutions to pest problems.

The total areas treated during various control programs for the gypsy moth conducted in Ontario from 1970 to 1992 are shown in Figure 4.1. Until 1983 most programs involved eradication of small infestations. Thereafter, control programs focused on suppression of established gypsy moth populations over larger areas.

THE COST OF CONTROL OPERATIONS

Pest managers recognize there is always the option of taking no action against a pest. The costs, both economic and environmental, of control operations must be weighed against the consequences of allowing gypsy moth infestations to run their natural course.

Estimating the economic cost of carrying out control operations is relatively easy. It is the cost of resources: materials and labor. Estimating the environmental cost of control operations is more difficult. The concerns are largely ones of public health and of the impact on non-target organisms such as wildlife.

Public health

With insecticides, the public health question is addressed through the concept of lethal dosages.

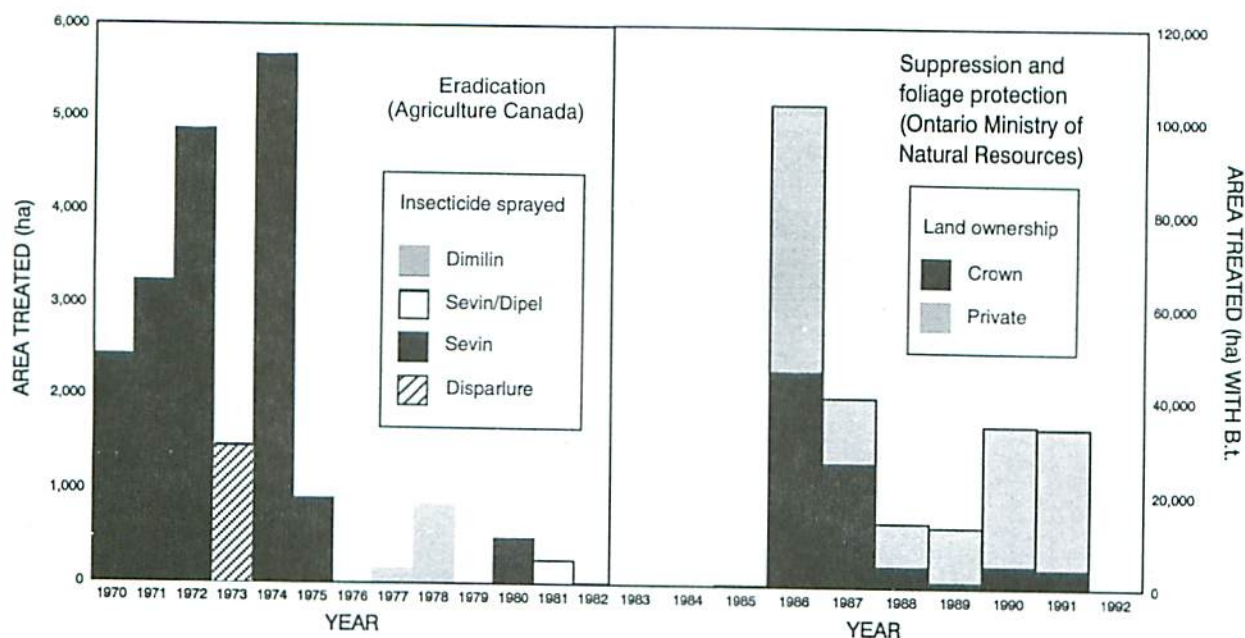


Figure 4.1: Control programs against the gypsy moth in Ontario, 1970–1992.

Groups of test organisms are exposed to varying dosages of the insecticide. The dosage that kills 50% of the group is called the LD_{50} . This value is considered an index of the compound's toxicity to a particular organism. The lower the LD_{50} , the less of the toxin is required to kill an organism (i.e., the more toxic the substance).

Environmental impact

When a control method has a negative impact on a wide variety of organisms, it is considered a *broad-spectrum method*. Insecticides that kill several or all species of insects in the treated area are broad-spectrum. Cutting and burning an infested stand has a similar, broad-spectrum impact on the environment. Conversely, specific control activities such as trapping and destroying gypsy moths or using species-specific pathogens such as NPV (Chapter 1) are *narrow-spectrum methods*. Narrow-spectrum control methods are considered to have less environmental impact than broad-spectrum methods.

CONTROL METHODS

Most control operations seek dramatic and immediate reductions in pest populations. There are, however, some approaches to control that are more subtle and long-term (Table 4.1).

Long-term methods

Quarantine regulations and inspections are intended to prevent the introduction of exotic pests. Gypsy moth pupae and egg masses are readily transported on vehicles and goods. Inadvertent transport of the gypsy moth by vacationers or commodity shippers is often the source of new infestations. Inspection of vehicles from infested areas before entry into uninfested areas is an effective method of keeping the gypsy moth out of an area. Quarantine programs are most effectively coordinated at national ports of entry. Movement within countries and between regions may be regulated but it is difficult to enforce. Interception of the gypsy moth depends on the vigilance and co-operation of a knowledgeable public (Chapter 5).

Silvicultural control methods reduce the susceptibility of forests by converting managed stands to less-preferred tree species (Table 2.1). Tending methods such as thinning or fertilizing reduce vulnerability by improving tree vigor (Chapter 2).

Provision of shelter for important predators of the gypsy moth, such as the white-footed mouse or some bird species, can be considered a long-term cultural control (Chapter 1).

Classical biological control attempts to establish exotic natural enemies from the home range of the pest in the infested areas. The initial impact of this approach

Table 4.1: Techniques for gypsy moth control.

Control method	Objective	Characteristics	References
Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent introduction of the gypsy moth to new areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective only if strictly enforced on a continuing basis An informed and co-operative public is required 	47, 143
Silvicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce susceptibility and vulnerability of stand Encourage natural enemies such as parasitoids, birds and mammals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results are realized over the long-term Potential for broad, but managed impacts 	14, 62, 96, 99
Classical biological control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish new natural enemies of the gypsy moth in an area Increase overall mortality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self perpetuating, natural control Development costs (exploration and research) may be high Benefits are long-term Impact on other organisms can be assessed May not be complementary with insecticide use Success may vary according to local population densities and environmental conditions 	20, 38, 66, 68 107, 108, 130 160, 161
Finding, trapping and killing gypsy moth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce local populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum environmental impact Limited effectiveness Labor intensive Not feasible for large areas, large trees or high-density populations 	70, 96
Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect individual trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum environmental impact Limited effectiveness Labor intensive Not feasible for large areas or high-density populations Can be used in combination with insecticide application to limit reinfestation 	35, 36, 70, 96 110
Mass-trapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the area of infestation Suppression or eradication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow spectrum Not feasible for large infestations Labor intensive May be used in conjunction with other methods 	14, 93
Mating disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up to direct control action 	see mass-trapping (above)	32, 65, 137
Sterile release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suppression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as mass-trapping, except less amenable to combining with other techniques 	132

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Table 4.1: Techniques for gypsy moth control (concl.).

Control method	Objective	Characteristics	References
Inundative release of natural enemies, including NPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppression of outbreak populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow spectrum • Effectiveness may be influenced by environmental conditions at the time of treatment • Limited availability of material • Potential for some carryover benefits 	41, 58, 66, 82 107, 117, 125
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var. <i>kurstaki</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppression or eradication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely available commercial product • Requires applicator's licence and specialized equipment • Low mammalian toxicity • Minimal or no buffer zones required • Some non-target effects on restricted groups of insects (caterpillars) • Multiple applications may be necessary for severe infestations • Effectiveness influenced by ambient weather conditions and physical characteristics of forest canopy 	11, 61, 70, 101, 148, 167
Natural plant products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppression or eradication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active research area—not yet available for general use • Low mammalian toxicity • Limited commercial development • Specificity depends on particular mode of action 	73
Synthetic insecticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppression or eradication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely available commercial products • Require applicator's licence and special equipment • Reliable efficacy if used as directed • Moderate- to broad-spectrum depending on method of application, mode of action and persistence • Mammalian toxicity may be high • Buffer zones required 	21, 30, 70, 129

is low and very localized. Eventually, an ideal biological control agent will spread naturally and attack the gypsy moth over a broad geographic range.

Biological control was one of the principal gypsy moth control methods in the earlier part of the century. At least 12 species of parasitoids, predators, and pathogens have been either purposefully or fortuitously established in North America as controls against the gypsy moth. New introductions are being considered by research laboratories.

Each of these cultural control methods implies some level of impact on the environment. Silvicultural methods purposefully change the ecology of the stand. Biological control adds new insect species to the habitat. The changes that result from these actions can, however, often be anticipated and therefore managed.

Short-term methods

The most specific control methods are those which affect only gypsy moths. Scraping and destroying egg masses, and trapping and killing caterpillars and pupae under fabric bands (Chapter 3) have essentially no negative environmental impact.

Various *barriers* such as sticky bands have been used to protect specific trees, although these barriers do not stop windborne, ballooning caterpillars. Some resins used as barriers can also be toxic to plants.

The deployment of a large number of high-capacity pheromone traps to capture moths is a method of *mass-trapping* gypsy moths. Since only male moths fly to the traps, the idea is to reduce the number of male moths available for mating. A modification of this idea is *mating disruption*, in which pheromones are applied directly to the infested area. The abnormally high local concentration of pheromones confuses the male so that he cannot locate a mate.

A genetic control method developed for the gypsy moth is the *release of sterile individuals*. These laboratory-produced insects develop naturally and mate, but are sterile and do not produce offspring. As with the mass-trapping and mating-disruption methods, this method is species-specific. The impact on other organisms is minimal.

None of the narrow-spectrum control methods discussed so far are feasible for large areas or severe infestations. Manual searches for gypsy moth life stages are labor-intensive and trapping and mating-

disruption methods become less effective as the population density of the gypsy moth increases.

INSECTICIDES

For effective control over larger areas (greater than 10 hectares), some commercial control product, usually applied by licenced applicators using specialized equipment, is required. Recommendations on organizing an aerial spray program for gypsy moth can be found in the publication *Gypsy Moth in Ontario* (70).

From an operational point of view, any organism or compound applied to an area for the purpose of killing gypsy moths can be considered an insecticide. By this definition, naturally occurring microbial pathogens, synthetic pheromones, insect growth regulators, and conventional chemical products are all insecticides if applied to an area by pest managers with the goal of reducing gypsy moth population levels.

Two broad classes of insecticides can be identified. *Biological insecticides* include microbial pathogens of the gypsy moth and extracts of natural plant products. *Synthetic insecticides* are the conventional products of the pesticides industry.

Biological insecticides

Biological insecticides have the virtue of being relatively specific (narrow-spectrum). This is particularly true of micro-organisms such as the nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV) and the fungus *Entomophaga maimaiga*. These natural pathogens affect only the gypsy moth (Table 1.2). The mass release of insect parasitoids (biological control by *inundation*) can be considered another case of using a biological agent as an insecticide.

The technology for production and application of these biological insecticides is largely in the research stage. The availability of material and consistency of its effect are limited compared with synthetic insecticides. In the United States, a formulation of natural NPV called Gypchek is available. In Canada, a similar product, Disparvirus, has been developed at the Forest Pest Management Institute (see Table 6.2).

Development of natural plant products and nematodes as insecticides is still largely in the research stage. The bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Bt), however, has been fully developed as a commercial, operational biological insecticide.

Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis)

Bt is a common soil bacterium. It can be mass-produced using fermentation technology. Early field results with *Bt* were highly variable, but steady improvements in strain selection and application techniques have resulted in improved control results. *Bt* is now the insecticide of choice against the gypsy moth in most public jurisdictions in North America.

It is not the ingested *Bt* bacterium that produces the lethal effect but a protein crystal produced by the bacterium. The expression of the toxin in the crystal occurs only under particular conditions. The gut of foliage-feeding caterpillars meets these conditions. For this reason, *Bt* effects only a relatively narrow range of organisms (i.e., caterpillars). *Bt* is, however, toxic to a wide range of caterpillars and is therefore less specific than other microbial agents such as NPV.

Synthetic insecticides

The least-specific (broadest-spectrum) of all insecticides are the synthetic insecticides. These compounds differ somewhat in their toxicological properties and, in turn, in the range of organisms that they affect. The common property of most of these synthetic compounds is that they act both as ingested and contact poisons; the insecticide enters the insect either by being eaten or simply by contacting the surface of the insect.

Once inside the insect, there are a variety of modes of action. *Insect growth regulators*, for example, interfere with the normal molting process of the insect whereas organophosphates such as *acephate* and carbamates such as *carbaryl* disrupt the normal functioning of the insect's nervous system.

REGISTRATION OF INSECTICIDES

The use of pesticides in Canada is regulated by the federal Pest Control Products Act. This act is administered by the Plant Industry Directorate of Agriculture Canada. Each province has similar legislation that can further restrict, but not liberalize the federal law. In Ontario, this is the Pesticides Act, administered by the Ministry of the Environment.

Regulatory authorities specify a process leading to *registration* of a pesticide for use. The process is largely concerned with public health and consumer protection. Regulators want to ensure that commercial products are safe and effective when used as directed (Table 4.2).

To obtain registration of a pesticide, manufacturers must provide data on its *toxicity*, its *effectiveness*, and on any *residue products*, among other details. These data are reviewed by Agriculture Canada and other departments, including Health and Welfare. Any department may request additional information to address specific concerns.

Table 4.2: Classification of pesticides. (Reference: 30)

	Pesticide schedule		
	Restricted	Commercial	Domestic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products for which several regulatory limitations have been imposed• Compliance with the described restrictions is the responsibility of the licenced user• Penalties for misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products for use in commercial operations such as agriculture and forestry• More toxic products than domestic class• Users must be licenced, equipped and more knowledgeable in safe use and disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products eligible for sale for non-commercial use in and around the home• Inadvertent exposure is less likely to result in severe effects• Disposal of container and product via regular garbage collection poses low risk
LD ₅₀ Acute oral	<50 mg/kg	>50 mg/kg	>100 mg/kg
LD ₅₀ Acute dermal	<100 mg/kg	>100 mg/kg	>1,000 mg/kg
Environ- mental effects	May be significant	Possible, but limited	Minimal under directed use

Registration of a pesticide results in its classification into one of three categories: *restricted*, *commercial*, or *domestic* (Table 4.2). Information about a registered pesticide is referenced by its *Pest Control Product Number (PCP No.)*. The *product label* specifies technical information about the product: the crops or pests on which it can be used, methods of storage and disposal, toxicological information, and procedures to follow in the event of an accident. The product label is a legal document and its provisions must therefore legally be followed.

Common limitations include the method of application (ground or aerial spray) and the establishment of obligatory no-spray buffer zones around water sources or inhabited areas. These limitations are usually based on the concepts of human toxicity and broad-spectrum versus narrow-spectrum effects. Insecticides with broad-spectrum activity or that pose a significant risk to humans will have the most severe restrictions.

All insecticides registered for aerial application in forested areas are classified as restricted irrespective of their toxicity. This is because of the special requirement for provincial use permits for aerial application of any insecticide used in forest and woodlands management. The use of commercial or restricted pesticides requires an applicator's licence. In Ontario, these licences are obtained by successful completion of a course approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

A list of insecticides registered for commercial or restricted use against the gypsy moth in Canada and the manufacturers is given in Table 4.3. These lists are current as of April 1993. They represent descriptive information only and are not intended to be endorsements of a product. Information on all registered pesticides can be obtained by contacting the Pesticides Directorate of Agriculture Canada at 1-800-267-6315 or (613)993-4544.

Table 4.3: Registered pest control products for the gypsy moth in Canada.

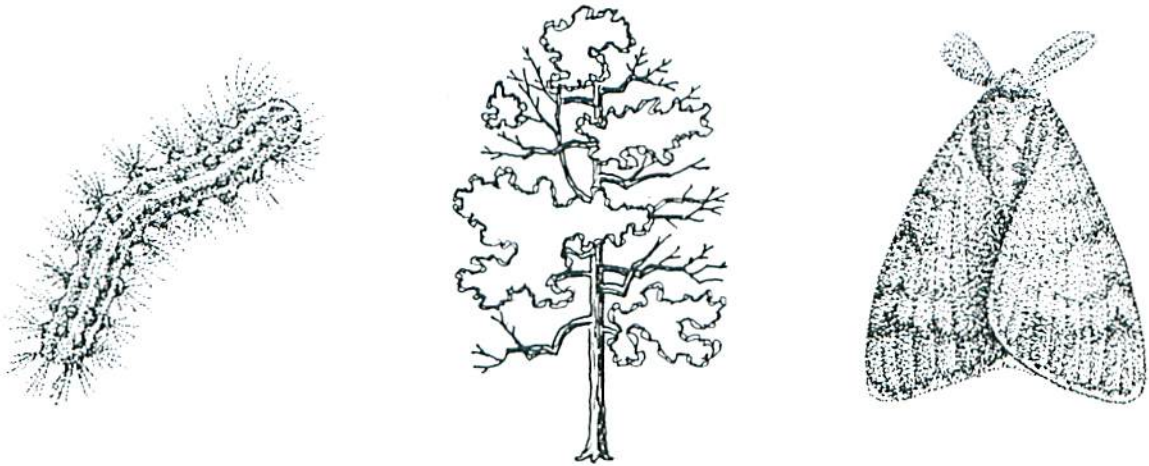
Common name	Trade name	PCP No. ^a	Pesticide schedule	Manufacturer ^b
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	Dipel 88	16873	Restricted	Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
	Dipel 132	17954	Restricted	Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
	Dipel 48 AF	20861	Restricted	Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
	Dipel 64 AF	21526	Restricted	Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
	Dipel 176	20599	Restricted	Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
	Thuricide 48 LV	17980	Restricted	Zoecon Industries Ltd.
	Thuricide HPC	11302	Commercial	Sandoz Agro-Canada Inc.
	Futura XLV-HP	21484	Restricted	Novo Nordisk Bioindustrial
	Foray 48 B	21464	Restricted	Novo Nordisk Bioindustrial
	Foray 76 B	22403	Restricted	Novo Nordisk Bioindustrial
	Bactospeine	17781	Restricted/Commercial	Novo Nordisk Bioindustrial
Acephate (ACP)	Orthene Forest Spray Concentrate	14226	Restricted	Chevron Chemical (Canada) Ltd.
	Orthene Tree & Ornamental Spray	15559	Commercial	Chevron Chemical (Canada) Ltd.
Carbaryl	Sevin 4 Oil Carbaryl Insecticide Liquid Suspension	11115	Restricted	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
	Sevin 50 W	6839	Restricted/Commercial	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
	Sevin 80 s	8151	Restricted/Commercial	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
	Sevin XLR	17027	Restricted/Commercial	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
	Sevin 85 S	7446	Restricted/Commercial	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
	Sevin XLR Plus	19531	Restricted/Commercial	Rhone-Poulenc Canada Inc.
Diiflubenzuron	Dimilin 25% WP Insecticide	13816	Restricted	Solvay Duphar B.V.
Trichlorfon	Dylox Liquid Solution	8950	Commercial	Chemagro Ltd.
	Sylox 80% Soluble Powder	9827	Restricted/Commercial	Chemagro Ltd.
	Sylox 420 Liquid Insecticide	16387	Restricted/Commercial	Chemagro Ltd.
	Danex (Trichlorfon) 80 SP	15319	Commercial	Makhtechim-Agan (NA) Inc.

^a Pest Control Product Number

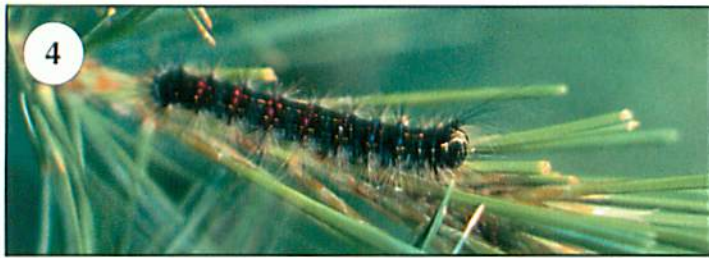
^b The addresses of these manufacturers are listed in Appendix 1.

References: Agriculture Canada hotline, 30

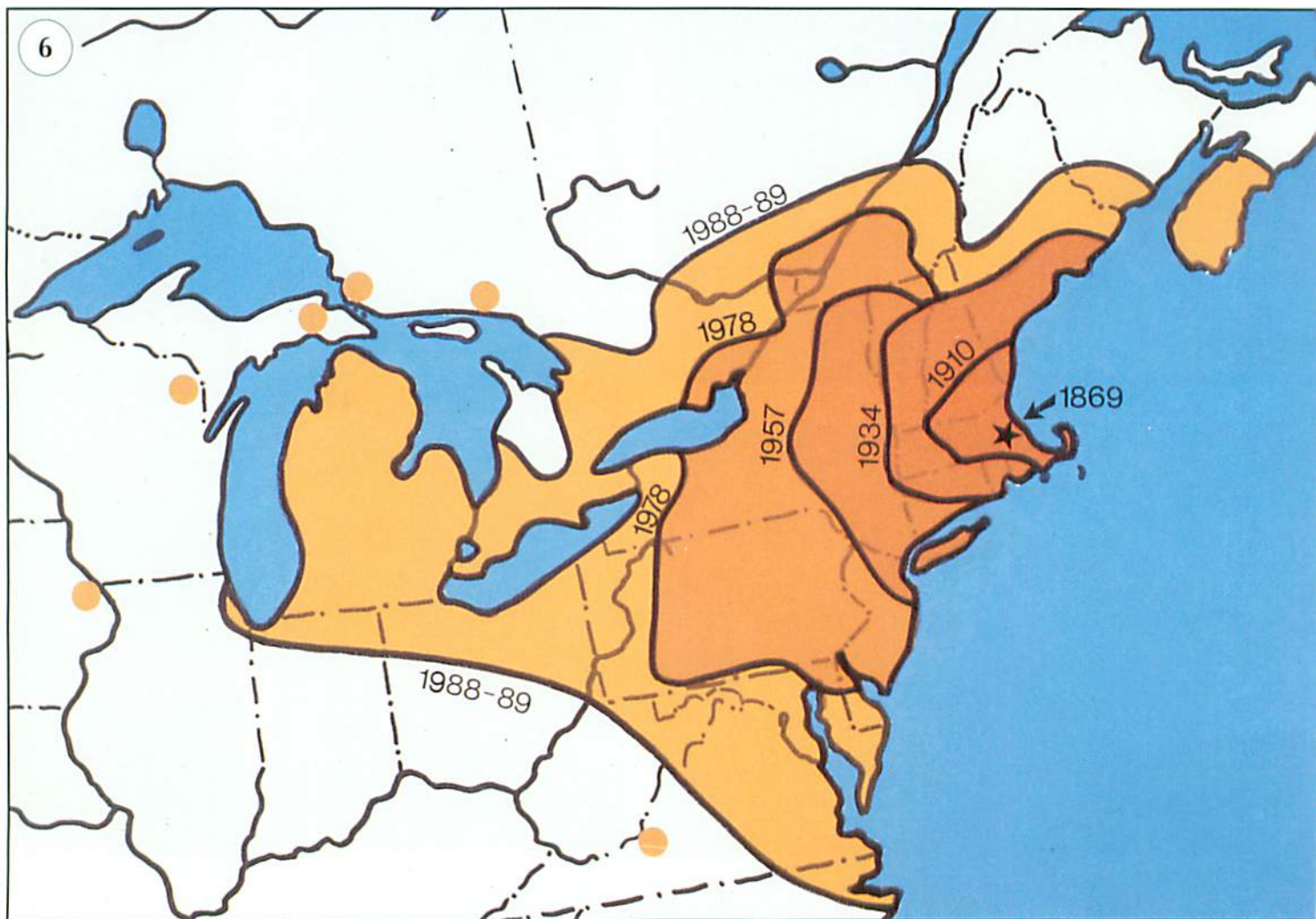
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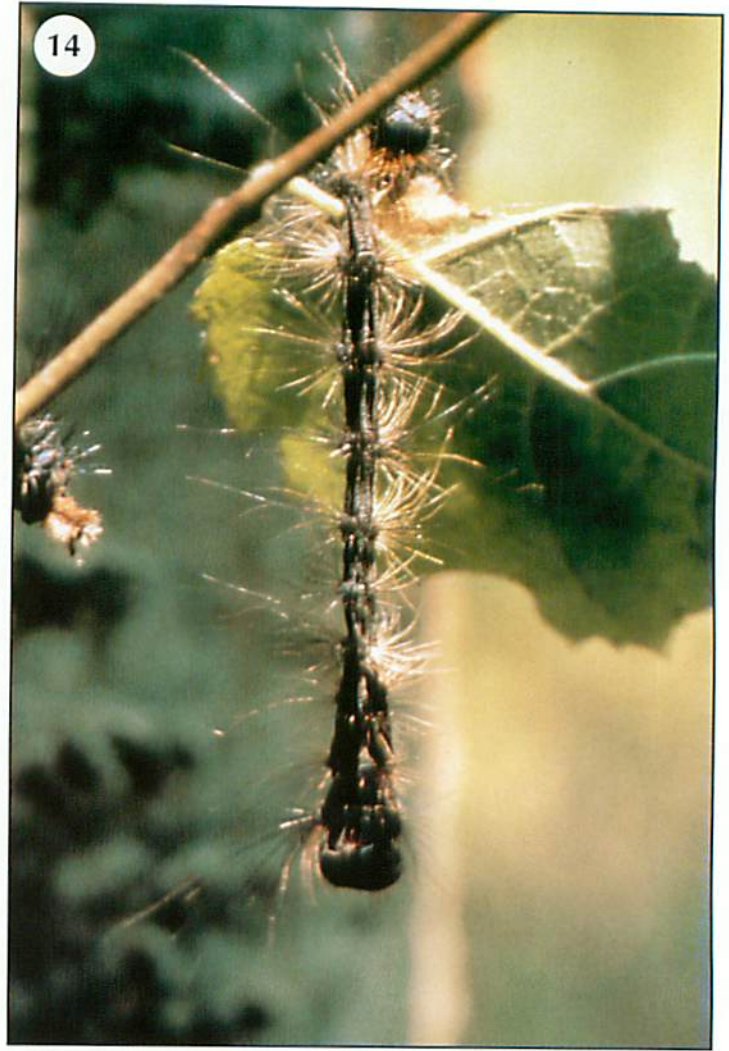
1. Gypsy moth larva. 2. Larvae resting under fabric bands. 3. Aerial view of defoliation.



4. Final-stage larva on white pine.
5. Hardwood species, especially oak, are most susceptible to defoliation.
6. Spread of gypsy moth in eastern North America (1869–1989)
7. Female moths laying eggs in summer.
8. Gypsy moth egg masses after the winter.
9. Hatching gypsy moth larvae in the spring.
10. Larvae resting on bark.
11. Pupae in summer.
12. Adults mating in summer: male is brown, female is white.







13. Parasitic insect emerging from a gypsy moth larva.
14. Gypsy moth killed by the nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV).
15. An insect predator of the gypsy moth.
16. The black-billed cuckoo, a predator of the gypsy moth.

Minor use

Under some circumstances, pest managers may apply for a "User Requested Minor Use Label Expansion". These applications are managed by the Minor Use Program Coordinator of Agriculture Canada and are reviewed by provincial coordinators. The intent of the Minor Use Registration is to obtain temporary registration for the use of a product in limited amounts and areas. Several criteria must be met. The product should already be evaluated and registered for other purposes and there should be reasonable grounds to expect it will work for the

current intended use. There must also be a demonstrable need. The producer is required to amend the label to include the proposed use.

All pesticides, however scheduled, interfere with some biological process. They should be handled with all due precaution and only used under the conditions specified on the label.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references on methods of controlling the gypsy moth are 9, 15, 18, 21, 37, 44, 45, 46, 48, 96, 111, 113, 118, 144 and 158.



Chapter 5

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS

NEED FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

The gypsy moth's capacity for widespread defoliation in urban, recreational, timber-producing and wilderness areas causes concern in a wide variety of interest groups. There are bound to be conflicting opinions on how to deal with the gypsy moth because of the different values placed on the forest resource by these different groups. Public information programs, therefore, are one of the most important aspects of gypsy moth management. A misinformed or apprehensive public will not contribute positively to the development of a management program but will certainly generate opposition to the best-laid plans.

Successful public programs ensure that all concerned citizens are given the opportunity to become aware of the gypsy moth, the management policies of the responsible agencies, the management options, and the potential consequences of specific actions or of inaction. Public information programs also offer the opportunity for public input to the decision-making process. These programs should provide mechanisms for resolution of conflicts between the management agency and the public as well as among different community groups with opposing points of view. Public information programs are the first step in enlisting public assistance and support for the management program. Many monitoring and control programs, such as quarantine inspections to prevent movement of the gypsy moth (Chapter 3), rely heavily on public participation.

With insecticide control programs, there are explicit legal requirements for certain kinds of public information. Progressive public information programs, however, go beyond the legal requirements for notification in an effort to enlist public support for long-term management objectives. Through their influence on legislators, a supportive public will be a strong ally in defining objectives and securing financial support for resource management.

CARRYING OUT A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

Public information programs must identify and target their audience to ensure that communications are appropriate and easily understood. The information program should be driven by objectives, rather than techniques. Some objectives, such as developing a general awareness of the gypsy moth and its impact, may apply to all residents in an area. Other objectives such as the communication of detailed control options, will be aimed more specifically at managers responsible for public or private land.

The timing of communications is important. General information about the gypsy moth can be distributed years before defoliation actually occurs. Specific information about control operations, on the other hand, will not be made until just before the action is taken.

Four phases of a public information program can be distinguished with respect to their audience, objectives, methods and timing.

Interpretation

Interpretive programs attempt to raise general public awareness about the gypsy moth, its impact on the environment, and the potential control options available. This interpretive phase is extensive and aims for the broadest possible audience. Brief, factual information about the gypsy moth is communicated mainly by print and video media (Table 5.1).

Published information on the gypsy moth can be distributed by mail or in person. Interpretive programs in parks are ideal opportunities to inform recreationists. Pheromone trap monitoring systems (Chapter 3) in parks, for example, are excellent demonstration aids for informing the public about the gypsy moth. Information on the identification of gypsy moth egg masses and the dangers of inadvertent transport of these egg masses from infested to uninfested areas is a key aspect of quarantine programs (Chapter 4).

Table 5.1: Methods of communication.

Method	Commercial media ^a	Public meetings	Telephone	Conventional and electronic mail
Interpretive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informative articles (newspapers, magazines, cottage newsletters, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park interpretive programs • Trapping demonstrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information supplied by informed agencies at all times • Public opinion polls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing information available via bulletin boards • Targeted mass-mailings
Decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops (homeowners, woodlot owners) • Open houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting those leaving areas infested by the gypsy moth • Informing specific groups about spray operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of any written information • Limited mailings
Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News releases and public service announcements • Paid advertisements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars to inform interested parties of progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informing specific groups about spray operations • Hotlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail to affected parties
Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up articles (newspapers, newsletters, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars for those interested in control results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact those affected or involved in decision-making to discuss results, or arrange follow-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of written material regarding spray results, recommendations, etc.

^a Special types of publications are listed in Table 5.2.

Experienced agencies advocate beginning the interpretive phase of the program as much as two years before a noticeable infestation is expected. This gives time to prepare the public for potential action and to raise the general level of understanding about the situation while there is still time for discussion and clarification. Not informing the public adequately until control action became urgent was a major criticism of many of the earlier gypsy moth eradication programs.

Decision-making

Decisions are needed whenever action against the gypsy moth is required. Decisions for active management, particularly control programs, need this more detailed public information phase.

This phase also uses print and video media but its information content can be expanded because the audience is more restricted and is directly affected by the management action. Public meetings during this phase are indispensable. Planners should decide on an agenda for these meetings, including the topics to be covered. Workshop formats permit input from public interest groups.

Having experts available at public meetings to answer questions is effective. Printed material can be handed out to reinforce the understanding of the

participants. Specialized and detailed reports and videos are useful at this stage (Table 5.2).

Notification

Notification of the decisions reached is the next phase of the public information program. Once again, an open house or other public forum for the announcement allows planners to explain their decisions and to answer questions.

Decisions that require rapid notification (e.g., changes in control programs) use news releases to inform the public. Identifying a single spokesperson to the media is a good way of ensuring a clear and consistent interpretation of management decisions. Providing more than one contact may sometimes be desirable, as the media often seeks another perspective on the same story. In this case, it is important that a consistent overall message is communicated.

Telephone hotlines are an effective means of keeping a dialogue open and reassuring the public.

Reporting

Reports on the results of control programs must be made public as soon as possible. This enhances public awareness and increases the credibility of the management program. New publications may be

prepared to explain the decision and the results, and to promote subsequent, ongoing management programs.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Pest managers have many methods available to them to communicate information about their programs. The choice of a particular method or combination of methods will depend on the intended audience and the phase of the public information program (Table 5.1).

Existing communication media such as newspapers, magazines, radio and television, conventional and electronic mail, and the telephone should be used to their full advantage. The advice of an individual who understands the effective use of these commercial media is strongly recommended in public

information programs. In addition to commercial media, supplementary publications and public meetings to communicate the specific details of the management program are desirable.

It is important to remember that communication is a two-way activity. Most of the methods discussed in this chapter can also be used to solicit public opinion on management options. Opinion polls and surveys are useful tools to ascertain the success of any particular approach to public information and of pest management in general.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references on public information programs for gypsy moth management are 43, 127 and 142.

Table 5.2: Examples of public education materials.

Material	Objective	Characteristics	References
Brochures/fact sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate specific facts about gypsy moth identification, life history and control to broad cross-sections of the public at minimum cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text is brief, simple and factual • Question and answer format is effective • Often rely heavily on illustrations or photographs • Can be mass-distributed 	2, 3, 29, 34, 111, 112, 113, 145
Educational material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage participation of educators in communicating information about the gypsy moth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can vary from activity books and board games for young children to exercises in monitoring populations for forestry students 	7, 8, 81, 103
Information reports, handbooks, proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate detailed information to citizen groups and homeowners with a high interest level • Explanation and promotion of a particular pest management objective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May run to several pages of information and require high levels of reader interest • Technical information may be presented as graphs or tables • Often includes specific recommendations for control 	10, 16, 37, 82, 96, 98, 100, 109
Audio-visual productions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • see Information reports etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • see Information reports etc. (above) 	5, 33, 55, 56, 147



Chapter 6

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE GYPSY MOTH

JURISDICTION

Wherever the gypsy moth has gone, it has raised questions over who should be responsible for its management. The first few chapters of *The Gypsy Moth* by Forbush and Fernald (54), which describe the original infestations in Massachusetts, reveal that this problem of jurisdiction was as prominent in the 19th century as it is today. An understanding of the roles of the various agencies involved (Table 6.2) is a prerequisite to the development of an effective gypsy moth management program.

In Canada, the federal government is responsible primarily for regulation, detection, eradication, and research in the context of insect pests. Research may be carried out in federal research laboratories or by funding research at universities. Provincial governments are responsible for the operational management of pests on Crown land. This includes setting policies for management and conducting control programs where appropriate. Pest infestations on private land are, in principle, the responsibility of the landowner. Gypsy moth, however, does not distinguish among landowners, and infestations are usually the concern of a broad range of public and private groups. A high level of coordination among these groups is crucial.

Canada

In regions of Canada where the gypsy moth is not considered to be established, control action is authorized under the Plant Protection Act. This federal Act of Parliament is intended "to prevent the introduction or spreading of pests injurious to plants". The Act is administered by Agriculture Canada.

If a new, isolated infestation by the gypsy moth is found, Agriculture Canada can carry out control programs to eradicate or contain the pest. Agriculture Canada cooperates closely with federal and provincial forestry agencies to implement detection and control programs in each region.

At a certain point after a pest becomes established, quarantine and eradication are no longer realistic

options. Responsibility for management of the pest is intended to pass from the level of national interest specified by the Plant Protection Act to a more local level of management; i.e., to provincial, municipal, or private landowners. A brief history of the gypsy moth in Ontario will clarify the different responsibilities.

Ontario

Gypsy moth egg masses were discovered near Kingston in 1969. Throughout the 1970s, surveys and localized spray programs were carried out by Agriculture Canada in the St. Lawrence region (Fig. 4.1). Despite these efforts, the infested area in Ontario continued to expand. The eradication spray program was eventually abandoned by Agriculture Canada, although monitoring throughout the area continued.

In 1981, Forestry Canada's Forest Insect and Disease Survey mapped 1,000 hectares of defoliation near Kaladar. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) recognized the potential for an even larger area of infestation and planned an aerial spray program for 1982. Public opposition, however, effectively led to cancellation of the 1982 spray program. No spray programs were undertaken by the OMNR in either 1983 or 1984. Over this period, the area of moderate-to-severe defoliation by the gypsy moth in Ontario increased from just over 1,000 hectares in 1981 to nearly 250,000 hectares in 1984 (Fig. 6.1).

In 1985, a limited spray program was carried out in infested provincial parks. By this time public opinion had changed and there was considerable public support for a suppression program. The OMNR expanded its spray program in 1986 to cover approximately 100,000 hectares of Crown and private land. The 1986 decision to include private land in the OMNR's spray program led directly to the Private Land Spray Program of 1988. This three-year agreement clearly defined the roles of OMNR and various landowners. A procedure to plan and implement the spray program was developed through consultation. Only *Bt* was used in these spray programs (Fig. 4.1).

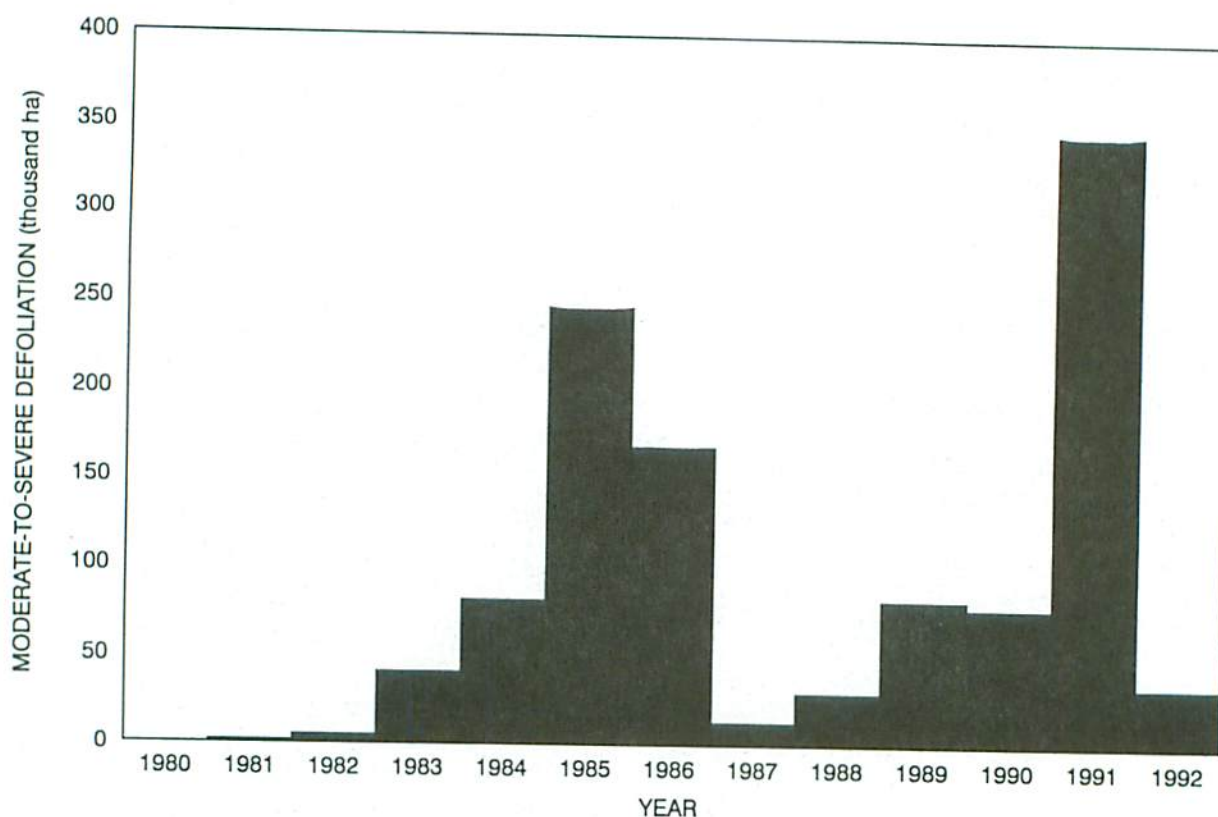


Figure 6.1: Moderate-to-severe defoliation by the gypsy moth in Ontario.

As the area of gypsy moth infestation in Ontario increased, it became more costly and difficult to continue to subsidize the ever-increasing amount of private land sprayed. In 1992, all provincial forest spray programs were cancelled and the Private Land Spray Program for gypsy moth was not renewed.

As of 1993, it appears that management of the gypsy moth on private and municipal land in Ontario will be the direct responsibility of municipalities and landowners, with advice provided by federal and provincial agencies (Table 6.2).

In 25 years, the gypsy moth in Ontario has gone from a pest for which the federal government conducted eradication programs to one for which there is increased reliance on local communities of landowners for management.

United States

The administrative structure for pest management in the United States has some similarity to that already described for Canada in that the American federal government maintains responsibility for regulation, quarantine and research. In the United States, APHIS

(the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service), a branch of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the agency responsible for regulation, quarantine and eradication. Other federal agencies, including the Agricultural Research Service, are responsible for research.

Control programs within the established range of the gypsy moth in the United States are largely the responsibility of the affected owners. These owners may be the federal government (e.g., the USDA Forest Service), in the case of national parks and forests, or state, county and private landowners. Often research and control of the gypsy moth in the United States are co-operative ventures among several levels of government and with extension services at state universities (e.g., 149, 150).

A brief chronology of programs in the United States to 1978 can be found in *The Gypsy Moth: Research Toward Integrated Pest Management* (44). A review of current (to 1995) research and development programs sponsored by the USDA Forest Service is available in *Gypsy Moth News* (95).

The results of research sponsored by the USDA are presented at an annual meeting (the USDA

Interagency Gypsy Moth Research Review) and the proceedings are published in the General Technical Report series of the Northeastern Forest Experimental Station (e.g., 63).

One of the largest recent (1987–1992) collaborative programs was the Appalachian Integrated Pest Management Demonstration Project (AIPM). This initiative was intended to minimize the further spread and impact of gypsy moth within the Appalachian Region and to evaluate control methods for isolated infestations.

Unlike most suppression programs undertaken to mitigate ongoing damage, the AIPM objectives included pre-emptive action against increasing populations of the gypsy moth. The AIPM project was also explicitly directed to develop a working integrated pest management program structure that included coordination of federal, state and county participants (9).

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Since the 1960s, pest managers have attempted to replace their previous reliance on insecticides with the concept of *integrated pest management* (IPM). Simply put, integrated pest management is an approach that recognizes that pest problems are ecological problems and require ecological solutions. The management approach implied by integrated pest management is that many different control tactics, including the absence of any control action, should be considered. Decisions are made in the context of local socioeconomic objectives and values.

It is important to recognize that insecticides may still be used in an integrated pest management program. However, the choice of insecticide and the rate, timing and area of application will be made with reference to the broader concerns of environmental management rather than with the single objective of killing the pest.

A consequence of the integrated pest management approach is that more specific and diverse sources of information must be incorporated into the decision-making process. In fact, it is likely that significant improvements in the effectiveness of an integrated pest management program will come more from increasing the number of components in the program than by increasing the detail or precision of any one component. With large-scale management programs, the decision-making can be quite complex (Fig. 6.2).

Recent advances in computer technology for processing and displaying information and for incorporating expert knowledge are used increasingly in making decisions in pest management. These *decision-support systems* vary from simple programs that match current gypsy moth population levels with forest inventory and site information or the use of weather data to predict seasonal development of the gypsy moth, to more complex applications that utilize extensive database management, simulation models and optimal resource allocations.

Coordination

Integrated pest management programs require more than the recognition of multiple objectives and the use of alternative control techniques. They also demand strong coordination among all interested parties. The distinct roles identified for different agencies means that an explicit effort must be made to ensure that information and resources gained at one level are available and utilized effectively at other levels in the management program. Published bulletins and newsletters are one means of achieving this coordination (Table 6.1).

A national survey of gypsy moth management programs in the United States (120) found that the ties between, for example, research and implementation, were weak. Research information was often not used

Table 6.1: Newsletters for the exchange of information on the gypsy moth.

Newsletter	Organisation ^a
<i>FIDS Survey Bulletin</i>	Forestry Canada: • Forest Pest Management Institute • Maritimes Region • Newfoundland and Labrador Region • Northwest Region • Ontario Region • Pacific and Yukon Region • Quebec Region
<i>Gypsy Moth News</i>	USDA Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry
<i>Gypsy Moth Update</i>	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Office of Plant Protection
National Gypsy Moth Management Group	National Gypsy Moth Management Group Inc.
<i>Gypsy Moth Exotica</i>	USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station

^a Addresses for these organisations can be found in Appendix 1.

in control decisions and operational survey data were not used by researchers. This survey identified the need for strong leadership and coordination at all levels of gypsy moth management. It recommended the formation of functional working groups with representatives from both research and implementation organizations. These groups would develop regional management strategies that included

standardized sampling methods and comparative databases. Working groups would also identify a range of appropriate control actions (e.g., 157).

In Canada, this working group structure has been used to some extent. In the Maritimes, for example, the Gypsy Moth Coordinating Committee comprises research and survey personnel from Forestry Canada, Agriculture Canada, the provincial ministries of

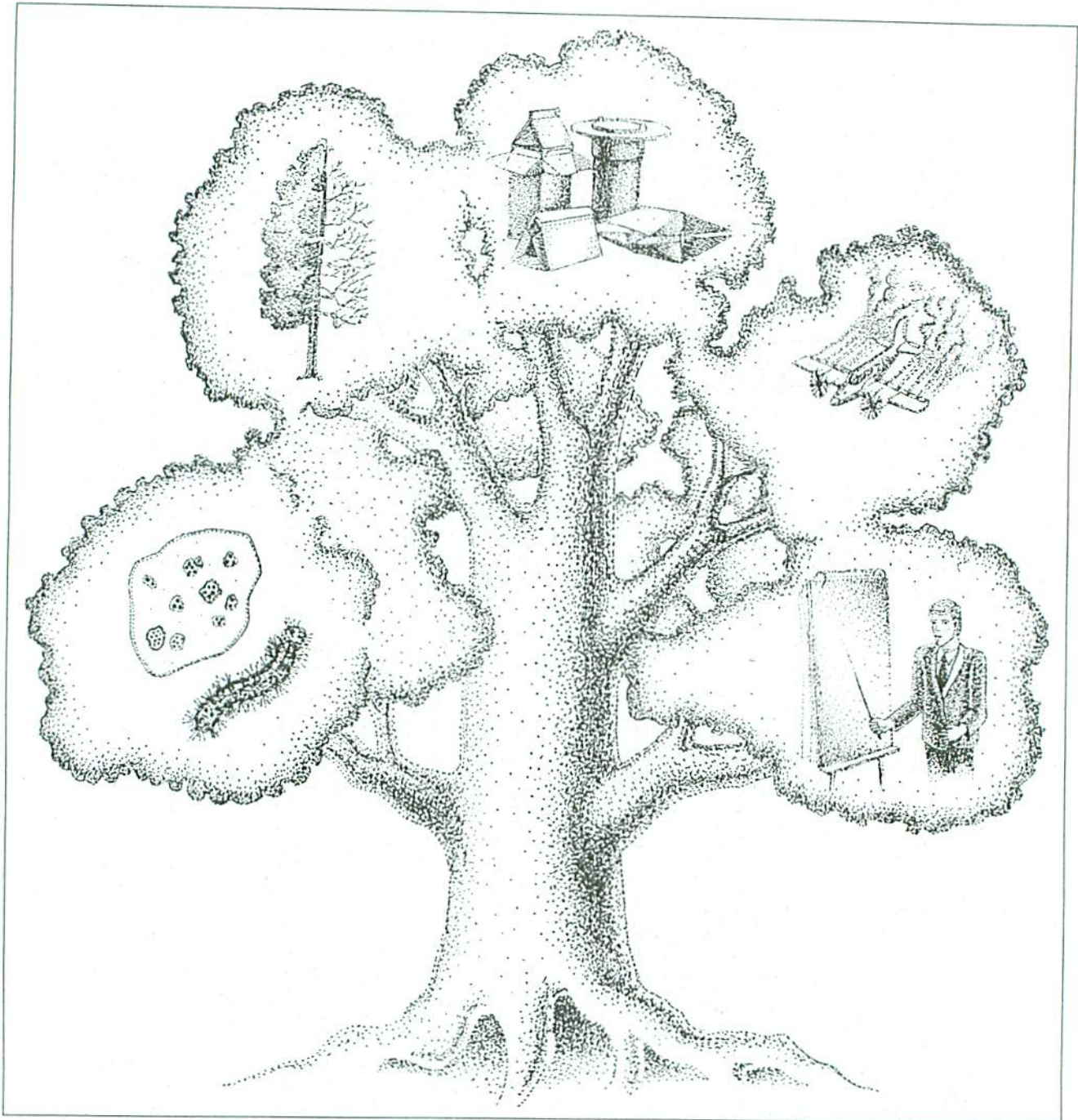


Figure 6.2: Integrated pest management programs use knowledge of the pest's biology, consider its potential and actual impacts, monitor the pest, assess control options and communicate plans and results.

Natural Resources and Agriculture, and affected municipalities. In other provinces, strategies for management of the gypsy moth may be developed on an *ad hoc* basis by subcommittees of larger advisory councils. In Ontario, this is the Ontario Region Plant Pest Advisory Council. In British Columbia, the Plant Protection Advisory Council has been active in coordinating the gypsy moth eradication programs in that province.

These Canadian groups have been mostly concerned with the coordination of specific and short-term control operations, in particular, detection and eradication of gypsy moth populations from their respective regions. There has been very little coordination at any level for more comprehensive and long-term management of the gypsy moth. The reasons for this are many and varied. They include conflicting or non-overlapping jurisdictions, limited budgets, and difficulty in reaching a consensus on the severity of the problem and what would constitute reasonable and effective action.

CONCLUSIONS

In the preface to this sourcebook, we state that solutions for management of the gypsy moth are not simple. We believe, however, that the starting point for

management is at the community level. Communities are best able to identify their own resource management priorities and to address the concerns of local groups who may demand or oppose control action. It is also at the community level that the strongest support can be gained for continuing research to provide the specific knowledge and tools necessary for the development of a management strategy. Application of this knowledge in the community will provide the necessary link between research and implementation.

This publication is intended to expose individuals and community groups interested in gypsy moth management to this knowledge. No matter how simple or complex the local gypsy moth situation, effective management of this pest will rely on integrating the information from the basic subject areas summarized in this sourcebook: biology and ecology, impact, monitoring, control and public involvement. Other sources of information are listed in Table 6.2.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Additional references for various aspects of gypsy moth management are 6, 15, 17, 18, 22, 33, 40, 42, 44, 46, 51, 53, 58, 91, 104, 109, 115, 122, 124, 133, 146 and 156.

Table 6.2: Sources of additional information. (Addresses are listed in Appendix 1.)

Agency	Responsibilities with respect to gypsy moth
Canada	
Agriculture Canada Sir John Carling Building (library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine, pesticide use in Canada • Library services
Ontario	
Forestry Canada, Forest Pest Management Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on pest control products
Forestry Canada, Ontario Region Great Lakes Forestry Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Forest Insect and Disease Survey
Forestry Canada Petawawa National Forestry Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National database on forest insects
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Provincial Entomologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest control policy, advice • Spray programs
Ontario Ministry of the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information regarding pesticide use in Ontario • Commercial spray licensing

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Table 6.2: Sources of additional information (concl.). (Addresses are listed in Appendix 1.)

Agency	Responsibilities with respect to gypsy moth
Québec	
Forestry Canada, Québec Region	• Research
Laurentian Forestry Centre	• Forest Insect and Disease Survey
Ministère des Forêts	• Forest Pest Survey
SOPFIM, Société de protection des forêts contre les insectes et les maladies	• Spray program operations
Maritimes	
Forestry Canada, Maritimes Region	• Research
	• Forest Insect and Disease Survey
New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources	• Pest control policy, spray programs
Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests	• Pest control policy, spray programs
Prince Edward Island Department of Energy and Forestry	• Pest control policy, spray programs
Forestry Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Region, Newfoundland Forestry Centre	• Research
	• Forest Insect and Disease Survey
Newfoundland Department of Forestry and Agriculture	• Pest control policy, spray programs
British Columbia	
Forestry Canada, Pacific and Yukon Region	• Research
Pacific Forestry Centre	• Forest Insect and Disease Survey
British Columbia Ministry of Forests	• Pest control policy, spray programs
Alberta	
Forestry Canada, Northwest Region	• Research
Northern Forestry Centre	• Forest Insect and Disease Survey
Alberta Forest Service	• Operational management of forests
Saskatchewan	
Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources	• Operational management of forests
Manitoba	
Manitoba Department of Natural Resources	• Operational management of forests
United States	
United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service	• Research and management of federal lands
United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service	• Communication, education, natural resource programs (in cooperation with the Forest Service)
Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (field office of Forest Service)	• Forest pest management, cooperative forestry, forest health protection
United States Department of Agriculture Northeastern Forest Experiment Station	• Research and experimentation, forest monitoring
	• Administers programs such as the Appalachian Integrated Pest Management project

Note: Most state departments of agriculture (plant protection or regulatory division) are listed in the state government sections of the telephone directory. Federal government sections provide numbers for APHIS and USDA extension services (county extension agents).

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The number of articles written about the gypsy moth is staggering. The references in this sourcebook have been selected for content and availability. The annotations should assist in deciding to track down the original source. References in the list are in alphabetical order (by author) and are numbered for reference to the text.

The availability of scientific publications is generally good. The libraries of universities with an applied science department or of government research laboratories (e.g., Forestry Canada, Agriculture Canada) should have most. If not, interlibrary loans can be arranged. The John Carling Library at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa has all of these periodicals.

Government publications and magazine articles sometimes can be obtained through a library, but some articles, particularly ones published by American state government agencies, may require writing directly to the author or agency. Be prepared to send postage.

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2. Agriculture Canada. 1987. Gypsy moth. A destructive pest of forest and shade trees. Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. Publication 1811/B. 1 p. (ISBN 0-662-54562-1)
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