

## August is Tree Check Month! Time to look for Asian Longhorned Beetle

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Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) is an invasive beetle native to China and the Korean peninsula. Thought to have arrived in the U.S. through wood packaging material, this beetle loves to feed on maple trees, among other tree species. ALB is a Michigan Watch List invasive species. Although ALB has not been confirmed in Michigan, it has been found in neighboring Ohio, so we should be on the lookout to catch ALB at its first signs. ALB is a distinct beetle with a body 0.75 to 1.5 inches long and is shiny black with white spots. Its long antennae are black and white striped.



Invasive Asian longhorned beetle  
Credit: USDA APHIS ALB website, [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

August is Tree Check Month because it is the time of year the beetle is most active. Other signs of an ALB infestation are round, dime-sized exit holes, egg sites, and frass (sawdust-like material) on trees, as well as sap flowing from tree wounds, tree leaves turning yellow before the fall season, and dying and dropping branches. Let's protect our Michigan trees... Get out and check your trees! If you think you found ALB, please follow these instructions from the State of Michigan at [www.michigan.gov/invasives](http://www.michigan.gov/invasives):

"If you see a suspect tree or beetle, take photos, record the location, try to collect suspect beetles in a jar and report it to:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, [MDA-Info@michigan.gov](mailto:MDA-Info@michigan.gov) or phone the MDARD Customer Service Center, 800-292-3939.

If possible, please take one or more photos of the invasive species you are reporting. Also make note of the location, date and time of the observation. This will aid in verification of your report. You may be asked to provide your name and contact information if follow-up is needed.

- Or - Use the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network ([MISIN](http://www.misin.msu.edu)) [online reporting tool](http://www.misin.msu.edu/tools/apps/#home)

- Or - download the MISIN smartphone app and report from your phone - <http://www.misin.msu.edu/tools/apps/#home>"