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## Invasive emerald ash borer detected in New Hampshire

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Officials from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (DAMF) have confirmed that the emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive [beetle that attacks and kills ash trees, is in New Hampshire](#). A suspect tree was spotted in Concord on March 28. Insect specimens from the tree were collected and sent to scientists at the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS PPQ), who have confirmed the insect's identity.

Brad Simpkins, state forester with the [N.H. Division of Forests and Lands](#), said state agencies have implemented the action plan that has been in place in anticipation of the insect's arrival. The first step will be to determine [how widespread its presence is](#). Simpkins says Concord residents should be prepared to see Division of Forests and Lands personnel surveying ash trees in the area in the days and weeks to come. "This work will be critical to developing a management program for this unwelcome pest," Simpkins said. "Residents' cooperation would be greatly appreciated."

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