

## 2023 Emerald Ash Borer Update

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first detected in Georgia in 2013 in DeKalb and Fulton Counties and has now been found in 53 counties in Georgia. As of September 2022, there are infestations in 36 states, the District of Columbia, and five Canadian provinces. In 2023, GFC foresters hung 89 purple prism traps across the state. From these traps, 3 new counties came back with positive confirmations of emerald ash borer- Towns, Haralson, and Bibb Counties. Two positive confirmations were also made from bark samples in Greene and Oglethorpe Counties (see map below). These additional counties bring the total number of positive counties in Georgia to 53. The Georgia Forestry Commission will continue to monitor the spread of emerald ash borer across the state. If you have any questions about this, please contact your local forester or visit the GFC website at https://gatrees.org/emerald-ash-borer-eab/.

