

## Introduction to Citizen Science and Forest Pests

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- The Invasive Species Centre
- What is EDRR?
- Resources
- Forest Pests 101
- Introduction to EDDMapS



### **Invasive Species Centre**

 Incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2011, the Invasive Species Centre has grown into a respected collaborator, knowledge broker, partner and leader in invasive species research and action in Ontario and beyond.

<u>Mission</u>: The Invasive Species Centre connects stakeholders, knowledge and technology to prevent and reduce the spread of invasive species that harm Canada's environment, economy and society.







### EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK ONTARIO

#### REDUCING INVASIVE SPECIES ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.



#### **EDRR Network Ontario: In a Nutshell**

To create, train and equip an **EDRR network** to provide eyes on the ground to detect, track, respond to, and control invasive plants and insects in communities across Ontario.



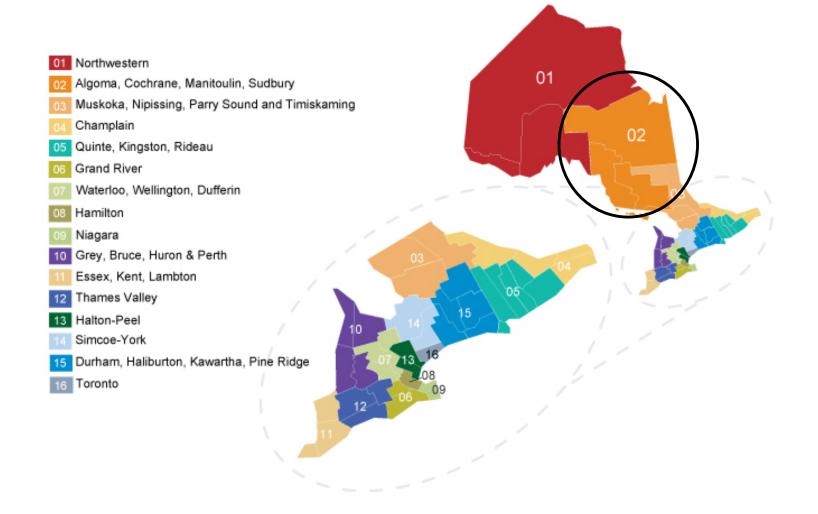
Peel • Halton • Sault Ste Marie • Thunder Bay Sudbury & Algoma Region

- Increase awareness & knowledge of invasive species
- Support hands-on work to more rapidly detect and reduce invasive species
- Engage youth & students to foster environmental responsibility
- Facilitate community partnerships to support restoration & maintenance of local habitats and recreational spaces

#### **Community-level early** *detection* & *action* as appropriate



#### EDRR Ontario Phase II: 2017-2019



Outside of the EDRR catchment? We can still provide support!

### Professional Training Workshops



#### CFIA Inspection Staff Training Spring 2016

EDRR Network staff supported CFIA summer inspection staff training for GTA region held in Guelph.

- Focused on species not present in Canada/Ontario
- Informed future "watch list" development



#### Lunch N' Learns Summer 2017

Sudbury and Wawa District MNRF staff trained

- Covered species encroaching these districts
- Introduced staff to species not present in Ontario
- Worked through collaborative multistakeholder invasion scenarios



#### Professional Training Sessions Fall 2015

Workshops hosted in Halton, Peel, SSM & Tbay to present new species to local partners and professionals working in field.

- Conservation Authority staff
- Local, provincial & national ENGOs
- MNRF District staff
- Municipal staff
- Academics & Grad Students





### **Student Training Workshops**



#### Classroom & Lab Visits 2015 - 2017

Regular guest lectures, labs and seminars at Universities across all EDRR Network Pilot Regions covering priority species.



Envirothon Workshops Summer 2016

Delivered invasive species workshops & judging at both Provincial and North American Envirothon events on EDRR priority species.



#### Invasive Species Summits Winter 2016 & 2017

Representatives from all GTA colleges & universities invited to attend peer-to-peer training session led by graduate students and industry professionals

- ~50 students attended from most GTA schools
  - McMaster
    - aster Humber Г • Trent
  - U of TGuelph
    - Laurier
    - Waterloo •
- Sheridan



#### **Broader Engagement Initiatives**

Trends · Change

**#PancakeDay** @Ptbo\_Canada, @Mike\_Lacey and 1 more are Tweeting about this

#RareDiseaseDay 25.3K Tweets

#werally2021 1,214 Tweets

Brendan Smith 4,517 Tweets

#Sounfest15 #InvSpWk @CataraquiRCA, @KawarthaConserv and 28 more are Tweeting about this



EDRR resources made the #InvSpWk campaign possible in both 2016 & 2017. Reaching new audiences with priority EDRR species.

- Grew to 32 formal campaign partners
- More than 5M SM interactions, centered around Peel Region, Halton Region & GTA.



Invasive Species Cycling Tours Summer 2015 & 2016

Reaching new audiences, and cementing partnerships with invasive species themed safe-cycling tours.

- Partnership w/ local "green-group" resulted in est. an invasive species tool-share program
- Cross promotion of all local EDRR events & increased volunteer base



Priority Invasive Monitoring 2016 & 2017

Numerous workshops & sampling days hosted across all 4 pilot areas, hosted in collaboration with local partners.

 HWA Sampling at Lake Superior Provincial Park



### **Eradication Case Study**

#### Garlic Mustard Eradication Thunder Bay Region, ON 2015-2017+

New species to an area detected, mapped and controlled through training and outreach efforts in Thunder Bay. Control continues support of local champions. Regional eradication expected.

- Garlic mustard was believed to be regionally absent
- 1<sup>st</sup> detection made by EDRR volunteer after training
- Delineation survey completed by Network volunteers
- Control efforts completed & sustained by Network volunteers







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### Free Toolkit Sharing Program

- Stewardship oriented tool kits
- Housed at the Invasive Species Centre office in Sault Ste. Marie, EcoSuperior in Thunder Bay
- Currently seeking local house for kit in Sudbury
- Tools available for use to help detect and manage invasive species
- l.e.
  - Saws, shovels, gloves, tarps
  - Extractigator
  - HWA sampling kits

Example species include:

- **Common Buckthorn**
- **European Common Reed**
- Garlic Mustard
- **Giant Hogweed**
- **Invasive Honeysuckle**
- Japanese Knotweed
- Wild Parsnip



### **New Technical Bulletins**

> 14 new tech bulletins

 Updated, summarized Best Management Practices for Land Managers



**Invasive Phragmites** 

DISCLAMER

(Phragmites australis)





### **Educational Resources**

- Over 60 educational resources available in print version
- Over 90 available for download at <u>www.invadingspecies.com</u>





#### Areas for Support

- Workshops
- Materials + Tools
- Experts in the field to answer questions
- Project leads
- Access to new networks



Thunder Bay Garlic Mustard Pull 2017



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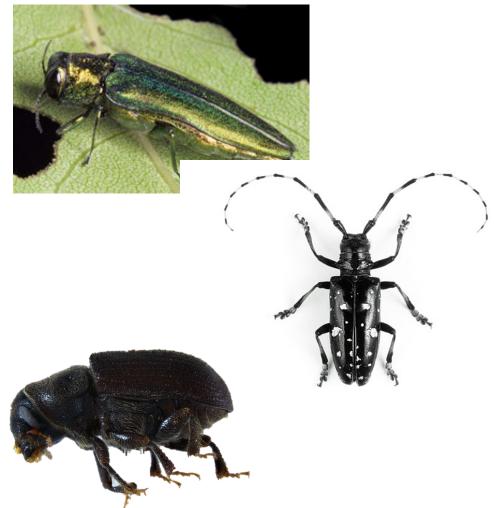
### **Invasive Forest Pests**

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### **Invasive Forest Pests**



- Emerald Ash Borer
  - Ash Trees
- Asian Long-horned Beetle
  - Maple Trees
- Mountain Pine Beetle
  - Pine Trees



## **Emerald Ash Borer**



- Description:
  - Bright green beetle
  - ~1cm in length
  - Bullet shaped
- Host:
  - Ash trees
    - Green/Red Ash
    - White Ash
    - Black Ash
    - Blue Ash
    - Pumpkin Ash





## **Commonly Confused**





 Emerald Ash Borer
 Bronze Birch Borer
 Metallic Wood Borer
 Six-Spotted Tiger<br/>Beetle
 Metallic Wood Borer
 Calosoma Ground<br/>Beetle

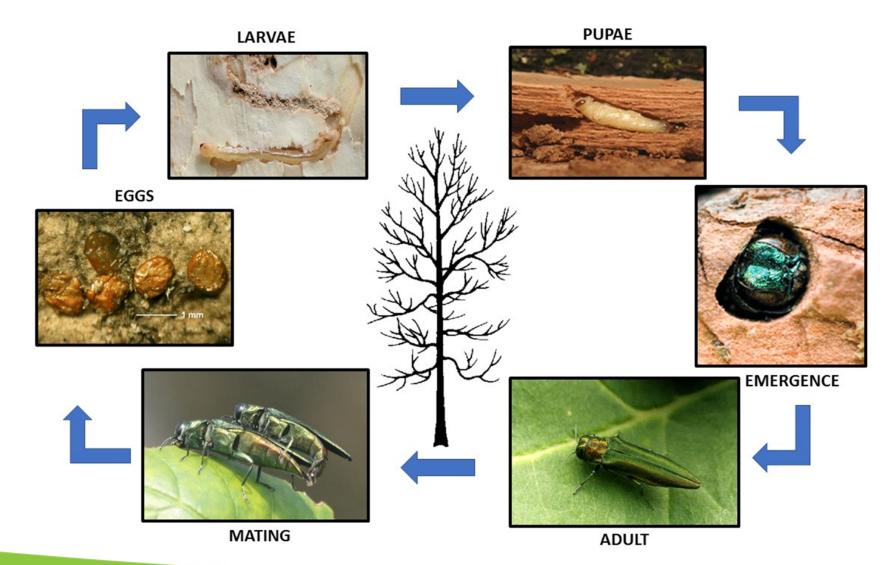
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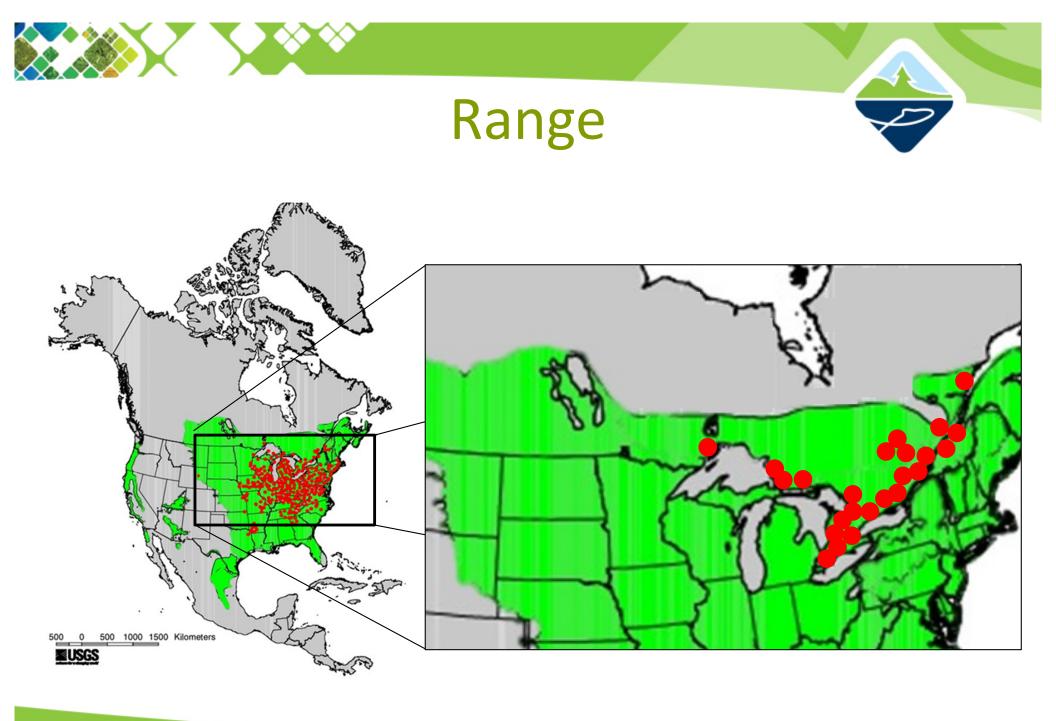


## Life Cycle













 Branch Flagging – Crown dieback begins with branches losing leaves





- Epicormic Shoots
  - New shoot growth from existing branches and/or the trunk of Ash tree
- Bark Cracks and Fissures
  - EAB larvae will cause the bark to detach from the heart wood by feeding on the vascular phloem tissue
  - This cause the bark to dry and crack





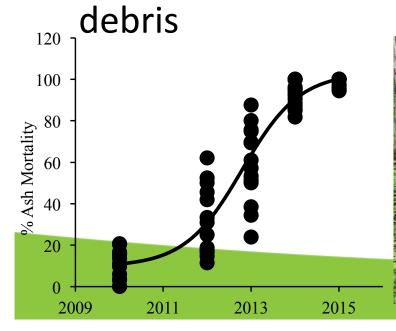
- Woodpecker Feeding
  - Usually found on the South side of the tree
  - Easiest to see in winter
  - Bark flakes off the tree
  - Small feeding holes along the trunk
    - Woodpecker feeding hole
    - EAB exit hole

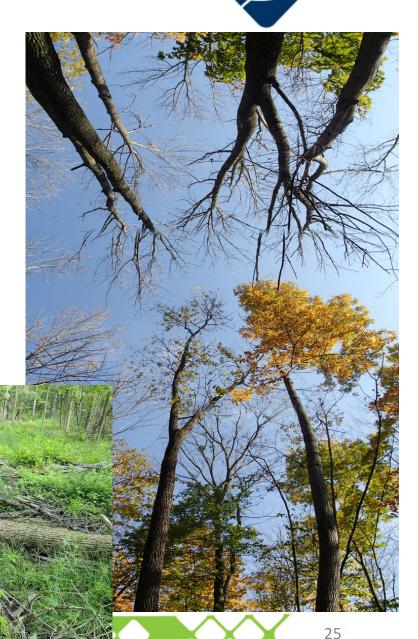




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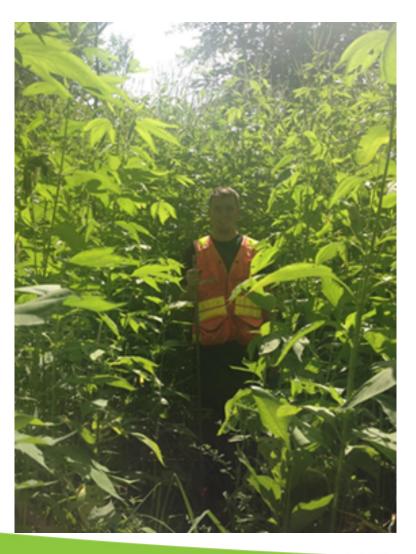
- EAB kills Ash trees within 3-6 years of infestation
- Falling Ash trees are known to snap off/get snagged in non-ash trees
- Creates large amounts of woody





## Damage





- Allows light to penetrate the forest canopy promoting a proliferation of ground vegetation
  - Vector for introduction of invasive species
    - European Buckthorn
    - Garlic mustard





## Management

- Pesticides
  - TreeAzin<sup>®</sup> Azadirachtin
  - Systemic injection
  - Is used every 2-3 years to prevent the development of the larvae
  - Not Host specific
  - Expensive for forestry applications







## Management

- Parasitic Wasps
  - Native Parasites
    - ~7 found attacking EAB
    - Parasitism rate 3.6%
  - Non-Native Parasites
    - Tetrastichus planipennisi
    - Oobius agrili
    - Spathius galinae
    - Parasitism rate ~6.6%



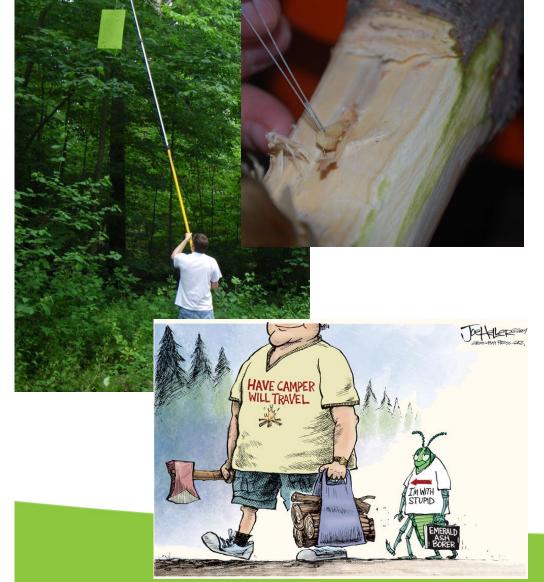






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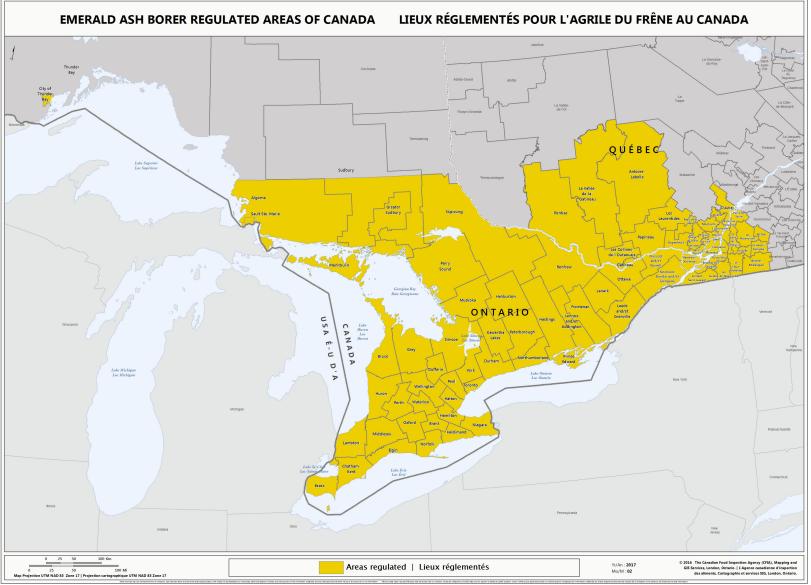


- Early Detection
  - Trapping
    - Green prism traps, host and sex pheromones
  - Branch Sampling
    - Sampling for EAB larvae
- Spread
  - EAB Quarantine Zone
    - CFIA
  - Don't Move Firewood!





## **Quarantine Zone**



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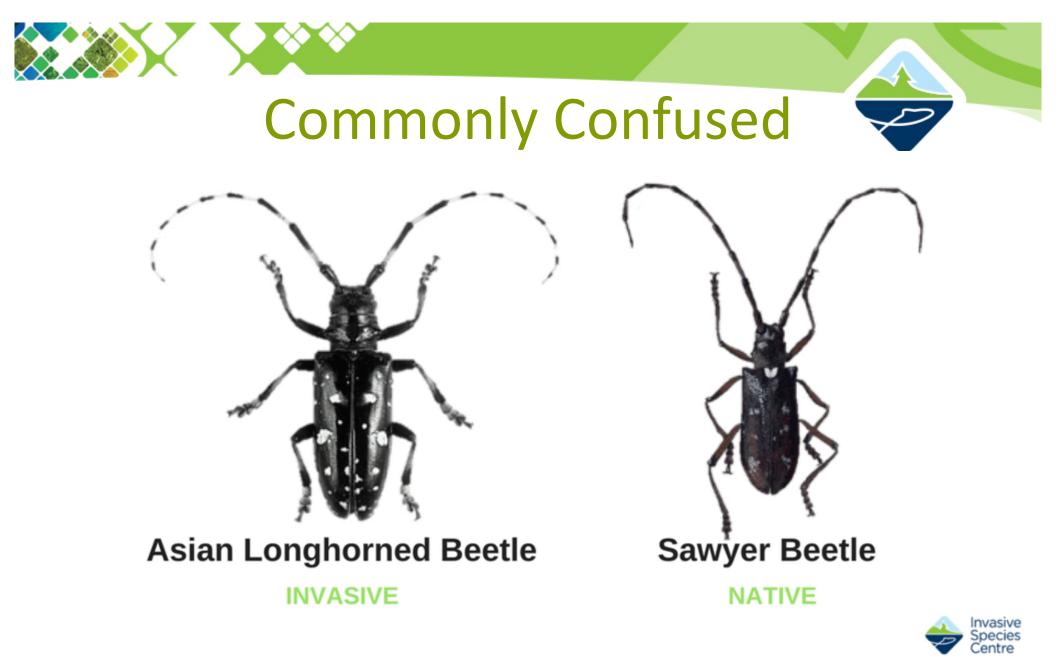
## **Asian Long-horned Beetle**



- Description
  - Shiny black with white • spots along its wings
  - ~19-32mm
- Host (Hardwoods)
  - Maple Horse chestnut •
  - Birch •
  - Poplar
  - Willow
  - Elm

- Hackberry
- Silk Tree
- Mountain Ash
- Ash?
- Basswood?







## Life Cycle

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**OVIPOSITION PITS** 



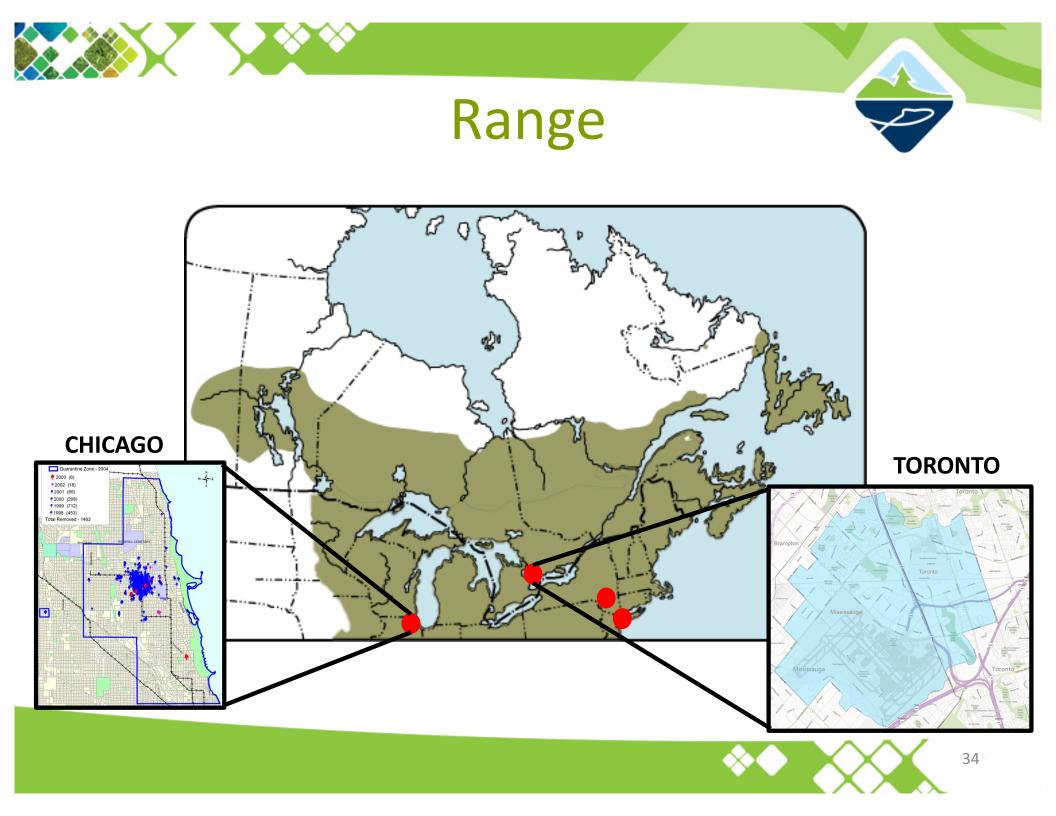
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Crown Dieback – When leaves die and are not formed because they are unable to aquire the nutrients





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#### • Oviposition Pits

- Small pits chewed into the bark
- Reddish in colour at first but turn black after few hours
- Exit Holes
  - Round, fits a pencil or pen



# Sign's/Symptom's

- External Bark Cracks
  - Lifting of the bark
  - Sinking of the back
- Adult Feeding
  - Leaves, leaf stem, twigs
  - Similar scrapped off bark













- Effects multiple different hardwood species
- Cities and Parks would be largely affected
  - Dead branched/trees
  - Forested green space
  - Hiking trails





# Damage



- Changes to the forest plant communities
- Allow invasive plant species easier access to forest ecosystems
  - European Buckthorn
  - Dog strangling vine
  - Garlic mustard







# Management



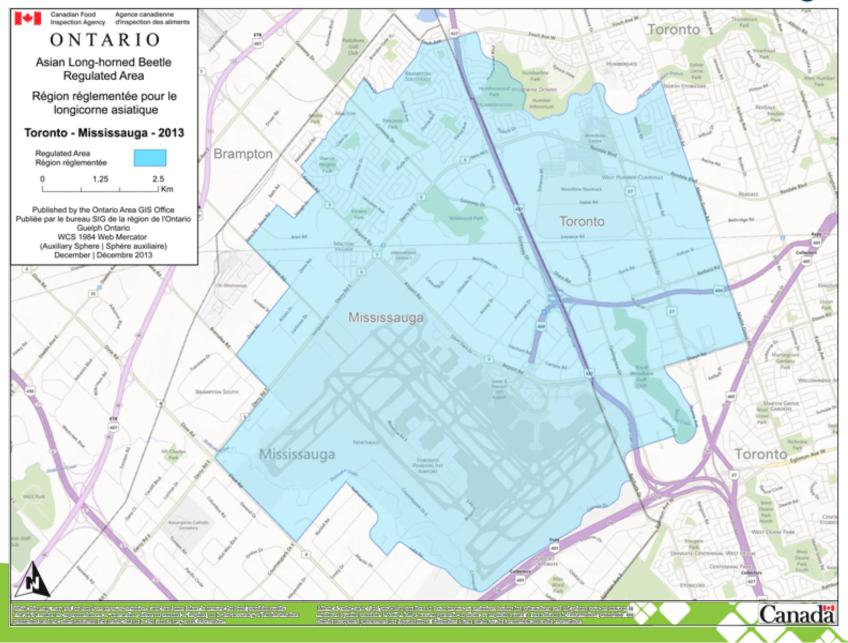
- Prevention
  - Inspection of wood material around points of entry
  - 800m diameter quarantine around infested trees
  - Inspections of trees inside/outside the quarantine zone (min 5yrs)

- Eradication
  - Chip infested trees
  - Chip high risk trees within the quarantine area
  - 2003-2007
    - 665 infested trees in Mississauga
    - 28,165 high risk trees were removed



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# **Quarantine Zone**



# **Mountain Pine Beetle**



- Description
  - Small brown-black beetle, dull/mat colours
  - ~4 7 mm
- Host
  - All Pine trees
  - Lodgepole pine (West)
  - Jack pine (East)
  - Red pine (East)?





Mountain Pine Beetle

**INVASIVE** 

# **Commonly Confused**





Pine Engraver Beetle



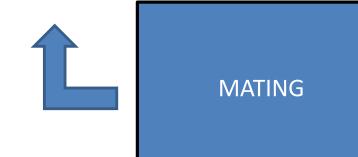




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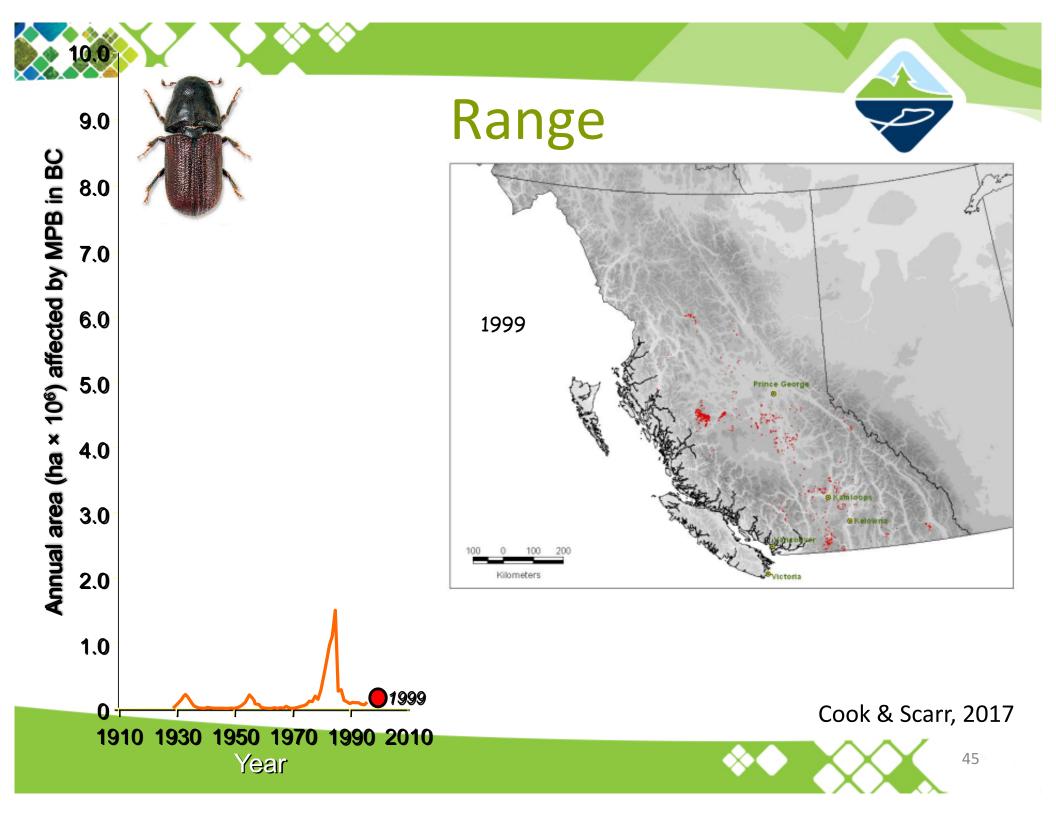


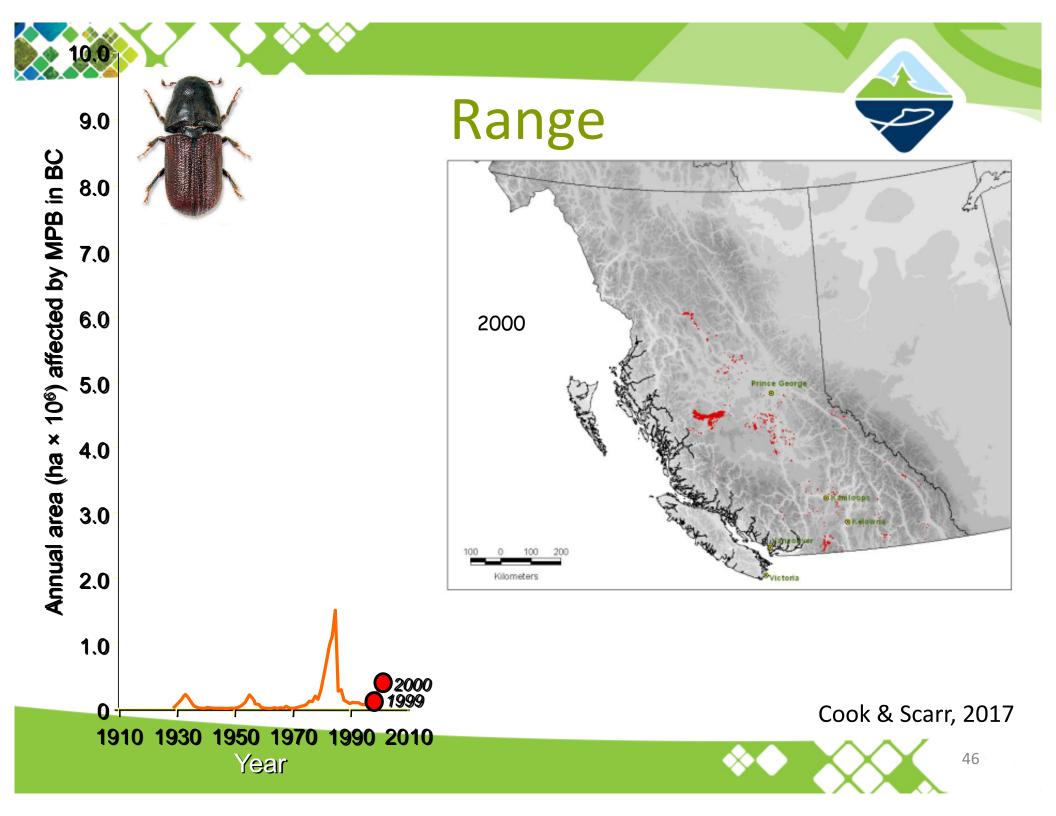


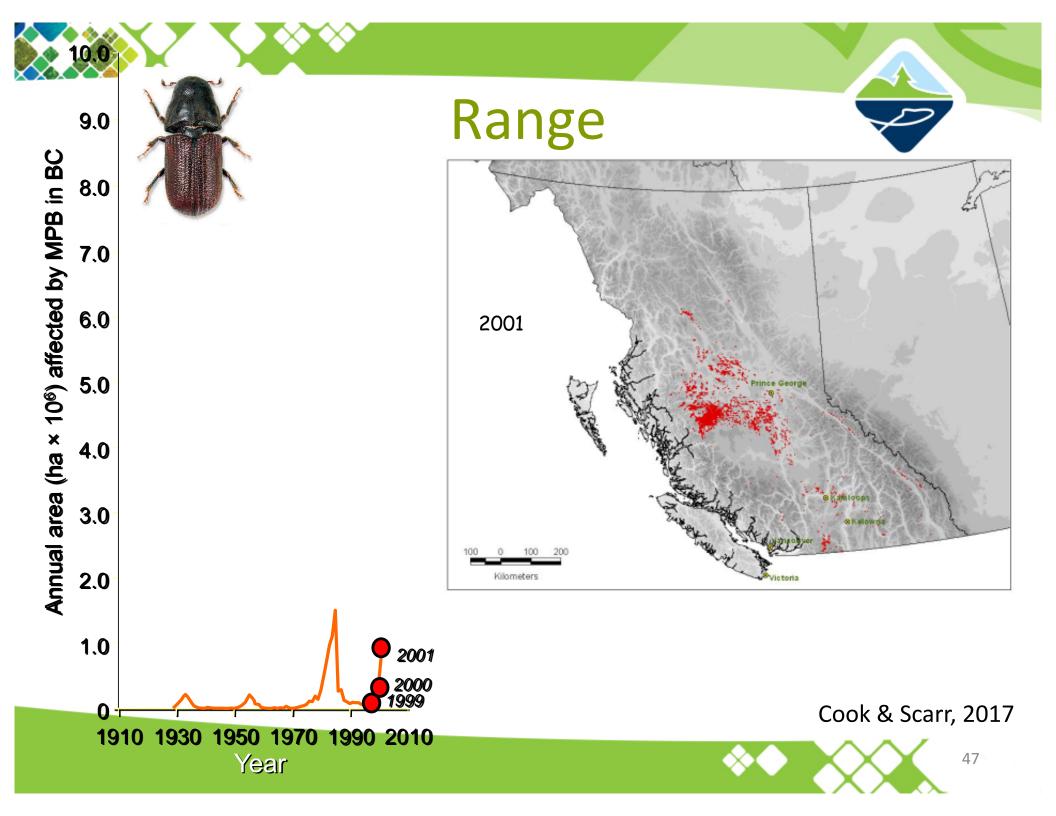


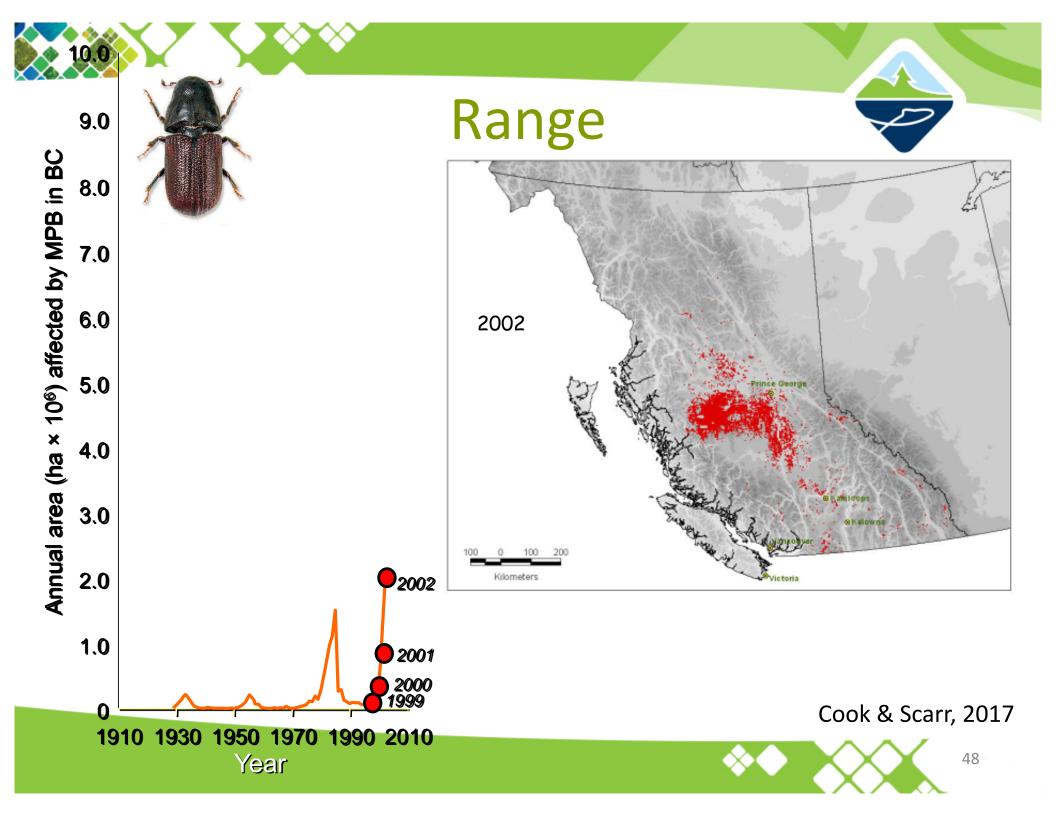


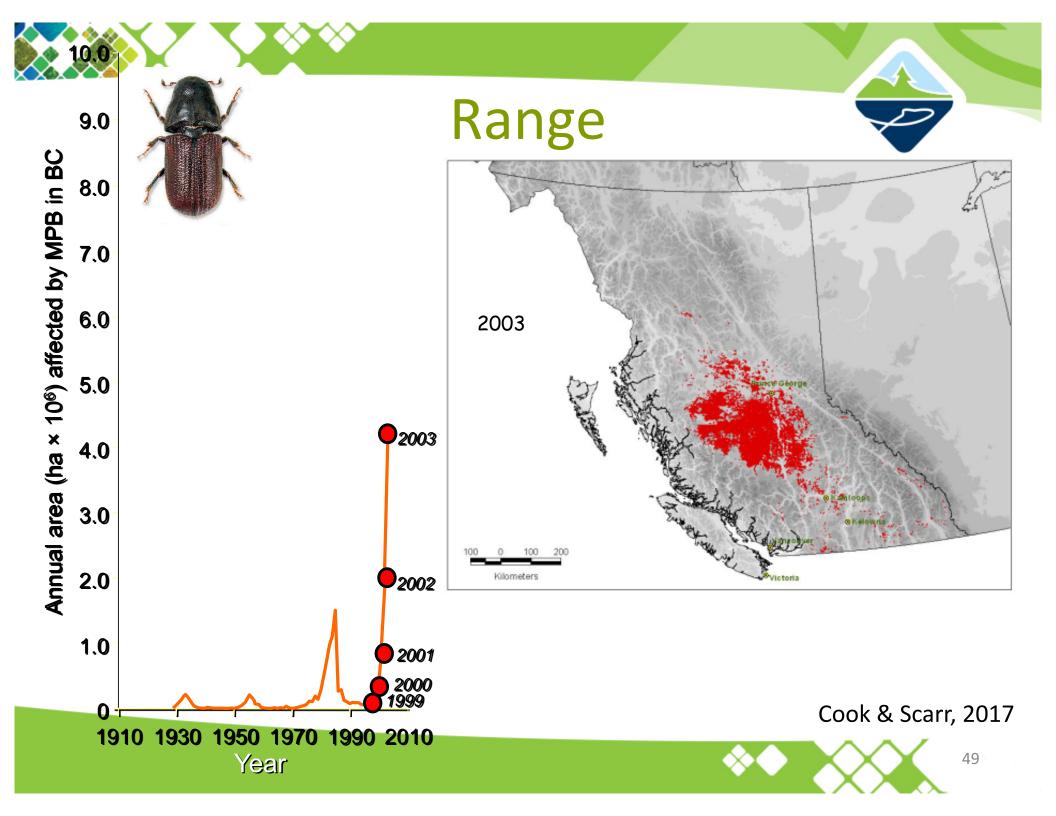
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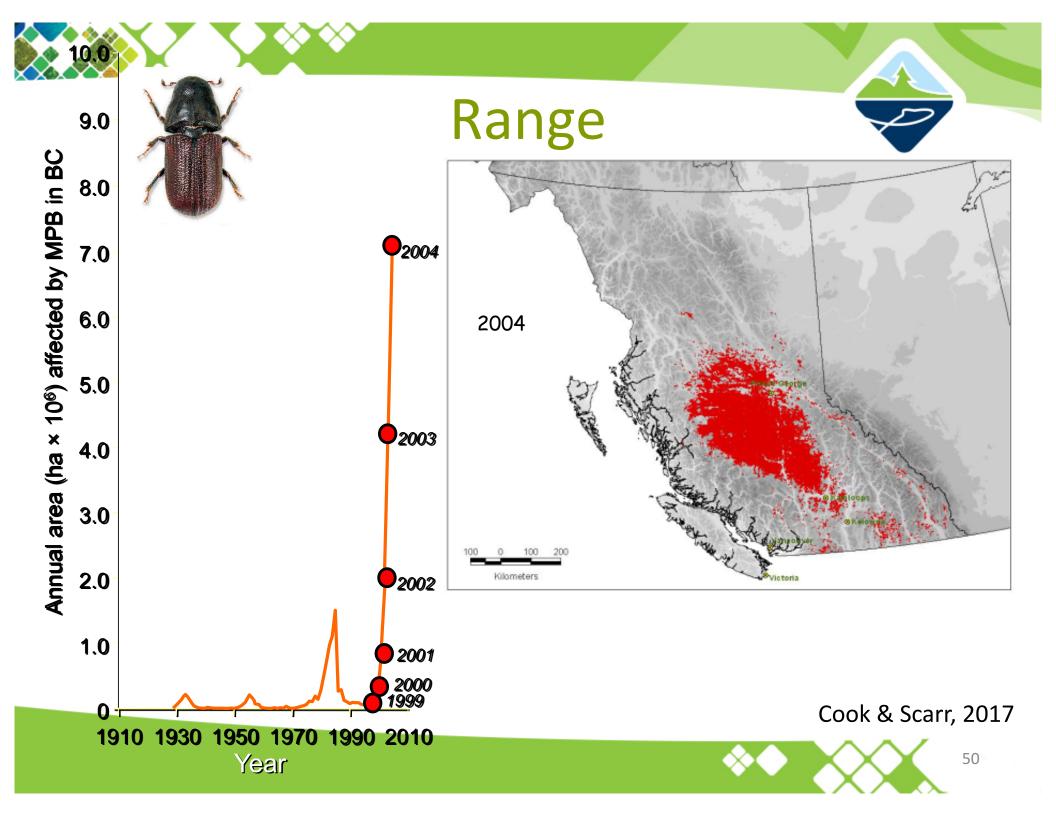


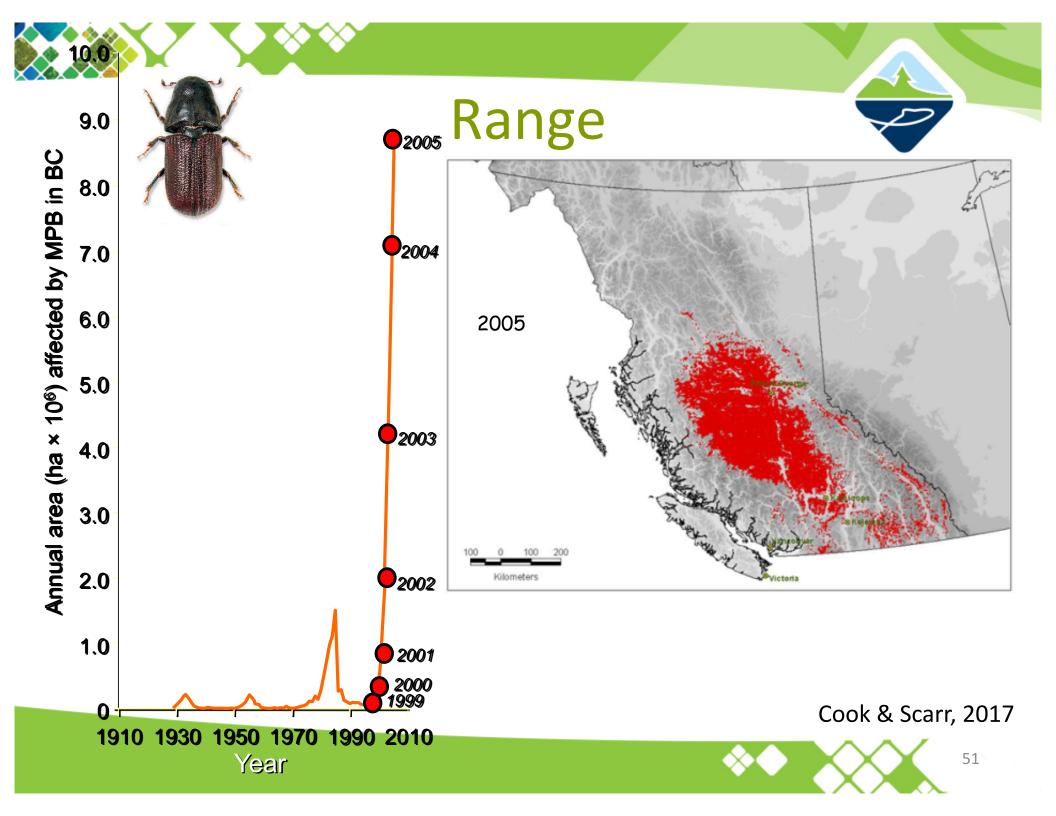


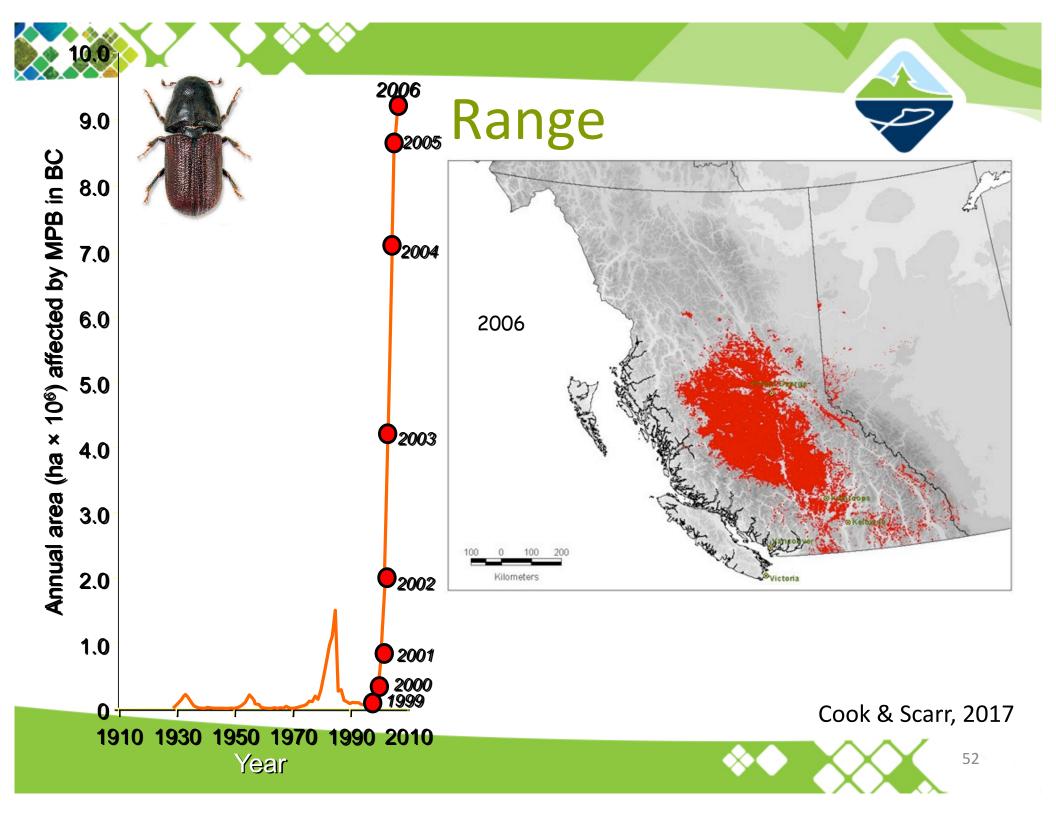


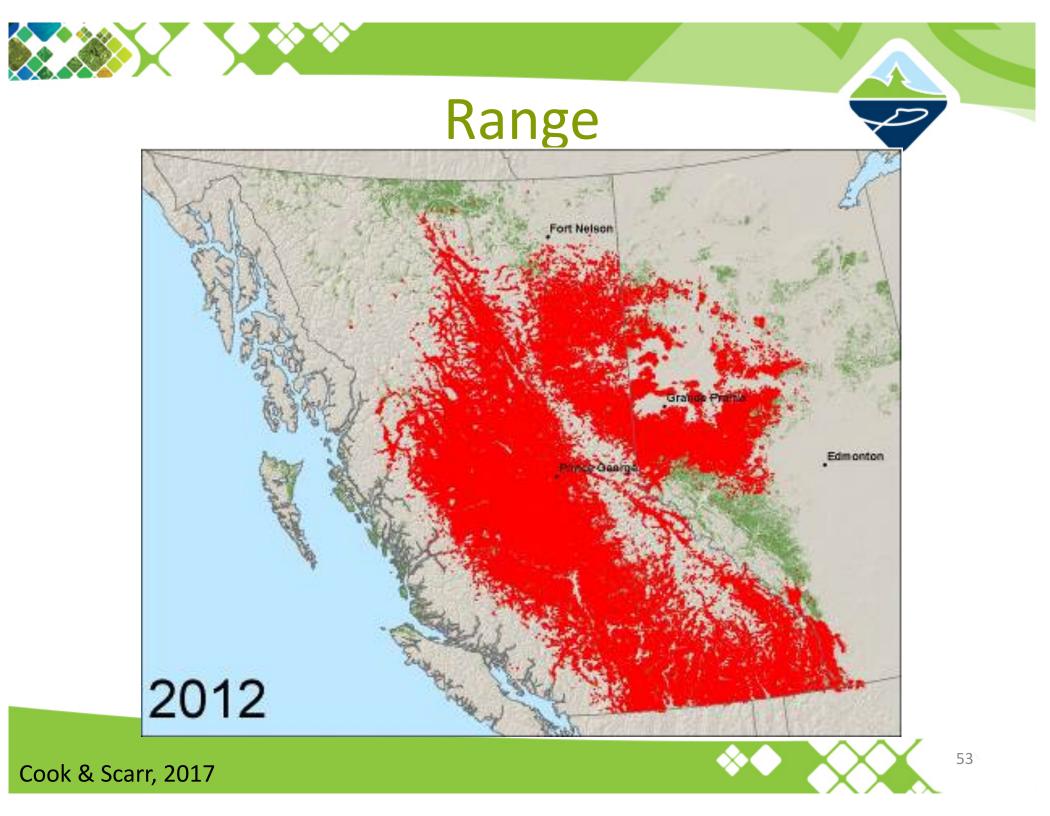




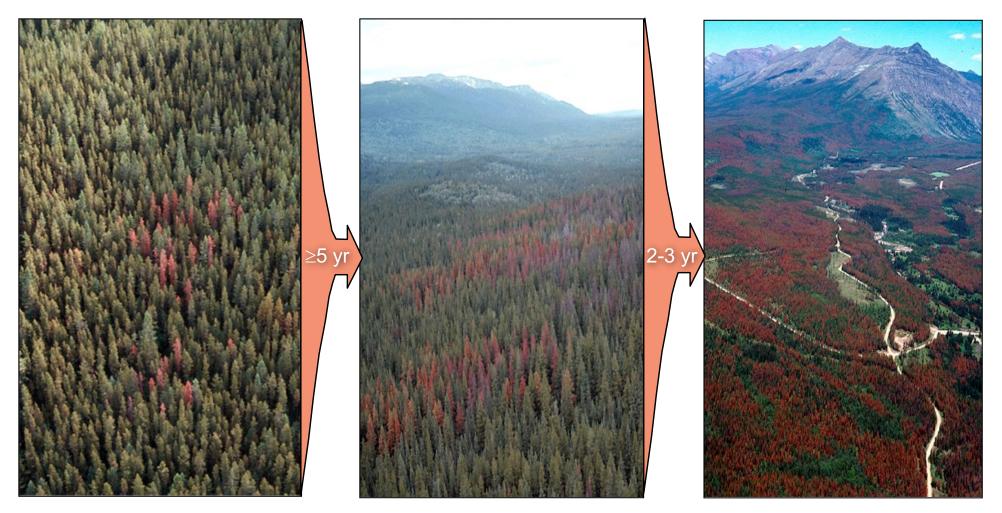








# Sign's/Symptom's



→ From stand to landscape in 2 – 3 years

Cook & Scarr, 2017



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# Signs/Symptoms





- Tree defense
  - Pine resin will attempt to pitch the beetles out of the tree
- Blue stain fungus
- Beetle galleries









- Clustering of dead trees
  - Often have red tops
  - Often needles still attacked
  - Bark flaking





# Management

FIREWOOD

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- Monitoring firewood from ulletinfested locations
  - Kiln-dried 76°C min 30min



# Management



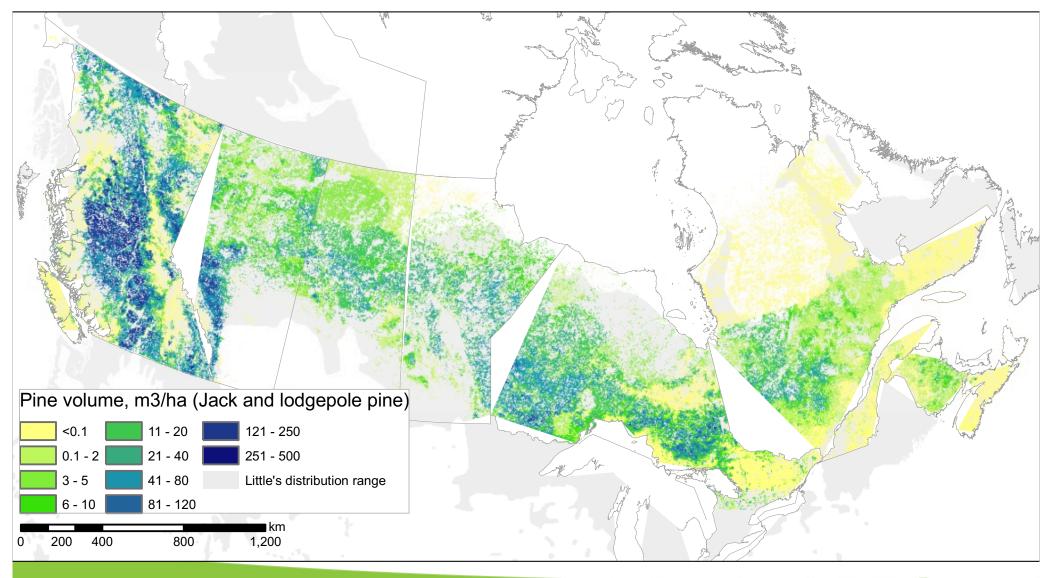


- Extensive aerial monitoring programs to map new outbreaks of MPB
- Cut down and burning of infested trees to prevent further spread



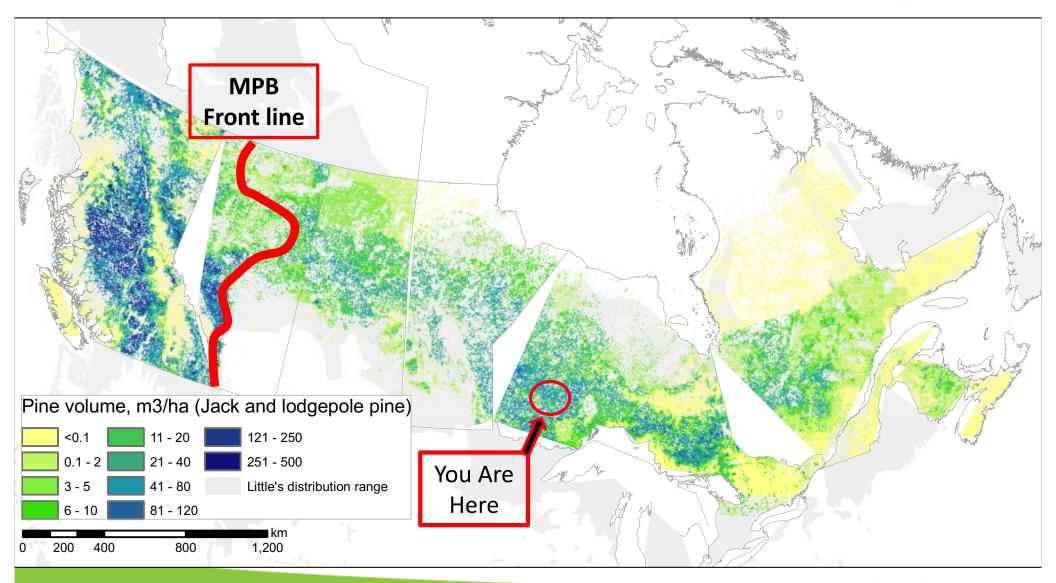


# "Quarantine Zone"















#### **Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program**

Spreading the word...not the species!



Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System





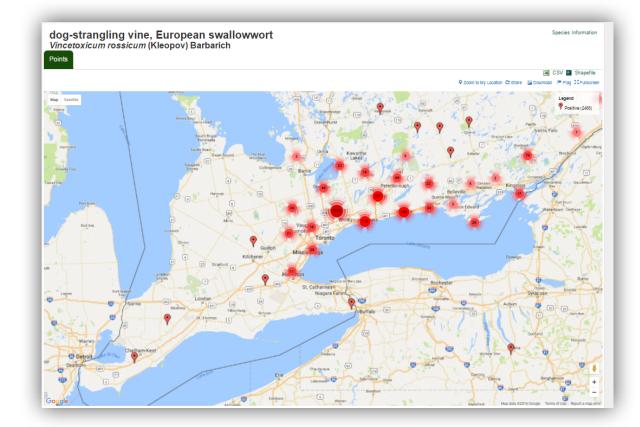
- Launched in 2005 by the Centre for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia
- Adapted for Ontario and launched April 2014
- Combines data from other databases, organizations & volunteers
- Data will become the foundation for a better understanding of invasive species distribution around the world





- Over 35,000 Reports in the EDDMapS Ontario Database
- Easily Accessible
- Verified
- Available in Real-time









#### See it, Map it

- Fast and easy no knowledge of GIS required
- Web-based mapping of invasive species distribution to help fill gaps and identify "leading edge" ranges
- Helps Early Detection and Rapid Response with online data entry, email alerts and network of expert verifiers
- Data can be searched and downloaded









#### Smartphone App

The EDDMapS Ontario app brings the power of EDDMapS to your smartphone. Now you can submit invasive species observations directly with your smartphone from the field. These reports are uploaded to EDDMapS and e-mailed directly to verifiers for review.

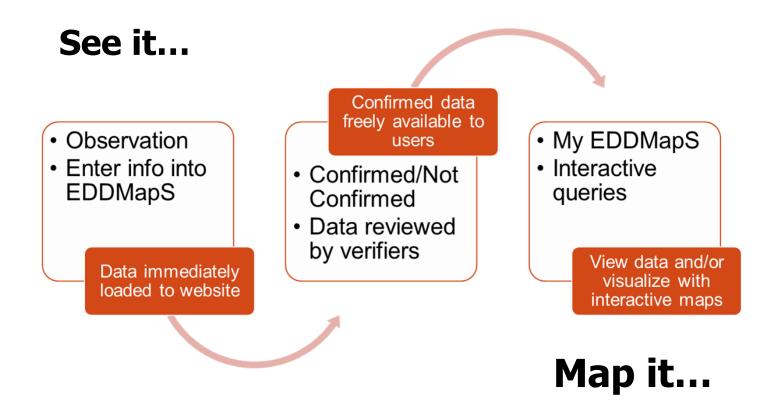


#### Search for EDDMapS Ontario

#### \*Download under wifi connection\*











## Verification



- Timelines for verification vary by species
- Priority is given to species of high concern or high risk
- Species categories:
  - Priority species
    - High risk species not currently known in Ontario
    - High risk species currently established in Ontario but reported outside their known distribution
  - All other species







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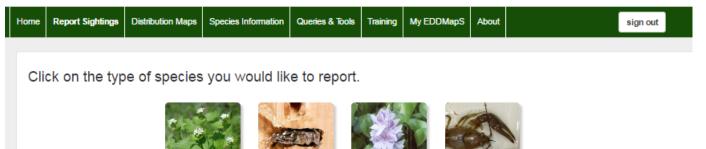
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Real time tracking of invasive species occurrences Local and national distribution maps Electronic early detection reporting tools Library of identification and management information







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- Infestation
- Habitat
- Abundance
- Description
- Number of Individuals
- Location
- Image Upload
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  - Observation Date
  - Habitat
  - Location
- Include any other available information



Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System



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#### **Location Tools:**

- Click and drag red marker to sighting location
- Select a Jurisdiction
- Red denotes required fields
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Conversions



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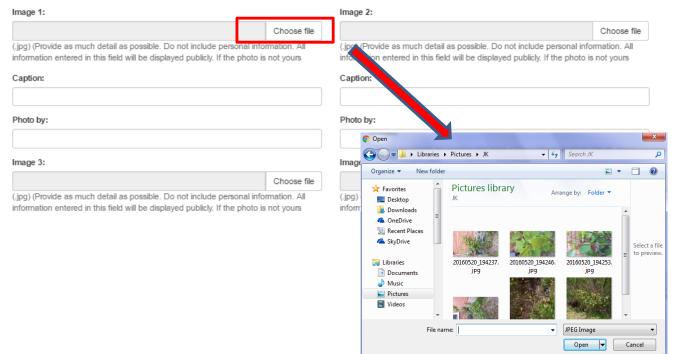
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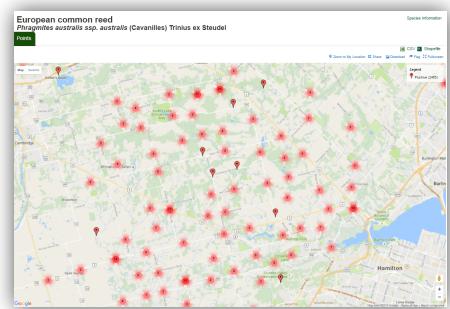






- Easy Field Reporting (e.g. City of Hamilton)
- Generate large quantities of data
  - Road Surveys
  - Citizen scientists

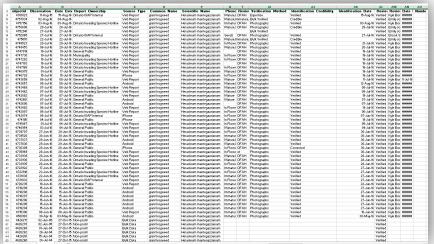






### **Bulk Upload**

- How to send bulk data:
  - o Send directly to EDDMapS or ISAP
  - Verification may or may not include photo confirmation (based on species, expertise, location, etc.)
  - o Template available online
  - O Organize a plan with ISAP





# Why include EDDMapS with management plans?

How can EDDMapS can help a municipality

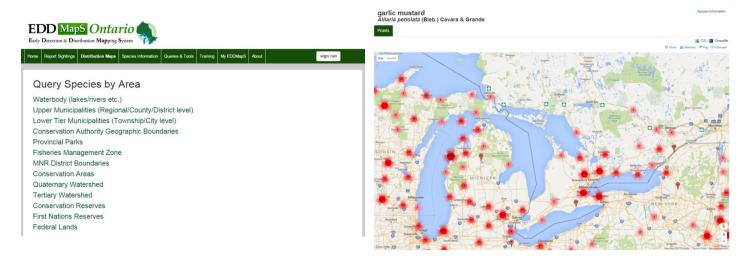
- ✓ Create an Invasive Species Database (framework is already in place)
- Easy reporting and verification process (roads surveys, bulk uploads)
- Simple Field Application (smartphone/tablet or spreadsheet)
- Point, line and polygon reporting
- Access to data from multiple sources
- Create "Alerts" for species of concern
- Support through ISAP Staff
- Data Downloads
- It's FREE!!!







- Accessing and using the data:
  - Search existing species within their jurisdiction
  - Access mapping tools to query species by area (e.g. upper or lower tier)







- Early Detection and Rapid Response:
  - Set up "alerts" for species of concern in their area

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### Support Through ISAP

- Invading Species Hotline
  - Toll free number to the public
  - 1-800-563-7711
  - Provide information and receive reports of invasive species in the province
  - Mon-Fri 9-5







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