

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

ALIEN INVADERS



GYPHY MOTH CATERPILLAR

Lymantria dispar. L.

BASIC ID

Look for pairs of blue warts near head, red pairs to rear, and bristly hairs over entire body. Their heads are a dirty yellow with two vertical black bars. By the end of June they are 1"-2" long.

HABITS

Caterpillars emerge mid-May and feed until July. They favor oaks and may defoliate an entire stand. In June and July they climb down infested trees in the afternoon, then return in the evening to feed. In mid-July they pupate and emerge as adult moths late July-August.

MANAGEMENT (CATERPILLARS)

- Apply sticky barrier bands April-May
- Apply burlap collection bands June-July
- Pesticide treatments

For more information, visit: <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov>
or call 1-800-642-MOTH (6684)

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