

ALIEN INVADERS



WISCONSIN WILDCARDS



male



female

GYPHY MOTH ADULT

Lymantria dispar. L.

BASIC ID

The brown, 1" male is similar to many native moths. The female is 1½", white with a black V-shaped marking on the forewing.

HABITS

Adults cannot feed and live only to mate and produce eggs. Males fly in the afternoon in late July-early August looking for females. While females have wings, they cannot fly. They attract males by releasing a scent that the male detects with its feathery antennae.

MANAGEMENT (ADULTS)

The presence of many male moths indicates that a population is growing and could become a problem. Destroy egg masses after the moths have disappeared to lessen chances of a possible outbreak the following spring.

For more information visit: <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov>
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