

# WISCONSIN WILDCARDS



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NATIVE SPECIES

# GIANT SILKMOTH CATERPILLAR

*Hyalophora cecropia*

## BASIC ID

All giant silk moth caterpillars are huge, up to 4" long, and bright green. Different species are distinguished by their colorful knobs or stripes.

## HABITS

Caterpillars eat a variety of trees and shrubs, including sugar maple, birch and apple. They are completely harmless. Young larvae feed in groups while older ones are solitary. Their brown, papery cocoons are attached to twigs in dark protected areas.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your local DNR Service Center or State Park Naturalist.

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