HURON PERTH CHAPTER OF THE ONTARIO WOODLOT ASSOCIATION



GYPSY MOTH IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Gypsy moth infestations received a lot of attention in Southern Ontario this year. Some of the worst hit areas were areas with higher Oak populations like Niagara, Port Franks and Grand Bend. Areas throughout Huron and Perth saw varying degrees of infestation and now is a good time to be in the bush looking at egg masses and doing predictive counts for next year. A few woodland owners took the step of helicopter spraying with BT last spring, and we will try to report in the next few weeks on how their egg mass counts compare to surrounding woodlands.

MNRF is setting up a plot in the Stevenson Tract County Forest near Brussels next week, and will hopefully be able to offer some advice based on egg mass counts as to what may happen next year. The level of infestation will also be dependent on what kind of winter we get. The side bar to the right links to some general information on various woodland insects from the Invasive Species Centre. The second link includes a really good webinar on Gypsy Moth.



Photos: Invasive Species Centre & University of Wisconsin-Madison

UPCOMING TOUR: NOV. 21ST

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SPECIAL OFFER ON OWA WOODLAND EMERGENCY FIRST AID KITS

Web Links for more information about Gypsy Moths:

<u>Invasive Species Centre:</u> Invasive Insects

<u>Invasive Species Centre:</u> <u>Meet the Gypsy Moth</u>

<u>Ontario Nature:</u> <u>Gypsy Moth Invasion</u>

SMALL TOUR AT THE HAAK WOODLAND

November 21st, 10 am

Like so many other groups, the Huron-Perth Woodlot Association has been limited this year by the COVID situation with regard to our popular tours.

Our President, John Haak, has kindly offered to host a small outdoor gathering at his place on Saturday November 21st at 10am. As per Ontario COVID protocols, numbers will be limited by appointment on a "first come, first serve" basis. You can **RSVP directly to John by** email: janethaak@hotmail.com

As usual, John has been busy in his woodlands, and points of interest will include biodiverse tree planting, invasive species management and management of both hardwoods and softwoods.



SPECIAL OFFER ON OWA EMERGENCY FIRST AID KITS!

The Ontario Woodlot Association has a time limited offer to purchase Woodland Emergency Kits. Member discounts are available and further discounts are in effect for purchase before Nov. 30th. These kits seem like a good idea for anyone who spends a lot of time in the bush! See the attached document for an order form and further information.

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OWA Woodland Emergency First Aid Kits

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The OWA Woodland Emergency First Aid Kit is designed to manage a wide range of injuries and emergencies off and on your woodland and could potentially save a life.

OWA Woodland Emergency First Aid Kit

The OWA Woodland Emergency First Aid kit contains three parts:

First Aid materials in an OWA logo bag,
OWA logo LifeSaver pouch, and
OWA logo Tick Removal pouch

Special Member Pricing: Only **\$98** for OWA members if you pre-order by November 30th, 2020. See attached document for details and to order. Pick-up of kits will be at John Haak's when they arrive, or we can arrange for delivery for those who do not live near John's.

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