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Have You Spotted a Spotted Lanternfly?

Despite its unique appearance, people sometimes confuse the spotted lanternfly with other insects. Here's how to know if you've seen a spotted lanternfly.

Egg Mass: Often looks like cracked mud

Early Nymph: Black with white spots
Late Nymph: Red with white spots and black stripes

Adult: Light brown front wings with black spots

Adult: Red back wings with black spots and black-and-white bands

Favorite Hangout

One of the best places to look for a spotted lanternfly is on a tree of heaven. This tree's bark ranges from light brown to gray and has a cantaloupe-like texture. Its leaves are large, from 1 to 4 feet in length. They are made up of many smaller leaflets on both sides of a central stem.

Tree of Heaven

Tree of Heaven bark

Tree of Heaven leaves

If You See Something, Say Something!

The spotted lanternfly is bad for our farms and forests. Visit **HungryPests.com** to see where it's been found. If you find this pest in a State known to have the spotted lanternfly, take a picture, note the location, and report it to your State department of agriculture before killing it. If you think you've found this pest in a new State, capture one (they won't hurt you), place it in a jar, and freeze it so your State agriculture officials can identify it.

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Is That a Spotted Lanternfly?

People sometimes mistake these colorful insects for the spotted lanternfly.

Ailanthus Webworm Moth *(Atteva aurea)*

Tiger Moth *(Arctia caja)*

Red Milkweed Beetle *(Tetraopes tetrophthalmus)*

Cinnabar Moth *(Tyria jacobaeae)*

White-Lined Sphinx *(Hyles lineata)*

Ilia Underwing *(Catocala ilia)*

Boxelder Bug *(Boisea trivittata)*

Large Milkweed Bug *(Oncopeltus fasciatus)*

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