

YELLOW LEGGED HORNET TRAP MANAGER

Monitoring for the presence of Yellow Legged Hornets (YLH) is essential to maintaining bio-diversity in the environment. Your management of a trap is essential to identifying the invasion of YLH.

Safety

Always Safety First. Take precautions to avoid being stung - as minimum wear a head cover and eye protection.

Never provoke a YLH or its nest.

Unless wearing protective clothing stay 10 metres from a nest and avoid direct contact with an individual YLH.

Always consider your safe escape route if you are investigating a YLH.

Consider using binoculars to view nests/individual units so you can maintain a safe distance.

If in any doubt take a picture or video and speak to your local Verifier for advice.

Managing Your YLH Trap

Check Daily or at least once per 48 hours.

Release by-catch but do not open it if you suspect you have a YLH.

Replenish the bait if required (bait will change through the year - your local Verifier will provide baits and advice on changes).

If you have a suspect insect take a picture of it in the trap (to aid reporting).

If you cannot check your trap for any reason please ask a neighbour or friend if they can help. Missing a check of a trap is not a problem. Resume as soon as practicable.

Reporting

If you have a suspect YLH or anything similar you cannot identify, call your nearest local Verifier: A picture or captive YLH is required to ensure Government Action (your Verifier can manage all reporting for you).

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It is always better to report a suspicious insect than not report at all.