



CLEARVIEW

Spongy Moth Resources 2022

Spongy or *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD) Moths (previously called the European Gypsy Moth) are a non-native invasive forest defoliating insect from Europe that was brought to North America in the 1860s.

According to the [Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](#), "They were first detected in Ontario in 1969, with widespread defoliation occurring in 1981. LDD Moth outbreaks occur every 7 to 10 years when larvae (caterpillars) chew holes in leaves or devour entire leaves."

There are online resources, from both [Simcoe County](#) and [the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](#), that concerned residents or landowners wanting to manage Spongy Moth impacts can consult, including management guides.

Please find Spongy Moth information and resources listed below:

[Simcoe County's Resources for Landowners – Spongy Moths](#)

[The Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – LDD Moths](#)

[The Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Protecting Trees on Your Property](#)