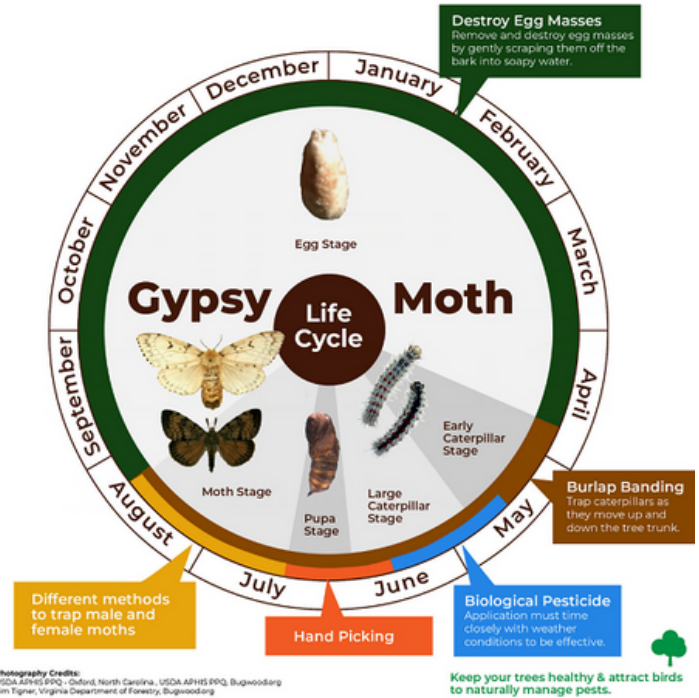




Spongy Moth (formerly Gypsy Moth)

Gypsy Moth caterpillars are voracious eaters, feeding on the leaves of deciduous trees, and soft needled conifers. Depending on their numbers, they can defoliate entire forests in a few weeks! Most healthy trees can rejuvenate after this damage, but controlling the egg masses and caterpillars is very helpful in eliminating this destructive pest.



step #1



step #2



step #3



step #4

Natural Control

1. Wrap a piece of burlap around the trunk. Secure it with string at the mid-point.
2. Allow the top half to fold over the string.
3. Caterpillars will hide out from the sun and become trapped.
4. Drop the captured caterpillars into a bucket of soapy water.