

Eastern Tent Caterpillar

Malacosoma americanum

Affected Species

Cherries, Crabapples,
Apples

Environmental Conditions

Tents appear in
spring as leaves
unfold.

Symptoms

Silken webs (tents)
in forked branches.

They will contain black
caterpillars with blue markings
during cool wet weather. The
caterpillars travel from the tent
to the leaves to feed on warm sunny days.



Treatment

Remove tents by hand, when accessible, on cool rainy
days or treat with an insecticide. Do not burn them in
the tree.

Treatment Timing

Late April – early June

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