

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. These caterpillars

will travel from the tent to the leaves

to feed on warm sunny days.



Treatment:

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

Timing of treatment: Late April – early June

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