

# Notes From The Arborist

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# Forest Tent Caterpillar

Malacosoma disstria Hubner

## Affected Species

Sugar maples, Aspens, Oaks, Birches, Cherry and Ash

## Symptoms/ Damage

Larvae can sometimes be seen clustered on the trunk of the host. Leaf defoliation with high populations, usually higher up in the tree canopy.

#### Treatment

Numerous pest management techniques are available, with the best control achieved on young caterpillars using natural or traditional treatments. Larvae can be removed manually as they congregate on the trunk at dusk, or from leaves after inspection.

#### **Treatment Timing**

May – June

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