



## **GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY UPDATE ON LDD MOTHS**

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During the summer months LDD moths (formerly known as Gypsy moth) were a hot topic as they were plaguing the area and defoliating woodlands. Now that it is fall and their mating season is over, they are not seen, but that does not mean that the LDD moth still cannot still be found on your property.

By now, LDD moths would have completed laying their eggs masses which appear as quarter to loonie sized patches of light brown felt. These egg masses can be found as individuals or in clusters on trees, fences, buildings, or outdoor furniture.

If your property was infected by the LDD moth it would be beneficial to search for egg masses on your property and scrape them off into a bucket of soapy water and discard. It is important to not scrape them onto the ground as the egg masses may be able to survive, especially if they can be insulated with snow cover. Do not be discourage if you cannot reach all of the egg masses that are in areas that are too high to reach; these egg masses will be exposed to the winter elements and predators. Like most introduced pests, the LDD moth larvae cannot withstand cold weather for extended periods of time.

By removing egg masses from your property, the population may be reduced locally, especially if many landowners manage for egg masses.

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For up to date predictions for 2022 please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/lymantria-dispar-dispar-ldd-moth-and-other-defoliators?fbclid=IwAR1aJUstvsW8KhmtAt4i-l2L88whet0Zdh1Lwn3m6PnGhIWKEhBQ9mMVo4>

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