

**INVASIVE SPECIES**



An adult emerald ash borer.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

# Emerald ash borer found in Oregon

First sighting on West Coast

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**FOREST GROVE** — The emerald ash borer, an invasive wood-boring beetle that infests and kills North American ash trees, has been found in Oregon.

The discovery was the first known sighting on the West Coast, according to Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The beetle was found on June 30 by Dominic Maze, an invasive species biologist for Portland.

Maze was in Forest Grove, waiting to pick his kids up from summer camp, when he noticed several unhealthy-looking ash trees. Upon closer examination, he recognized the distinctive D-shaped holes that adult emerald ash borers make as they exit an infested tree.

“When my kids arrived, I asked them to look for adult beetles,” he said. “My son promptly found one crawling on him. Knowing how many millions of ash trees across the country these beetles have killed, I felt like I was going to throw up.”

Maze was rightly worried.

The notorious emerald ash borer — native to Asia — has left widespread destruction in its path across the U.S., so its arrival on the West Coast concerns biologists.

**HELP NEEDED**

Officials urge the public to learn what an emerald ash borer looks like and report sightings online at the Oregon Invasive Species Council hotline. More information can be found on the Department of Agriculture’s emerald ash borer webpage.

The Department of Agriculture calls the emerald ash borer the most destructive forest pest in North America.

According to a 2022 study in the academic journal Sustainability, since it was first found near Detroit, Michigan, in 2002, the beetle has killed more than 8 billion native ash trees.

The beetles have infested much of Canada and the U.S., spreading out from the Midwest.

Native North American ash trees are not resistant to emerald ash borers, so nearly all infested trees will prematurely die if left untreated.

Ash trees are an important part of ecosystems nationwide, and when they die, there are ripple effects.

According to the University of Illinois Extension Service, the death of ash trees reduces property values for homeowners, creates losses in timber, reduces important wildlife habitat, increases heating and cooling costs and increases

stormwater runoff.

Researchers estimate it would cost billions of dollars to replace lost ash trees in just the Midwest alone, where many trees have already died.

State officials say Maze played a crucial role in alerting the state to his discovery so that agencies can try to track and curb the beetle’s spread.

After finding the emerald ash borer in Forest Grove, Maze immediately called the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Forest Health Unit to report the sighting.

Department of Agriculture forest entomologist Christine Buhl drove to the site and identified an adult emerald ash borer, known for its metallic, shiny green color. Her identification was later verified by two more invasive species specialists, Max Ragazzino, of the Department of Agriculture, and Wyatt Williams, of the Department of Forestry.

Within 48 hours of the discovery, officials cut down and chipped the infested trees.

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“This will help the state know how far and how fast this destructive insect is spreading in Oregon,” the department said.

**OBITUARIES**

**James L. Walker**

Astoria

Nov. 18, 1938 — May 28, 2022

James L. Walker, 83 of Astoria, passed away May 28 at his home.

Born Nov. 18, 1938, in Rockford, Washington, he was the youngest of eight children born to Earl and Alma Walker.

James lived in Rockford until his 10th birthday, when the family moved to Hammond. He graduated from Warrenton High School in the Class of 1957.

On Nov. 21, 1959, he married Rutha Glenn, and they enjoyed 62 years of life together.

He worked at the Warrenton Lumber Mill for 40 years, retiring in December 2000.

James loved country music, and played many concerts over the years with his band, The Wagon Wheel Band. He enjoyed playing the guitar and singing to his many fans. The camaraderie of those lifelong friendships, made during those years of music, meant a great deal to him.

He enjoyed travel of all kinds, but he had a lifelong love of the American road trip. Many fabulous family vacations were taken over the years and, later in life, Rutha and he traveled many miles of adventures together.

He was an avid reader of conspiracy novels, and loved old Western movies.

Nothing gave him more joy than watching his grandsons grow up, never missing an opportunity to watch and cheer them on. He was a beloved son, husband, father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed.



James Walker

James is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Rutha; three children, Vickie Walker, of Mayo, Florida, Betty Hatcher-Walker (James Hatcher), of Astoria, and Lee Walker (Bobbi), of Knappa; four grandsons, Jake Hatcher, of Klamath Falls, Cole Hatcher (Danielle), of Westport, Jason Hemphill, of Mayo, and Zach Walker, of Astoria; along with many nieces and nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Alma Walker; his five brothers, Orvil, Robert, Jerry, Jack and Darald Walker; and two sisters, Joann Berg and Shirley Shelton.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton.

**Ronald James McClintock**

Knappa

May 12, 1940 — June 26, 2022

Ronald James McClintock passed away at home on June 26 in Knappa.

He was born May 12, 1940, in Aberdeen, Washington, to Jim and Shirley McClintock.

His work career was in the pulp and paper industry.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as all athletics, especially baseball.

Ron is survived by Eva, his wife of 60 years; his children, Ron McClintock (Karen) and Darrin McClintock (Stephanie); grandchildren, Chris Oja (Melissa), Caitlin Oja, Bo McClintock, Olivia McClintock, Ethan McClintock and Ryan McClintock; great-grandchildren, Sawyer and Easton Oja; and a sister, Fran Rose (Ken).

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathie Oja (who is survived by her husband, Bart); a sister, Judy Giuntoli (who is survived by her husband, Don); and his parents.



Ronald McClintock

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Wickiup Grange Hall in Svensen.

Donations may be made to Lower Columbia Hospice or the Knappa Schools Foundation for the high school baseball program.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
69 55 Low clouds	67 55 Partly sunny	71 56 Partly sunny; pleasant	70 57 Sunshine and pleasant	68 55 Low clouds	68 56 Mostly cloudy	70 55 A thick cloud cover

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 69/52  
Normal high/low ..... 67/54  
Record high ..... 95 in 1941  
Record low ..... 42 in 1970

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.27"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.45"  
Year to date ..... 42.84"  
Normal year to date ..... 37.62"

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**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight's Sky:** Conjunction of the waning gibbous moon and Saturn.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today ..... 5:40 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 9:03 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 11:28 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 9:09 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 20	July 28	Aug 5	Aug 11

**TODAY'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	3:19 a.m.	8.8	10:26 a.m.	-1.7
	4:50 p.m.	7.4	10:34 p.m.	1.8
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	2:51 a.m.	9.0	9:29 a.m.	-1.9
	4:24 p.m.	7.4	9:36 p.m.	2.2
<b>Hammond</b>	3:07 a.m.	9.3	9:49 a.m.	-2.1
	4:35 p.m.	7.8	9:59 p.m.	1.9
<b>Warrenton</b>	3:14 a.m.	9.2	10:10 a.m.	-1.6
	4:45 p.m.	7.8	10:18 p.m.	1.9
<b>Knappa</b>	3:56 a.m.	9.0	11:27 a.m.	-1.5
	5:27 p.m.	7.7	11:35 p.m.	1.6
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	2:04 a.m.	9.1	8:59 a.m.	-2.4
	3:38 p.m.	7.5	9:07 p.m.	2.1

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	89/70/pc	89/73/pc
Boston	84/69/pc	85/72/pc
Chicago	83/70/t	80/68/t
Dallas	101/81/s	103/82/pc
Denver	92/64/pc	99/70/s
Honolulu	87/77/pc	86/76/s
Houston	96/77/pc	98/78/pc
Los Angeles	88/66/s	89/67/s
Miami	89/81/t	89/79/t
New York City	85/71/pc	86/73/t
Phoenix	114/90/pc	114/91/pc
San Francisco	73/56/pc	69/57/pc
Wash., DC	85/72/t	87/75/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	75/57	76/52	Wenatchee	89/61	94/64
Tacoma	76/52	81/73/pc	Moses Lake	91/57	94/64
Aberdeen	70/54	82/56	Yakima	92/55	94/64
Olympia	75/50	89/63	Kennewick	96/63	94/64
Longview	74/53	91/64	Walla Walla	91/64	94/64
Astoria	69/55	93/62	Hermiston	97/64	94/64
Portland	81/58	93/62	Pendleton	89/56	94/64
Salem	82/56	93/62	La Grande	90/59	94/64
Corvallis	79/52	93/62	John Day	94/56	94/64
Eugene	82/53	94/56	Burns	96/52	103/68
Bend	91/51	96/52	Ontario	103/68	103/68
Medford	93/61	96/52	Caldwell	101/63	101/63
Klamath Falls	92/49	96/52			

City Today Hi/Lo/W Sun. Hi/Lo/W City Today Hi/Lo/W Sun. Hi/Lo/W

Baker City 91/51/s 87/49/s North Bend 67/54/c 65/53/pc

Brookings 66/53/s 70/54/s Roseburg 82/56/s 82/56/pc

Ilwaco 68/56/c 68/59/pc Seaside 70/55/pc 70/56/pc

Newberg 80/55/pc 80/53/c Springfield 82/53/s 82/51/pc

Newport 64/51/c 65/51/pc Vancouver 79/58/pc 78/55/pc