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## **Asian longhorned beetle active, keep eyes peeled**

DURHAM, N.H.--Northeast forest health managers advise the public to lookout for the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) this Labor Day weekend.

U.S. Forest Service entomologist Mike Bohne said the destructive large black and white invasive beetle is active at this time of year.

ALB infests many hardwood trees, especially maple, and is the subject of a massive eradication program in Worcester, Mass. Some forest health managers suspect the beetle has spread outside Worcester to other parts of the region.

"The earlier the beetle is discovered, the easier it is to eradicate," Bohne said. Report suspicious ALB sightings by calling 866-702-9938.

ALB is sometimes confused with other large insects. In the fall people confuse it with a brown seed bug, even though they look different, Bohne said.

On the Net: [www.beetlebusters.info](http://www.beetlebusters.info)

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