

# EAB Update

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The EAB Group was formed in 2006 in response to EAB discovery in Kane County, IL.

Since then many more areas in Kane, Cook, DuPage & LaSalle Counties (currently Peru, IL, is the westernmost known location in North America) have positively identified the borer. For those who wish to be on the Illinois e-mail list, you can visit [www.illinoiseab.com](http://www.illinoiseab.com). The Wisconsin resource site is <http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/>.

Historically EAB had never been found outside of Asia until it was verified in July 2002, near Detroit, MI.

In Canada EAB has been known about in four areas in southwestern Ontario but has now been identified hundreds of kilometers away in Toronto as of December 4, 2007. Currently, in the United States, EAB is confirmed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and most

recently, West Virginia. Obviously EAB is on the move, so all arborists must continue to remind their clients and the public that firewood should not be moved any distance.

Last year two species of parasitic wasps were released in Michigan. See page 46 of the January 2008 issue of *Tree Care Industry Magazine* for more details.

WAA information can be found at our Web site, [www.waa-isa.org](http://www.waa-isa.org); look under Hot Topics for our "Ten Point Committee Report & Treatment Position" which has not changed.

On our Web site you may also access Dr. Laura Jull's "Information on Suggested Ash Alternatives."

The DATCP EAB survey this winter has found no signs of EAB as of January 31, 2008. See the article in *The Wisconsin Arborist* Jan-Feb. '08 newsletter for more details.