

Emerald Ash Borer

Though emerald ash borer (EAB) has not been identified in Larimer County yet, it has been identified in Boulder County in September of 2013. It is believed by many and including me that it is only time before it will be found in Larimer County, EAB is a federally regulated insect pest. EAB is an invasive insect native to Asia. The beetle was first discovered in 2002 in SE Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. As of January 2014, EAB is now in 22 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Ash trees make up 15-50% of the urban trees in Colorado depending on location. If and when EAB does get established in an area it is all but 99% fatal without treatment and treatment may be for the remaining life of the tree. The loss of 25% plus of a communities crown cover will cause a major financial burden on both private and public resources. Please follow this link and the related links to learn more. Colorado Department of Agriculture-plants- Emerald Ash Borer: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Plants/CBON/1251646251641.

