

Tent Caterpillar PEST ALERT!

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Tent Caterpillars are a native insect in North America. Their populations rise and fall over a period of years with severe outbreaks occurring every few years. Tent Caterpillars can severely defoliate a tree, and their silk nests are unsightly and quite durable, often lasting a full season. Tent Caterpillar eggs hatch in late spring and summer. Caterpillars are often found on wild cherry, apple and crabapple trees in the landscape.

Tent Caterpillars are often confused with Fall Webworms. However, as their name indicates, Fall Webworms are more common later in the season, and their nests occur on the ends of branches and not in branch crotches like the Tent Caterpillar.

In large numbers, Tent Caterpillars can defoliate a tree, making it susceptible to a number of other problems. Their unsightly nests also detract from the appearance of landscape trees.

Tent Caterpillar Facts:

- Commonly found in wild cherry, apple and crabapple trees
- Hatching larvae build nests in branch crotches
- Nests can get quite large and will last all season if not controlled or removed
- Eliminating egg masses also a good control – masses look like dark Styrofoam on small branches
- Caterpillars are easily identified by their colorful striped body
- Easiest to control when caterpillars are small
- Adult moth is reddish brown with 2 pale stripes on each forewing – Adults do not feed on plants



Best Solutions



Eight Yard & Garden

- Great outdoor insect killer
- Non-staining water based
- Kills caterpillars
- Contains permethrin



Thuricide[®] BT

- Natural caterpillar control
- Will not harm beneficial insects
- Bacterial caterpillar killer Kurstaki



Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew

- Natural caterpillar control
- Use effectively for many insects
- Contains Spinosad[®]