

► Help the NJ Forest Service by conducting visual monitoring for the Elm Zigzag Sawfly.

Originally from Asia, the Elm Zigzag Sawfly (EZZ) was first discovered in Europe in 2003, Québec in 2020, and Frederick County, Virginia in 2021. EZZ is a foliage feeder with a wide range of host plants but represents a threat to elm trees of the genus Ulmus in the United States. EZZ defoliates elm trees and leaves behind a unique 'zigzag' pattern on leaves it feeds upon. While not currently detected in New Jersey, EZZ is a newly emerging pest in the United States and its potential range and impacts remain to be further studied.

More information about EZZ and instructions on how to conduct visual inspections can be found here:

https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/forest/foresthealth/index.html

Please contact Rosa Yoo at <u>Rosa.yoo@dep.nj.gov</u> with the results of your visual surveys or you have questions about how to conduct these inspections.