

UH-OH! BEETLE-MANIA IS SWEEPING LA COUNTY!



Oak trees have lived in California for centuries. Their canopies and acorns continue to shelter and nourish Native Peoples, and they provide beauty, shade, and fresh air for all today.

But there's a new threat to our majestic oaks in LA County—the **Goldspotted Oak Borer** (GSOB). The GSOB beetle is a threat to native oaks, including the Coast Live Oak, California Black Oak, and Canyon Live Oak.



GSOB beetles cause damage throughout their life cycle. They lay eggs in the crevices of oak bark and the larvae burrow into the tree, where they eat the tree's inner layers. As adults, GSOB beetles bore out of the tree, leaving D-shaped exit holes on the trunk.



THE GOLDSPOTTED OAK BORER

Evidence of attack:

1. Thinning upper branches and leaves of an oak tree
2. Dark red bark stain ("bleeding") on the tree trunk
3. D-shaped exit holes

SIX GOLDEN SPOTS ON FOREWINGS



What you can do:

1. **Don't move firewood!**
GSOB beetles spread when infested oak firewood is moved from place to place.
2. **If you suspect GSOB beetles, report it!** Scan the QR code at right.

