## Wisconsin's Trending Insects – PJ Liesch

Wisconsin's tree care professionals face unique insect challenges each year and 2024 was no exception. In this talk, we'll review insect trends in the state ranging from established pests like the spongy moth and emerald ash borer, to newcomers such as the elm zigzag sawfly. We'll also discuss insects to have on your radar for 2025.

## Presenter Bio –

Patrick (PJ) Liesch is a statewide entomology specialist and director of the University of Wisconsin Insect Diagnostic Lab (IDL). Every year, the IDL handles over 2,400 insect identification requests from Wisconsin's arborists and landscape professionals, farmers, university and government agencies, the general public, and other groups. PJ also provides entomology-related outreach throughout the state, including regular media appearances.