

Dear Friends of Trees and Enemies of Asian Longhorned Beetles,

The [Asian longhorned beetle](#) (ALB) is a serious threat to our forests and trees. As far as we know it isn't in New Hampshire, yet. We need many people looking for it so we can take steps to limit its spread, if it arrives.

Last year, we pioneered a new survey technique with the help of volunteers like you—looking for the insect in swimming pools. Please join our effort to look for ALB.

In addition to a swimming pool, you need:

- A digital camera
- An email address that you actively use (if you want to receive updates from us)
- Enough computer skills to follow instructions to upload pictures to this [website](#).

You don't have a pool? You can still help. This year, we expanded our photo-gathering to include anyone who has a suspect-beetle, whether they found it in their pool or not. We have had nearly 100 submissions—all negative for ALB. We also encourage people who think they have an [emerald ash borer](#) to submit photos. Here are the [pictures](#) we posted so far.

Here are the directions for participating in the ALB pool-scout project:

Step 1: From **July 13-August 26** (when the adults are active). At least once a week, or whenever you clean your pool, look at the debris you collect in your filter and skimmers.

Step 2: Look for the ALB. [Use this sheet to compare collected insects to common insects](#).

Step 3: Take a picture of any insect you think is an ALB. [This is the view we need](#). We need a good view of the insect's back.

Step 4: Once a week send a picture of the insect that most looks like a longhorned beetle. We would like to hear from you every week.

Step 5: Send the picture to this [website](#).

Step 6: Freeze the insects in a tupperware-like container until you hear from us (about a week). We will either tell you to throw the insect out or give you instructions about mailing it, delivering it or arranging for pick-up.

Then What?

We will post interesting [pictures](#) to this website and entomologist, Ray Boivin will send you an email with the identification.

Questions???

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Happy swimming and pool cleaning,

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