Insects Frequently Confused with Emerald Ash Borer in North Dakota

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Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald ash borer is a beetle (Order Coleoptera). Beetles are recognized by having shell-like front wings called elytra. When the wings are folded, they meet forming a median line down the back. Currently, Emerald ash borer has not been found in North Dakota.

**Metallic wood-boring beetles**
(Family Buprestidae)
Compact beetles with short legs and “saw-toothed” antennae

1. **Emerald ash borer**
   *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire

2. Honeysuckle borer
   *Agrilus cyanescens* Ratzeburg

3. Bronze birch borer
   *Agrilus anxius* Gory

4. Green metallic woodborer
   *Buprestis confuuenta* Say

**Click beetles**
(Family Elateridae)
Beetles with a flexible joint between thorax and abdomen

5. Green click beetle
   *Ctenicera* species

**Weevils**
(Family Curculionidae)
Beetles with a “snout” and elbowed antennae

6. Green Polydrusus weevil
   *Polydrusus* species

**Ground beetles**
(Family Carabidae)
Long-legged, agile beetles with long antennae

7. Calleida beetle
   *Calleida* species

8. Six-spotted tiger beetle
   *Cicindela sexguttata* Fabricius

9. Green pubescent ground beetle
   *Chlaenius sericeus* Forster

**Blister beetles**
(Family Meloidae)
Soft-winged beetles with head narrowed behind eyes

10. Nuttall blister beetle
    *Lytta nuttalli* Say

**Scarab beetles**
(Family Scarabaeidae)
Beetles with lopsided antennal club and flattened front legs

11. Green-marked chafer
    *Dolichonyx subvittatus* Capiomont

**Leaf beetles**
(Family Chrysomelidae)
Oval beetles with long antennae

12. Dogbane beetle
    *Chrysochus auratus* (Fabricius)

13. Northern corn rootworm beetle
    *Diabrotica barberi* Smith & Lawrence

**Other Insects**
Front wings at least partially membranous

14. Green stink bug (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae)
15. Blow fly (Diptera: Calliphoridae)
16. Cuckoo wasp (Hymenoptera: Chrysididae)
17. Sweat bee (Hymenoptera: Halictidae)
18. Annual cicada (Hemiptera: Cicadidae)

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