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Bagworms

Bagworm caterpillars get their name from the spindle-shaped bags (often mistaken for pine cones) that they hang from various trees where the next generation of bagworms pass the winter as eggs. After winter, the eggs hatch and their larvae crawl out to feed. Typically, Bagworm caterpillars feed for around six weeks. In abundance, these caterpillars can defoliate a tree, leaving it in a weakened state that invites secondary invaders and other stresses that could lead to the eventual death of the plant. Bagworms usually favor juniper, pine, spruce, and arborvitae- but they have been known to feed on other species as well.



Treatment

For smaller infestations, bagworm's can occasionally be picked off before the larvae hatch. However, larger infestations usually require chemical treatments that are ideally done when the larvae are small.

