A Bug's Life

Woolly aphids

Family: Aphidide; Subfamily: Eriosomatinae

Fun facts

- Mistaken for cotton or wool particles floating around, called "fluff bugs"
- Plant sucking bug that vectors powdery mildew and other disease

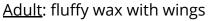
Host plants

• Variety of trees like apple, pears, hawthorn, ash, alders, elms and oaks



Identification

Damage: Large cotton masses on plant, galls or abnormal growths on trees, twisted/curled leaves, yellow foliage, branch dieback, secrete honeydew, sooty mold Nymph: Long white waxy filaments on twigs





Management

- Prune out infested branches
- Strong blast of water from hose to knock off tree to knock down bugs
- Spot treat with insecticidal soap or neem oil
- Increase vigor of tree
- No permanent damage is tree is usually done by aphid to harm tree





