

Asian longhorn beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

A **serious threat** to many deciduous trees. It is **not present** in the UK.

It mainly **spreads through untreated wood packaging material**.

Native to **Asia**, it has been found in USA and Europe, with **ongoing outbreaks in France, Switzerland and Italy**. A **UK outbreak in 2012** saw more than 2,200 trees felled to eradicate it.

Larvae are the most damaging stage. They feed inside the trunk for up to 3 years which causes dieback and secondary infections. This can lead to tree death.

Adult beetles:

- are up to 40mm long
- are black with white spots on their backs
- have banded antennae as long or longer than their bodies
- have long black legs

Look out for sawdust-like droppings (frass) at the base of the infested trees or circular exit holes between 10 and 15mm in length.

If you suspect it, report it by visiting <https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/> or use the QR code.



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