

CATERPILLAR COMPARISON CHART

BROWNTAIL MOTH	EASTERN TENT	SPONGY MOTH	FALL WEBWORM	HICKORY TUSSOCK	WHITE MARKED TUSSOCK
Brown body with white tufts along the sides Red-orange dots on tail-end	White stripe down center Blue spots like the “eye” in peacock feathers along each side of stripe	Knobs on each side behind head Five pairs of blue and six pairs of red spots on back in more mature caterpillars	Yellow to brown body with two rows of black dots along its back	White body with black spots Black and white pencil-like tufts pointing in front and rear of body	Gray-yellow body with stout white tufts near head Black, pencil-like tufts pointing in front of body Two red-orange dots on tail-end
Active April-June	Active April-June	Active May-July	Active July-Sept	Active Aug-Sept	Active July-Oct
INVASIVE	NATIVE	INVASIVE	NATIVE	NATIVE	NATIVE
HUMAN & FOREST HEALTH IMPACTS	LITTLE TO NO FOREST HEALTH IMPACT	OCCASIONAL OUTBREAKS	LITTLE TO NO FOREST HEALTH IMPACT	MINOR HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS	MINOR HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS
 Makes small, tightly woven, silken webs 2-5 inches long at the tips of branches Webs seen Oct-April	 Makes large tents, 10+ inches long, in the crotches of trees Tents seen May-June	 Does not make structures	 Makes large tents, 10+ inches long, covering branches or entire trees Tents seen July-Oct	 Does not make structures	 Does not make structures

