

**ELM LEAF BEETLE**  
*Pyrrhalta luteola*

- Natural range -** Introduced into North America and is now found coast to coast
- Species affected -** All species of elms are subject to attack.
- Type of damage -** Larvae are found on the undersides of elm leaves and skeletonize them. Leaves dry and turn brown. Adults also feed on elm leaves, causing small holes.
- Symptoms -** Elm foliage has an overall brownish cast, skeletonizing and presence of small holes. Adults, larvae and pupae can be seen on foliage.
- Importance -** This insect is an important pest of ornamental and street elms but is seldom a problem in forested areas.
- Remarks -** Elm leaf beetle can have two or three generations per year. In fall, adult beetles often seek shelter in homes.



Left – Elm leaf beetle larvae and damage.  
Right – Elm leaf beetle adult and damage.