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Gypsy-moth hunt develops leads

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Inspectors didn't find any gypsy moths, but develop several leads when they combed the Seacliff area Saturday.

"We have a couple of properties we are going to look at tomorrow," county Agricultural Commissioner Dave Moeller said this morning.

Both of the properties belong to people who have spent time on the East Coast, where gypsy moth caterpillars cause considerable damage to forests by defoliating trees.

Moeller said inspectors will be looking for "egg masses about half the size of your thumbnail." Inspectors decided to make a door-to-door effort to search for the egg masses after three adult gypsy moths were found in Seacliff in the last month.