

# Another gypsy moth found

✓ SEACLIFF — A second gypsy moth was trapped in the Seacliff area of Aptos, bringing the total number of moths trapped in the county to three, Santa Cruz County agricultural officials reported Monday.

The moth trapped on Thursday follows one trapped about a block away Aug. 22.

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"We suspect now that we may have a very small and very restricted population of gypsy moths within the Seacliff area," Agricultural Commissioner Dave Moeller wrote in a statement. "Our immediate response was to increase again the number of traps in the area and monitor them on a daily basis."

"Where they're coming from is the question which needs answering now. It will take some good, old-fashioned detective work to do that. A door-to-door hunt for the insects is a possibility."

Agricultural officials may be asking homeowners for permission to hunt for moth eggs in their yards.

Moeller said homeowners in the area who suspects the presence of moths should contact his office immediately. He said a homeowner should not handle or remove anything that may be an egg mass or a moth cocoon.

Officials are planning to distribute brochures describing the moths to residents in the area.

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