

# Spotted Lanternfly Life Cycle in Virginia

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) overwinters in an egg mass (gray bars) that begins shiny gray but quickly turns to a dull brownish gray. The eggs hatch in early May and the nymphs (red bars) are present until late July when they become adults (yellow bars). Adults start to lay eggs in September. The life stages can overlap and, depending on the time of year, multiple stages can be found at the same time.



Multiple egg masses



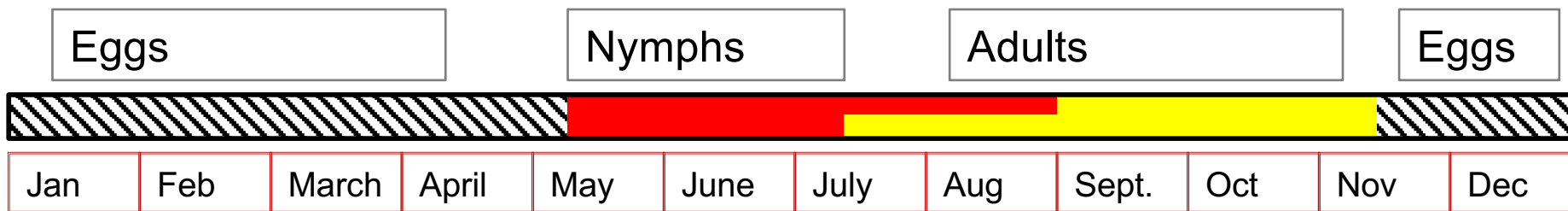
Young nymphs



Mature nymphs



Adult



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