

State Park Visitors

Meet the **New World screwworm**, a problematic pest attracted to warm-blooded animals. Most infestations occur in livestock, but wildlife, pets, and – on rare occasions – humans can also be affected. The fly lays its eggs, and the maggots burrow – or “screw” – into its host. To help stop the spread, TPWD is working with state and federal agencies to respond. Here’s how you can help stop New World screwworm from getting its hooks into Texas.



Cover up

Clean and cover any scratches, scrapes or cuts.



Sleep tight

Keep insects out of sleeping areas by zipping up your tent.



Check your pets

Regularly inspect pets for cuts, wounds and signs of infestation. If you suspect your pet has screwworm, call your veterinarian.

**If you see
LIVE WILDLIFE
with maggots on it:**



**Notify park staff or call
(512) 389-4505**

**If you suspect your LIVESTOCK
has a screwworm infestation,
do not move the animal.**



**Call the Texas Animal
Health Commission
(800) 550-8242**

Information and resources



tpwd.texas.gov/screwworm