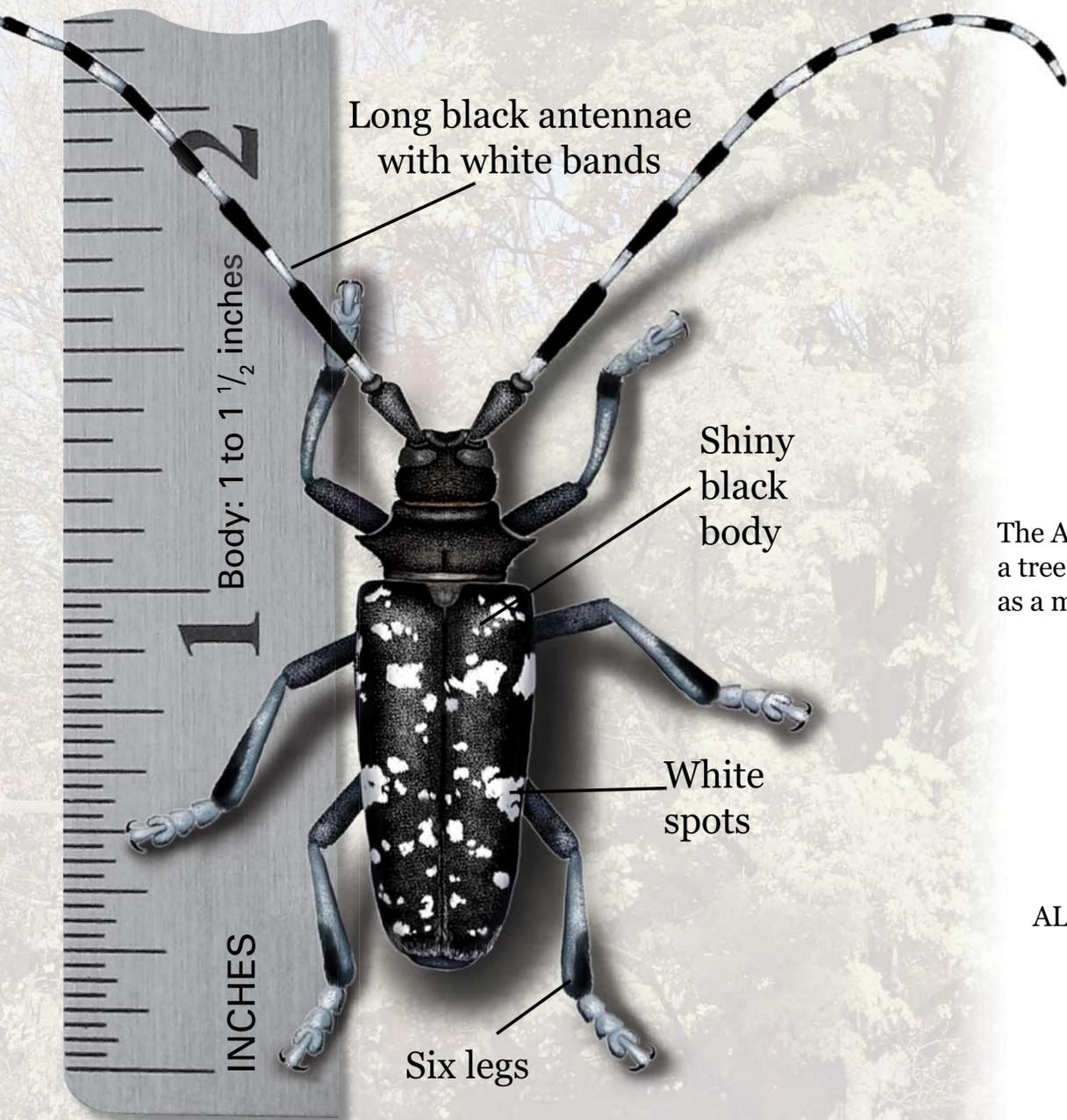


Identify the Asian Longhorned Beetle

The ALB is a destructive pest that kills trees. Learn to identify the ALB, become a *Beetle Buster*, and *help save Chicago's Trees!*

Here's what to look for:

The Beetle



You can find ALBs on trees or on objects near trees—check park benches, lampposts, car hoods, and more!

The Trees

The ALB grows and reproduces within hardwood trees, such as:



Elm



Horsechestnut



Maple



Willow

The Lifecycle

The ALB begins life as an egg, hatches into a larva that tunnels into a tree, transforms into a pupa, and then drills its way out of the tree as a mature beetle. The ALB is visible from late spring through fall.



The Evidence

ALBs leave characteristic signs that are easy to identify on trees. Look for sawdust and sap or these beetle signs:



Round or oval scars on bark



Dime-sized exit holes



Yellowing or drooping leaves or dead branches

Search this spring, summer, and fall.
Report your findings — whether you see one or not — at
<http://beetlebusters.aphis.usda.gov> or by calling 312-742-3385.

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