

What's that net on my tree trunk?

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If you see a net over your tree trunk, you're the lucky winner of the Bark Lice Lottery! Bark lice are small insects that live on hardwood trees, especially Live Oaks and sometimes Pecans. Their webbing appears in midsummer and can cover a tree trunk and large branches very quickly. But don't be alarmed - bark lice are a great clean-up crew feeding on fungi, bacteria, dead insects and lichens! They're highly beneficial and should be left alone. With the first fall frosts, they'll begin to decline, along with their web.

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