

Oak processionary moth (OPM)

- In 2006, oak processionary moth, *Thaumetopoea processionea* was found at several London locations
- It is a major defoliator of oak in Europe.
- The caterpillars feed on the foliage of many species of oaks, including English, sessile and Turkey oak
- Apparently introduced on oaks trees brought in for street landscaping scheme.
- London centred, but this year has now spread into Richmond Park
- Under active eradication









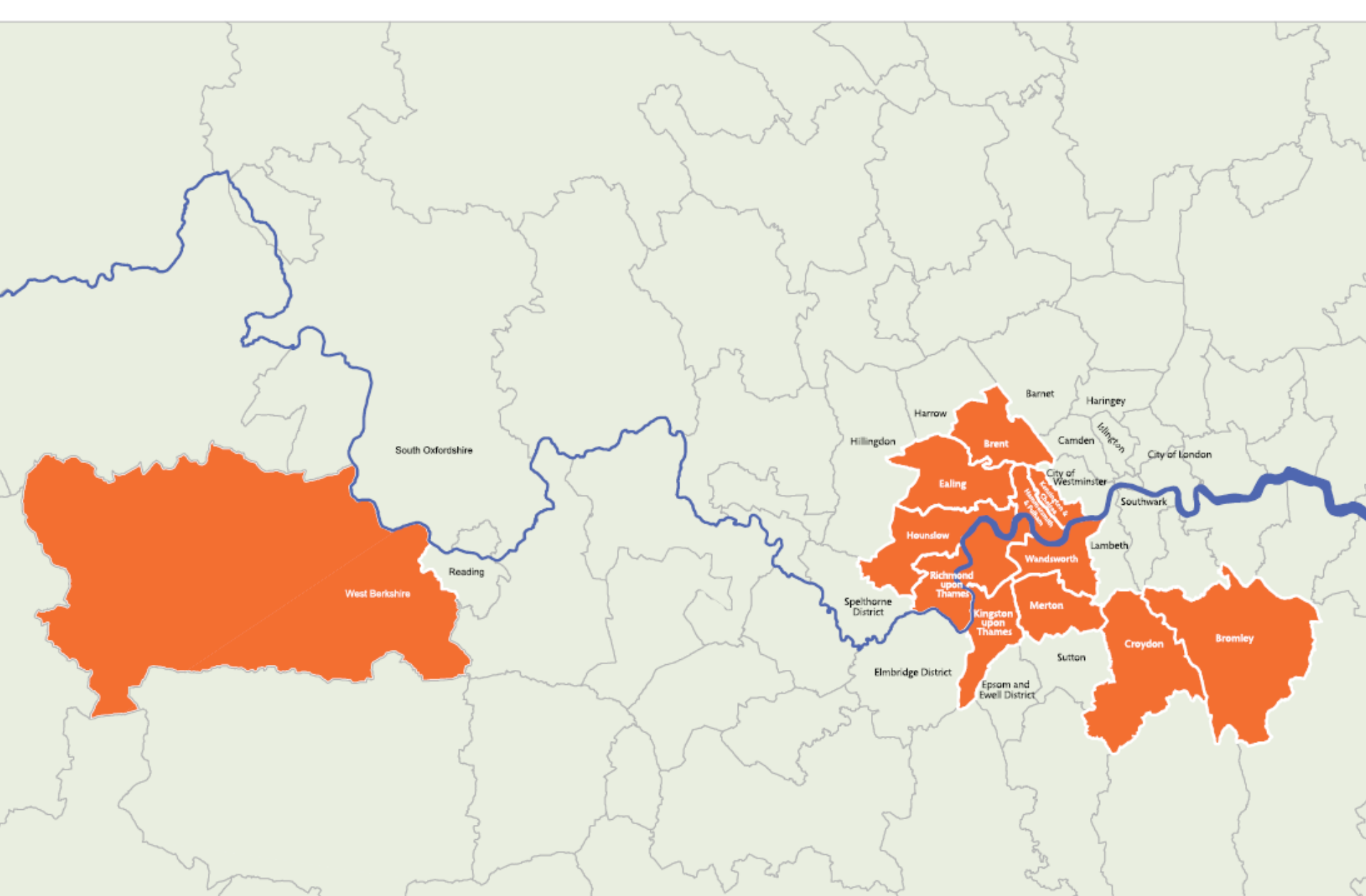
Allergic reaction to OPM



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OPM distribution as of July 2013