

Septoria populi

(Septoria leaf spot)

What does it attack?

It attacks poplars of all ages.

How to identify it?

Small white spots surrounded by a black border appear on the leaves (**Fig. 1**). The spots join together until they affect the entire leaf, which turns white/gray and falls to the ground.

The disease starts in the lower branches and works its way up to the top of the tree.

What damage does it cause?

Premature defoliation decreases the yearly growth and causes the weakening of the plant, which can be affected by other pathogens (**Fig. 2**).

When to see it?

Throughout the vegetative stage, from the appearance of the disease until the leaves fall.

You can find more information about this disease by clicking on this [link](#).



Figure 1

(Source: Plant Pests and Diseases Laboratory.
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Figure 2

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