

Sesia apiformis

(Hornet moth)

What does it attack?

Although it can attack poplars of all ages, it prefers adult trees.

How to identify it?

Adults have a wasp-like appearance but without the narrow waist on the abdomen (**Fig. 1**).

The exuvia of the pupa emerges from the trunk through the exit hole of the adult.

Large circular adult exit holes at the base of the trunk, without sawdust (**Fig. 2**).

What damage does it cause?

The caterpillars hollow galleries in the trunk, depreciating the wood. Likewise, the galleries facilitate the breakage of the tree at the base of the trunk (**Fig. 3**).

When to see it?

Exuviae and adults in spring-summer. Adult exit holes at the base of the trunk throughout the year.

What can it be confused with?

With wasps, but they differ in that they do not have a narrowing in the abdomen.

With *Paranthrene tabaniformis* (poplar clearwing moth, see [sheet](#)).

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



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3