

## *Fusarium* spp.

(Cat scratches)

### What does it attack?

It mostly attacks young poplars.

### How to identify it?

Cracks in the trunk of the poplar, sometimes with liquid substances in the bark (**Fig. 1**).

Dark brown or purplish coloration in the affected area.

### What damage does it cause?

Cracks in the trunk and hardening. It spreads through the plantation by moving from one tree to the next one.

### When to see it?

The fungus appears in the spring and summer.

### What can it be confused with?

With cankers.

You can find more information about this disease by clicking on this [link](https://www.mapa.gob.es/ministerio/pags/Biblioteca/Revistas/pdf_plagas%2FBSVP-02-01-089-096.pdf).



**Figure 1**

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