

Chrysomela populi

(Poplar leaf beetle)

What does it attack?

It attacks young poplars up to 3 years old.

How to identify it?

The adult is 1 cm long, has a black head and bright red wings with a black spot at the base (**Fig. 1**).

The larvae are initially dark in color and at their maximum development they present a yellowish-white coloration with circular black spots (**Fig. 2**).

What damage does it cause?

Larvae and adults feed almost entirely on the leaf, leaving only the leaf veins (**Fig. 3**).

Trees that are attacked slow down their growth and become weak, which can make it easier for other pathogens to attack.

When to see it?

From the month of April to the end of October. The adults can be seen from early spring, while the larvae can be seen from May.

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



Figure 1

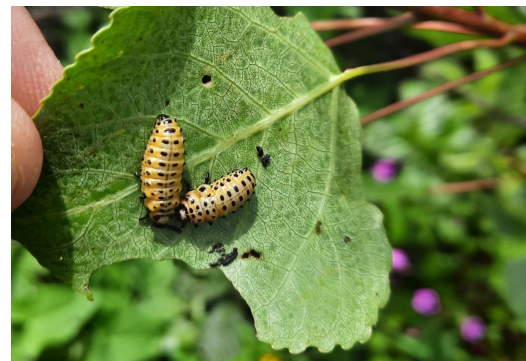


Figure 2



Figure 3