

Laothoe populi

(Poplar hawk-moth)

What does it attack?

It attacks poplars of all ages. Black poplar (*Populus nigra*) and *P. × euramericana* clones are more susceptible.



Figure 1

How to identify it?

In the adult stage it is a large moth, with a wingspan of up to 10 cm. The body is brown. Wings have darker wavy stripes, and with two orange spots on the back (Fig. 1).

The caterpillar is pale green in color with a large horn on its head (Fig. 2).



Figure 2

(Source:

<https://www.asturnatura.com/especie/laothoe-populi>)

What damage does it cause?

It can intensely defoliate the trees, causing a decrease in their growth.

When to see it?

Adults and caterpillars can be seen from May to October.

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