

Saperda populnea

(Small poplar longhorn beetle)

What does it attack?

It attacks young poplars in plantations and also plants in the nursery.

How to identify it?

The adult measures 1-1.5 cm in length. It has a grayish-brown body with yellowish spots on the wings. The antennae are almost as long as the body and are ringed (*Fig. 1*).

The attacked trees have a characteristic bulge where the larva entered the trunk. The adult emerges by making a circular hole in this bulge (*Fig. 2*).

The internal galleries that are hollowed out by the larvae have thin wood shavings.

What damage does it cause?

The larval galleries make the trunks susceptible to breakage by the wind. Likewise, they cause weakening of the tree and a decrease in its growth.

When to see it?

Adults are visible in May/June. The bulges on the trunk are visible from the beginning of July.

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



Figure 1



Figure 2

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