

Cryptorhynchus lapathi

(Poplar borer weevil)

What does it attack?

It attacks poplars of all ages, although the damage in adult poplars is not significant.

How to identify it?

The adult is 1 cm long, with a light brown-brown body and a proboscis for a mouth (Fig. 1).

The larvae are difficult to observe because they are inside the trunk feeding on the wood.

The attacked trees have small cracks in the trunk from which fine wood shavings mixed with sap exudations emerge (*Fig.* 2).

What damage does it cause?

The adults carry out feeding by biting on young shoots, causing their death.

The larvae hollow out galleries in the wood, which can completely ring the bark in young poplars and kill them. Young trees can easily be broken and/or blown over by wind action.

When to see it?

From the beginning of autumn until the month of June, the cracks in the trunk can be seen with exudations of thin shavings and sap.

You can find more information about this pest by clicking on this link.



Figure 1 (Source: http://insecta.pro/taxonomy/855426)



Figure 2