

Cossus cossus

(Goat moth)

What does it attack?

It is a polyphagous species. It attacks poplars and willows, but also fruit trees and other hardwoods.

How to identify it?

The adult is a moth of approximately 1 cm in length with grayish colors and black bands. In the resting position the wings form a canopy (**Fig. 1**).

The larvae are difficult to observe because they are inside the trunk feeding on the wood. The body is reddish, the upper part darker than the lower part (**Fig. 2**).

What damage does it cause?

The larva feeds on the wood of the tree, forming galleries up to 15 mm in diameter. There exists a greater probability of finding the damage in the lower part of the trunk.

It causes generalized weakening of the tree, which can cause death.

When to see it?

Adults can be observed from late spring to mid-summer.

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



Figure 1

(Source:

<https://www.todoservivo.com/cossus-cossus/>)



Figure 2

(Source:

http://www.pyrgus.de/Cossus_cossus_en.html)