

## *Marssonina brunnea*

(Poplar anthracnose)

### What does it attack?

It attacks poplars of all ages.

### How to identify it?

On the leaves brown spots with the central part being lighter appear. The spots join together until they affect the entire leaf, which turns brown and falls to the ground (**Fig. 1**).

The disease starts in the lower branches and works its way up to the top of the crown.

### What damage does it cause?

Premature defoliation decreases the yearly growth and causes the weakening of the plant, which can be affected by other pathogens. The year following the attack, there is a delay in the appearance of the leaves (**Fig. 2**).

Strong repeated attacks can kill poplars.

### When to see it?

Once the disease has begun to develop.

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



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**