

POPLAR BUD GALL MITE—*Eriophyes parapopuli*

HOSTS: Cottonwood and other poplars

IDENTIFICATION, LIFE CYCLE, AND DAMAGE: Poplar bud gall mites are similar in appearance and life cycle to the ash flower gall mite. These mites feed on leaf buds, causing a cauliflower-like growth to develop.

Galls initially are dark green, hairy, and soft, but turn brick red by late summer. Old galls are grayish and hard. Although infested branches are often stunted and crooked, trees are seldom killed.

CONTROL: Spray expanding buds and leaves with carbaryl. Contact your local extension

service for more information on timing of applications.



Galls of poplar bud gall mite