

ASPEN LEAFMINER—*Phyllocnistis populiella*

HOSTS: Aspen, cottonwood and other poplars

IDENTIFICATION, LIFE CYCLE, AND DAMAGE: Larvae and moths are similar in appearance to aspen blotchminers.

Aspen leafminers overwinter as adult moths. In spring eggs are laid near the tips of young leaves and larvae emerge a few days later. During summer larvae feed and construct winding tunnels within the leaves. There is one generation per year.

Severe infestation will reduce height growth and, if left unchecked for several years, can kill trees.

CONTROL: Spray leaves with chlorpyrifos

or oxydemeton-methyl at first sign of mining.



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