

# The Cottonwood Borer



# Describing the Cottonwood borer

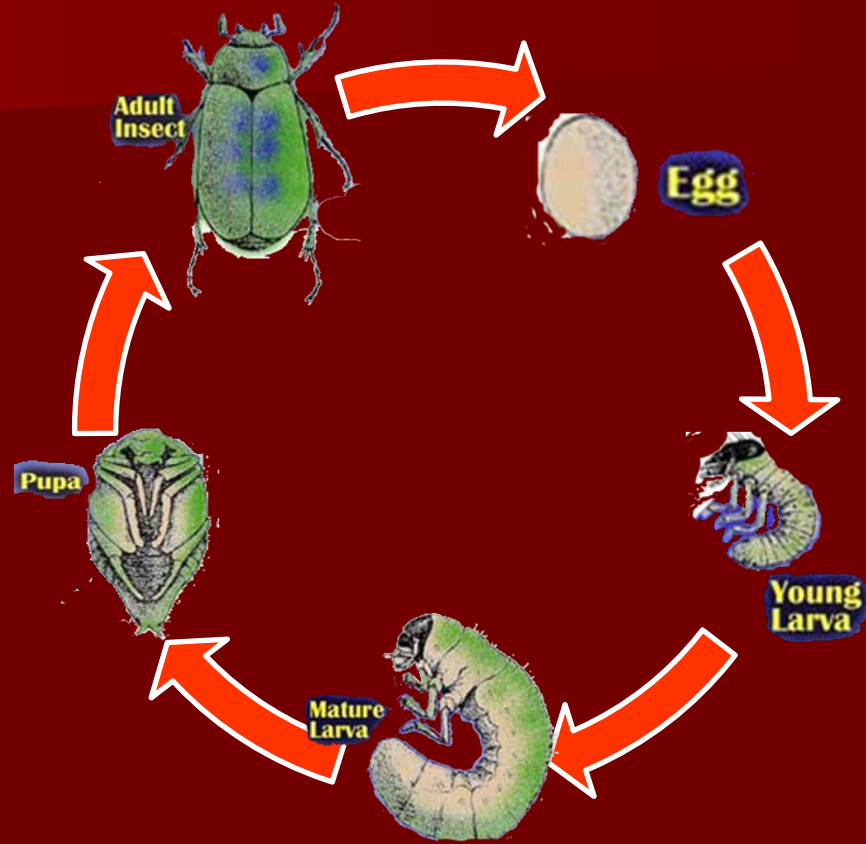
- The Cottonwood borer is a small shiny black and white beetle. The Cottonwood borer is 1 in. to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a in. or 25 to 32 mm long. The Cottonwood borers antennae are as long as it's body.

# Lifecycle

- After mating, the female will chew small pits near the base of the tree and lay her eggs in them. The larvae burrow into the tree and may take two years to mature in cooler climates. Their first year is spent feeding on the roots of the tree and the second burrowing through the heartwood near ground level. They pupate for about 3 weeks during April-June before emerging to complete their life cycle. After completing metamorphosis, the adults chew their way out and then dig their way up to the ground surface.

<http://www.gpnc.org/cwoodborer.htm>

# Life Cycle of an Insect



# Where does your animal live? What is its habitat?

1. My animal lives in Poplars, Willows, and in Cottonwood tree's. It prefers the cottonwood.
2. Cottonwood borers are found throughout the eastern U.S. and range as far west as the high plains of southeastern Colorado.

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# Interesting Facts

- The Cottonwood borers colors actually aren't just colors, they are itty bitty little hairs!

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# What does your animal eat

- My animal the cottonwood borer eats cottonwood tree's bark.

Who are your animals enemies? How does your animal defend itself?

- My animals #1 enemies are humans. My animal protects itself by buzzing or hissing and bites if miss handled.