

Sawfly



Yellow-headed Spruce Sawfly

Although many different species of sawfly larvae cause damage to trees, the Yellow-headed Spruce Sawfly is the most common and serious pest in our region.

Newly planted spruce under 5 meters tall are favored, eggs are laid in the tree in mid-May with larvae hatching any time in June. By July, defoliation of branch tips becomes



Late season sawfly

noticeable when the larvae reach the size of 1.5 - 2 cm. Severe defoliation more than a few years in a row will result in death of the tree.

