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Sapsuckers

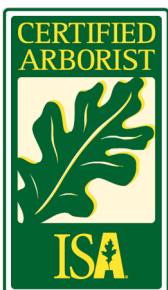
Description: Sapsucker damage is most often seen on the main plant stem of larger woody shrubs and many trees as bands of round drill holes or as rows of small rectangular areas. Sapsucker damage is recognized by neatly spaced horizontal or vertical rows of holes in the tree trunks or on the branches. These holes are usually relatively shallow in the cambium or inner bark areas. Sapsuckers use their tongues to lap up sap from the holes produced.



Round holes made by the sapsucker usually extend deep into the tree, whereas rectangular holes are shallower. This woodpecker licks the sap from the holes and may eat portions of the cambium. The “drill holes” may encircle the entire stem. Holes made by the sapsucker can provide points of entry for wood- decaying fungi and bacteria. The physical damage may weaken trees or shrubs, making them more susceptible to secondary diseases and insects. Home- owners may mistake sapsucker damage for trunk- boring insects. The holes made by borers appear more randomly and are not neatly arranged in a row pattern as with the sapsucker.

Control: Homeowners should watch trees and shrubs for the appearance of new damage. While most people will choose not to control the bird feeding, others may wish for some kind of control option. Woodpeckers are persistent and can be difficult to deter from their pecking sites. Options typically involve exclusion or repellents.

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