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1. Dying wild plum tree: wilting, drying and shedding leaves before complete branch dieback.

2. English oak with branches dying back.

3. Dieback of branches on paper bark thorn tree.

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7. Lesions developing around entrance holes on pecan nut trees.

8. Resin oozing from new infestations on the stems of paper bark thorn trees.

9. Resin dripping down from infested areas on paper bark thorn trees.

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10. Entrance holes in castor bean.

11. Entrance holes with frass (wood powder).

12. Entrance holes with frass (‘noodles’) extruding on wild plum trees.

13. Fresh entrance hole with ‘wet’ spot on pecan nut trees, and (14) after some months.

14. Entrance holes with frass (‘noodles’) extruding on wild plum trees.

15. Gelatinous drops oozing from entrance holes on kapok trees.


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In some non-reproductive host trees the beetle can inoculate the fungus (streaking seen here) that can eventually kill the tree, while the beetle either dies or leaves the tree.

In reproductive host trees where the beetles successfully establish galleries and breed, fungal stain develop in the sapwood around the galleries as can be seen here in (19) wild plum, (20) kapok, (21) Chinese maple, and (22) English oak trees.

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23, 24. Terminating gallery and fungal streaking in sapwood of poplar, a **non-reproductive host** where beetle cannot reproduce. Internal symptoms in **reproductive host trees** such as castor bean (25, 26) and Chinese maple (27, 28). Here the beetles establish a network of galleries, surrounded by fungal staining, in which larvae and young adults are often visible.

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