Cossid moth

Insect name: Cossid moth

Causal agents: Coryphodema tristis

Trees affected: Eucalyptus nitens

Feeding: Wood borer

Symptoms: Trunk turns black; holes with protruding frass; sawdust at base of

trunk; trees blown over by wind; extensive tunneling in wood; red and

yellow patterned larvae in sapwood



Early instar larvae feeding under bark



Later instar larvae feeding in sapwood



Damage by larvae tunneling



Tunnels of pre-pupae



Pupal casing on tree



Resin and sawdust from larval feeding



Sawdust at base of trunk from tunneling



Adult moth