

elm bark beetle

The elm bark beetle is an insect of engraver beetle group (family Scolytidae); two species carry fungus of Dutch elm disease, the native *Hylurgopinus rufipes* and the European *Scolytus multistriatus*, which is more prevalent; adults feed in twig crotches of healthy trees, then fly to recently cut, dead, or dying elms, tunnel under bark and lay eggs; larvae tunnel as they feed; fungus grows in tunnels; adults emerging from tunnels carry fungus spores on their bodies and thus transfer spores to healthy trees. (See also Dutch elm disease.)

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