

As the name implies, the **Goldspotted Oak Borer** invades Oak trees. The 3/4 of an inch long insect has a dark green back with six golden yellow spots. The damage to Oak trees occurs due to larvae boring into and consuming the conducting tissues just beneath the bark. External damage manifests as extensive black or red staining on the trunk, with sap oozing from the bark. The top of the tree thins, and branches die back. D-shaped exit holes may be noticed on trunks and branches. Many times, woodpeckers will damage the trees, trying to get to the larvae. These insects are commonly moved in firewood and wood packing material. They have not been identified in Nevada to date. For more information go to <http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2012/sp1206.pdf> and http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PDF/MISC/GSOB_field-identification-guide.pdf