ALDER LEAF BEETLE

(Agelastica alni)

This is a beetle, the larvae of which damage the leaves of trees by feeding on them. They harm namely willows and if overpopulated, they cause clear eating. Alder leaf beetle can become a problem also in poplar plantations. This is why alders are planted between poplars because by attracting the alder leaf beetle, they in fact can protect the poplars. Fortunately, broadleaved trees have a high capacity of regeneration, and when they loose foliage, they can replace the leaves the same year.

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