

POPLAR TWIG GALL FLY
Hexomyza schineri

- Natural range -** Rocky Mountain region
- Species affected -** Poplars, especially quaking aspen
- Type of damage -** Clusters of galls are formed on succulent shoots. Young trees are most severely affected. Galls are unsightly and can cause occasional twig dieback.
- Importance -** This insect began to attract attention in the Denver metro area during the mid 1980s but it is now common across the Front Range and has spread into some native aspen forests. Thus far, the damage is primarily cosmetic in nature although the galls do form a point of entry for canker causing fungi.



Galls caused by poplar twig gall fly on quaking aspen

