

Leaves with holes

Caterpillars, a whole raft of species including various leaf rollers and cutworms.

Damage:



Caterpillar feeding



Severe hail damage

Identification:

When first hatched, caterpillars feed on the undersides of leaves, chewing off the bottom side without breaking through to create a hole. As they grow, their feeding creates holes that can be seen from the top. Leaf rollers sometimes make webbing that can be seen under the leaf.

Species identification of caterpillars is unimportant as control measures are similar.

Hail damage causes leaf "tatters," where rips are created but, except in very severe instances, tissue is not actually missing.