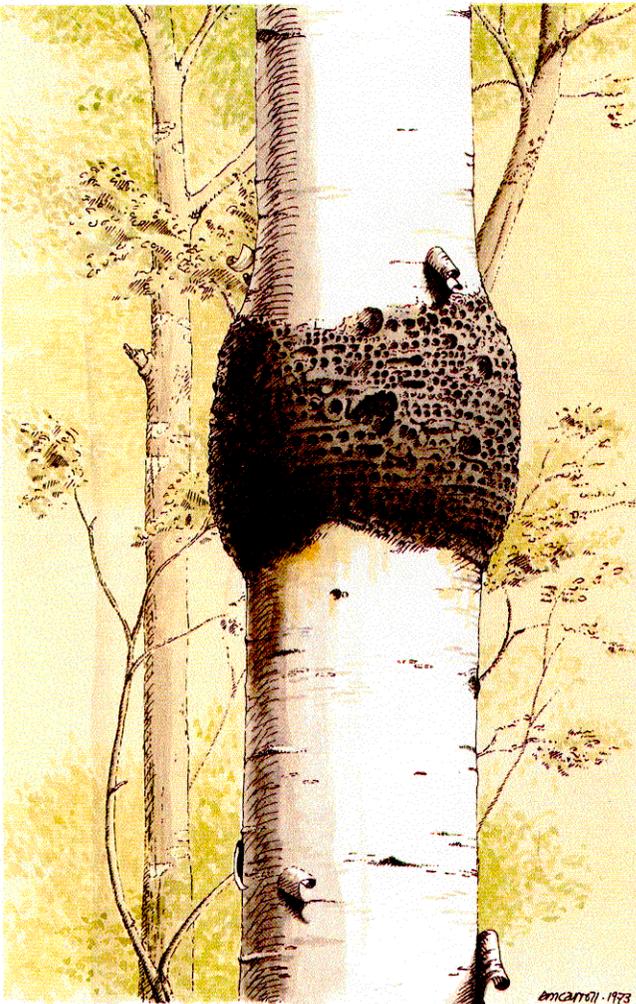
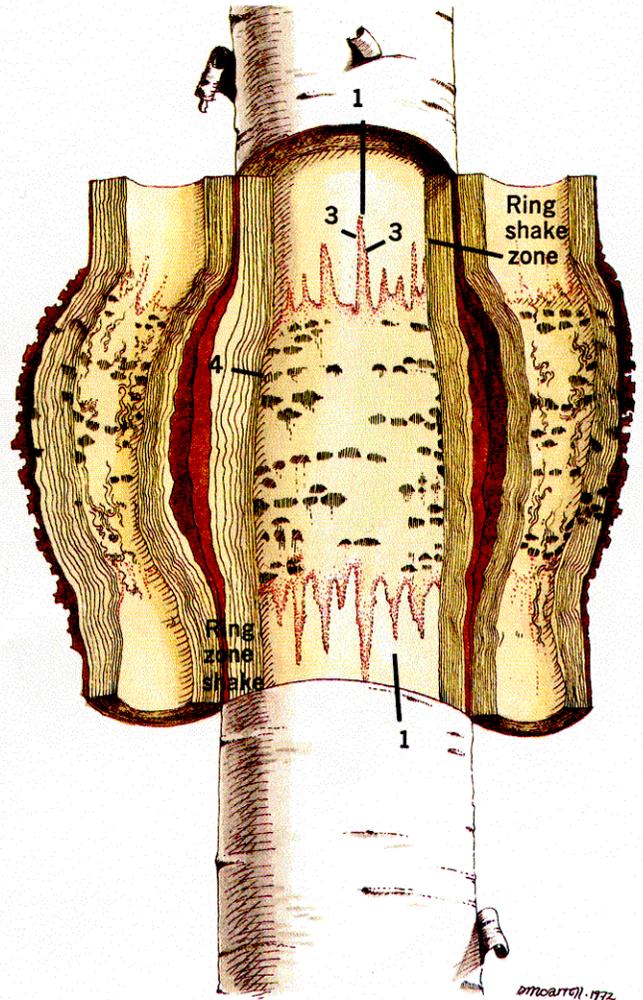


Sapsuckers will often wound one area on a trunk. On paper birch a swollen black band will form at these sites.



Not only will discolored streaks of the "palm and finger" pattern develop from such wounds, but the barrier zone that develops after wounding may pull apart from the inner rings to form a complete ring shake which is sometimes called cup shake or loose heart.



On some trees, such as eastern hemlock, the yellow-bellied sapsucker inflicts many wounds over large areas of the trunk.

