

UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

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The PDDC is now once again accepting physical samples for diagnosis, but due to COVID-19, only with limited hours and limited sample processing capacity. Click here for the current submission policy. The PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs. Digital diagnoses have not traditionally been included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac, because such diagnoses are not verified through lab testing (critical in most situations for a diagnosis to be accurate). However, in an attempt to keep clients as informed as possible, digital diagnoses will be included in the Almanac until normal PDDC operations resume. For Almanac entries below, when a digital diagnosis would normally require a lab confirmation, the disease/disorder will be labeled as "suspected". The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from June 27, 2020 through July 3, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Boxwood	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Waukesha
	Volutella Canker	<i>Volutella</i> sp.	Milwaukee, Waukesha
Cherry (Black)	Coryneum Blight/Shot-Hole (Suspected)	Stigmina carpophila	Dane
Crabapple	Apple Scab	Venturia inaequalis	Milwaukee
	Apple Scab (Suspected)	Venturia inaequalis	Waukesha
	Cedar-Apple Rust	Gymnosporangium juniper-virginianae	Milwaukee
	Fire Blight (Suspected)	Erwinia amylovora	Marathon
	Gymnosporangium Rust (Suspected)	Gymnosporangium sp.	Waukesha
Dogwood (Pagoda)	Improper Siting (Suspected)	None	Price
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Price
Elderberry	Elderberry Rust	Puccinia sambuci	Sheboygan
	Verticillium Wilt (Suspected)	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	Dane
Forsythia	Phytoplasma Disease (Suspected)	Unspecifed phytoplasma	Door
Ginkgo	Scorch	Undetermined	Racine
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Ozaukee



BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Ginkgo	Winter Injury (Suspected)	None	Ozaukee
Hawthorn	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Gloeosporium sp.	Racine
	Gymnosporangium Rust	Gymnosporangium sp.	Racine
Hibiscus	Crown Rot	Fusarium sp.	Dane
	Winter Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
Honeylocust	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
	Thyronectria Canker	Thyronectria austroamericana	Waukesha
Honeysuckle (Vine)	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Portage
Lilac	Lilac Leaf Chlorosis (Suspected)	Lilac leaf chlorosis virus	Brown
Maple (Unspecified)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Marathon, Rock
	Canker Disease	Unspecified canker fungus	Sauk
	Fertility/Soil pH Issues (Suspected)	None	Sauk
	Frost Crack	None	Grant
	Girdling Root (Suspected)	None	Grant, Ozaukee, Sauk, Winnebago, Unknown (MN)
	Heart Rot	Unspecified heart rot fungus	Grant
	Overly Deep Planting	None	Ozaukee, Sauk, Unknown (MN)
	Overly Deep Planting (Suspected)	None	Grant
	Scorch	None	Unknown (MN)
	Sunburn (Suspected)	None	Winnebago
	Tatters	None	Grant
	Verticillium Wilt (Suspected)	Verticillium sp.	Marathon
	Xylaria Root Rot/ Dead Man's Fingers	<i>Xylaria</i> sp.	Ozaukee



BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Maple (Silver)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Door, Rock
Oak (Bur)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Waukesha
	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Fond du Lac
Oak (Red)	Oak Wilt	Bretziella fagacearum	Green
Oak (White)	Smooth Patch (Suspected)	Aleurodiscus oakesii	Walworth
Oak (Unspecified)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Dunn
	Chlorosis	None	Dunn, Door, Grant, Outagamie
	Heart Rot	Unspecified heart rot fungus	Grant
	Oak Wilt (Suspected)	Bretziella fagacearum	Outagamie
	Tatters	None	Dunn
Pear (Ornamental)	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	Ozaukee
	Overly Deep Planting (Suspected)	None	Ozaukee
Serviceberry	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
	Powdery Mildew	Podosphaera clandestine	Waukesha
FIELD CROPS			
Barley	Net Blotch	Drechslera teres	Dane
Corn	Eyespot (Suspected)	Kabatiella zeae	Dane
	Seedling Blight	Fusarium sp.	Lafayette
Oats	Head Blight	Bipolaris sorokiniana, Drechslera avenacea	Dane
Soybean	Herbicide Damage	None	Sauk
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Canker Disease	Unspecified canker fungus	Dunn
	Gymnosporangium Rust	Gymnosporangium sp.	Monroe
	Lichens	None	Shawano
Cherry	Prunus Necrotic Ringspot (Suspected)	Prunus necrotic ringspot virus	Marathon
Grape	Downy Mildew (Suspected)	Plasmopara viticola	Ozaukee
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Ozaukee



FRUIT CROPS (Continued)			
Pawpaw	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
Peach	Bacterial Canker (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Kenosha
	Peach Leaf Curl	Taphrina deformans	Kenosha
Pear	Pear Scab (Suspected)	Venturia pirina	Dane, Waupaca
Raspberry (Unspecified)	Root/Crown Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified root rot fungi/water molds	Brown
HERBACEROUS ORNAMENTALS			
Borage	Root/Crown Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified root rot fungi/water molds	Columbia
Hosta	Hosta Virus X (Suspected)	Hosta virus X	La Crosse
Lamia	Root/Crown Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified root rot fungi/water molds	Dane
Sunflower	Alternaria Leaf Blight (Suspected)	Alternaria sp.	Marathon
HOUSEPLANTS			
African Violet	Impatiens Necrotic Spot	Impatiens necrotic spot virus	Outagamie
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Arborvitae	Salt Damage (Suspected)	None	Chippewa
False Cypress	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Racine
	Winter Burn (Suspected)	None	Racine
Fir (Concolor)	Excessive Shading	None	Waukesha
	Overcrowding	None	Waukesha
Pine (Scots)	Salt Damage (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
Pine (White)	Canker Disease	Unspecified canker fungus	Green
	Nectria Canker (Suspected)	Nectria sp.	Waukesha
Spruce (Black Hills)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Waukesha
Spruce (Blue)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Jefferson, Marathon
Spruce (Unspecified)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Dane



NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Yew	Pruning Damage (Suspected)	None	Dane
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Cowpea	Virus Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified virus	Unknown (IA)
Cucumber	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Colletotrichum orbiculare	Richland
Kale	Black Rot (Suspected)	Xanthomonas campestris	Unknown (IA)
Lettuce	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Unknown (IA)
Pepper	Bacterial Spot (Suspected)	Xanthomonas sp.	Dane
	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Brown
Snapbean	Bacterial Brown Spot (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae	Unknown (IA)
	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Milwaukee
	Root Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified root rot fungi/water molds	Waukesha
	Virus Disease	Unspecified virus	Dane
Spinach	Root Rot	Pythium sp.	Fond du Lac
Squash (Butternut)	Angular Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae pv. lachrymans	Dane
Tomato	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Dane, Unknown (IA)
	Flooding Damage (Suspected)	None	Dunn
	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Milwaukee, Unknown (IA)
	Virus Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified virus	Milwaukee
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Dane
Vegetables (Misc.)	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Columbia

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