

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

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In 2021, the PDDC continues with limited hours and limited sample processing capacity due to COVID-19. Click here for the PDDC's current submission policy. The PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs, although in 2021 there will be a fee for this service. As in 2020, digital diagnoses will be included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac. 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 March 20, 2021 through March 26, 2021.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Boxwood ('Green Velvet')	Boxwood Blight	Calonectria pseudonaviculata	Lake (IL)
Boxwood (Unspecified)	Winter Burn/Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
Tree (Unspecified)	Squirrel Damage (Suspected)	None	Milwaukee
	Wood Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Milwaukee
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Cytospora Canker	Cytospora sp.	Brown
	Sooty Mold	Miscellaneous sooty mold fungi	Brown
	Wood Root (Suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Brown
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Geranium	Iron Deficiency (Suspected)	None	Fond du Lac
Pachysandra	Volutella Blight (Suspected)	Volutella pachysandricola	Dane
HOUSEPLANTS			
Clivia	Bacterial Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Unspecified leaf spot bacterium	Dane



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NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Cedar (Alaskan)	Improper Planting (Suspected)	None	Racine
	Water stress (Suspected)	None	Racine
	Winter Burn/Injury	None	Racine

To learn more about plant diseases and their control, as well as PDDC educational resources and activities, visit the PDDC website at pddc.wisc.edu, follow the clinic on Facebook and Twitter @UWPDDC or email pddc@wisc.edu to subscribe to the PDDC listserv "UWPDDCLearn".