

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 May 1, 2021 through May 7, 2021.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Boxwood	Diplodia Canker	Diplodia sp.	Dane
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Dane
Crabapple	Sphaeropsis Canker	Sphaeropsis sp.	La Crosse
Maple (Japanese)	Cold Injury	None	Dane
Oak(Bur)	Root Rot	Phytophthora sp., Pythium sp., Fusarium sp., Cylindrocarpon sp.	Cook (IL)
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Lithodora	Black Root Rot	Thielaviopsis sp.	Waukesha
Pachysandra	Volutella Blight (Suspected)	Volutella pachysandricola	Dane
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Douglas-Fir	Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Milwaukee
	Swiss Needle Cast	Phaeocryptopus gaeumannii	Milwaukee
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Milwaukee
Juniper	Diplodia Shoot Blight and Canker	Diplodia sp.	Milwaukee
	Phomopsis Tip Blight	Phomopsis sp.	Milwaukee
Pine (Unspecified)	Drought Stress (Suspected)	None	Sauk



NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Spruce (Unspecified)	Spruce Needle Drop (Suspected)	Setomelanomma holmii	Dane
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Lettuce	Gray Mold/Botrytis Blight	Botrytis cinerea	Ozaukee
Tomato	Edema (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Heat Stress (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Dane

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".