

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 8, 2021 through May 14, 2021.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Boxwood	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Brown, Milwaukee, Racine
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Brown, Milwaukee, Racine
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Pachysandra	Root Rot	Rhizoctonia sp., Fusarium sp.	Jefferson
	Volutella Blight	Volutella pachysandricola	Dane, Jefferson
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Pine (Red)	Brown Spot (Suspected)	Lecanosticta acicola	Ozaukee
	Diplodia Shoot Blight and Canker (Suspected)	Diplodia sp.	Ozaukee
Spruce (Unspecified)	Cytospora Canker (Suspected)	Cytospora kunzei	Dane
	Lichens	None	Ozaukee
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffi	Dane, Eau Claire, Ozaukee
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Brown
	Winter Burn (Suspected)	None	Brown
Spruce (Norway)	Spruce Needle Drop	Setomelanomma holmii	Waukesha



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VEGETABLE CROPS			
Basil	Ethylene Damage (Suspected)	None	Bayfield
Tomato	Herbicide Damage (Suspected	None	Dodge
	Tomato Spotted Wilt	Tomato spotted wilt virus	Lafayette

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".