

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 15, 2021 through May 21, 2021.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Aspen	Venturia Leaf Blight (Suspected)	Venturia sp.	Washington
Birch	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Sauk
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Sauk
Boxwood	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Dane, Washington
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Dane, Washington
Lilac	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Milwaukee
Magnolia	White Rot (Suspected)	Polyporus squamosus (Suspected)	Milwaukee
Oak(Red)	Armillaria Root Disease	Armillaria sp.	Dane
Oak(Unspecified)	Oak Wilt (Suspected)	Bretziella fagacearum	Dane
Rose-of-Sharon	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
Willow (Unspecified)	Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Ozaukee
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Wood Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Brown
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Fir (Concolor)	Phyllosticta Needle Blight	Phyllosticta sp.	Dane



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NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Spruce (Blue)	Diplodia Canker	Diplodia sp.	Dane
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast	Unspecified canker fungus	Dane
	Spruce Needle Drop	Setomelanomma holmii	Dane
	Weir's Cushion Rust	Ceropsora weirii	Ozaukee
Spruce (Unspecified)	Diplodia Canker (Suspected)	Diplodia sp.	Waupaca
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Lichens	None	Waupaca
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Waupaca
	Spruce Needle Drop	Setomelanomma holmii	La Crosse
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Asparagus	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
Pepper	Cucumber Mosaic	Cucumber mosaic virus	Walworth
Potato	Black Leg	Dickeya dianthicola, Pectobacterium parmentieri	Adams, Waushara
	Cucumber Mosaic	Cucumber mosaic virus	Putnam (FL)
	Potato Virus Y (Suspected)	Potato virus Y	Putnam (FL)
Tomato	Cucumber Mosaic	Cucumber mosaic virus	Walworth

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