

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 August 7, 2021 through August 13, 2021.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Beech (Blue)	Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Dane
Boxwood	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Ozaukee
Crabapple	Apple Scab (Suspected)	Venturia inaequalis	La Crosse
	Cedar-Apple Rust	Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae	Dane, Jefferson
	Lichens	None	Jefferson
	Sphaeropsis Canker	Sphaeropsis sp.	Dane, Jefferson, La Crosse
Elm (Unspecified)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Waukesha
Lilac	Septoria Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Septoria sp.	Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson, Sauk
Maple (Japanese)	Phomopsis Canker	Phomopsis sp.	Dane
	Sphaeropsis Canker	Sphaeropsis sp.	Dane
Maple (Korean)	Sun Scald (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Wood Rot	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Dane
Maple (Norway)	Tar Spot	Rhytisma sp.	Dane
Maple (Sugar)	Wood Rot	Irpex lacteus	Marathon
Oak (Bur)	Tubakia Leaf Spot	Tubakia dryina	Kenosha



BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Oak (Unspecified)	Chlorosis	None	Milwaukee, Winnebago
	Oak Wilt	Bretziella fagacearum	Shawano
Redbud	Verticillium Wilt	Verticillium sp.	Dane
Serviceberry	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
Viburnum	Phomopsis Gall (Suspected)	Phomopsis sp.	Waukesha
FIELD CROPS			
Corn	Tar Spot	Phyllachora maydis	Kewaunee
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Fire Blight (Suspected)	Erwinia amylovora	La Crosse
Cherry	Cherry Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Blumeriella jaapii	Monroe (IN)
Raspberry	Cane Blight	Paraconiothyrium fuckelii	Polk
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Dianthus	Heat Injury (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
Hosta	Sunburn	None	Adams
Milkweed	Phytoplasma Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified phytoplasma	Dane
Phlox	Virus Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified virus	Dane
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Fir (Unspecified)	Phytophthora Root Rot	Phytophthora sp.	Crawford
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Crawford
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Crawford
Juniper	Diplodia Shoot Blight and Canker	Diplodia sp.	Waukesha
Pine (White)	Diplodia Shoot Blight and Canker	Diplodia sp.	Wood
	Phomopsis Canker	Phomopsis sp.	Wood



NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Spruce (Norway)	Fusarium Root Rot	Fusarium sp.	Waukesha
Spruce (Unspecified)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Taylor
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Bean (Black)	Lack of Nodulation	None	Waukesha
Cantaloupe	Root/Crown Rot	Pythium sp., Fusarium sp.	Fillmore (MN)
Potato	Bacterial Soft Rot	Pectobacterium sp.	Dane
Pumpkin	Nutrient Issues (Suspected)	None	Richland
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Richland
Squash (Butternut)	Squash Mosaic	Squash mosaic virus	Fillmore (MN)
Tomato	Phosphorus Deficiency (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Septoria Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Septoria lycopersici	Richland
	Walnut Toxicity (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".