

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

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The PDDC is now once again accepting physical samples for diagnosis, but due to COVID-19, only with limited hours and limited sample processing capacity. Click here for the current submission policy. The PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs. Digital diagnoses have not traditionally been included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac, because such diagnoses are not verified through lab testing (critical in most situations for a diagnosis to be accurate). However, in an attempt to keep clients as informed as possible, digital diagnoses will be included in the Almanac until normal PDDC operations resume. 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 16, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Boxwood	Anthracnose	Colletotrichum sp.	Eau Claire, Walworth
	Boxwood Blight (suspected)	Calonectria pseudonaviculata	Washington (TN)
	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Eau Claire, Milwaukee, Walworth
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Eau Claire, Walworth
	Winter Burn (suspected)	None	Dane, Waukesha
Dogwood (Pagoda)	Septoria Leaf Spot (suspected)	Septoria sp.	Dane
Lilac	Bacterial Blight (suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Dane
Maple (Japanese)	Verticillium Wilt (suspected)	Verticillium sp.	Dane
Oak (Unspecified)	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Trempealeau
FRUIT CROPS			
Honeyberry	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Polk
Pear	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Polk



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HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Bleeding Heart	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Monroe
Jack-In-The-Pulpit	Jack-In-The-Pulpit Rust	Uromyces ari-triphylli	Dane
Peony	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Washington
	Fungal Leaf Spot (suspected)	Unspecified fungal leaf pathogen	Washington
Toad Lily	Bacterial Leaf Spot (suspected)	Unspecified bacterial leaf pathogen	Milwaukee
Tulip	Gray Mold/Botrytis Blight (suspected)	Botrytis cinerea	Washington
HOUSEPLANTS			
Ivy (Grapeleaf)	Cold Injury (suspected)	None	Dane
	Sunburn (suspected)	None	Dane
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Hemlock (Eastern)	Fertility/Soil pH Issues (suspected)	None	Dane
Juniper	Botryosphaeria Canker (suspected)	Botryosphaeria sp.	Winnebago
	Cedar-Apple Rust	Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae	Dane
	Cedar-Quince Rust (suspected)	Gymnosporangium clavipes	La Crosse
	Phomopsis Tip Blight (suspected)	Phomopsis juniperovora	Waukesha, Winnebago
	Shading	None	Winnebago
	Transplant Shock (suspected)	None	Wood
	Winter Burn (suspected)	None	Wood
Pine (White)	Chlorosis (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
	White Pine Blister Rust	Cronartium ribicola	Outagamie
	White Pine Blister Rust (suspected)	Cronartium ribicola	Waukesha
Spruce (Norway)	Chlorine Damage (suspected)	None	Sauk
	Fungal Canker Disease (suspected)	Unspecified fungal canker pathogen	Sauk



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NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Spruce (Unspecified)	Cytospora Canker (suspected)	Cytospora kunzei	Jefferson
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Jefferson, La Crosse
	Winter Burn (suspected)	None	Walworth
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Lettuce	Fertility/Water pH Issues (suspected)	None	Washington
Pepper	Sunburn (suspected)	None	Dane
Tomato	Edema (suspected)	None	Green
	Sunburn (suspected)	None	Dane
MISCELLANEOUS			
Fungus ID	Cup Fungus (<i>Peziza</i>)	None	Dodge

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".