

## Advanced Master Gardener Training

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020

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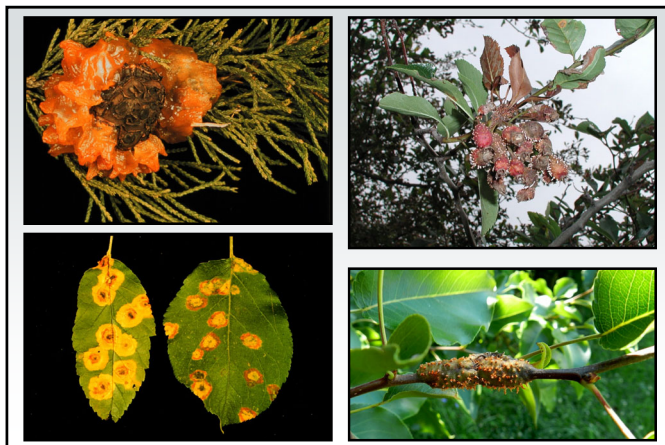


### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Gymnosporangium Rusts

- Pathogens: *Gymnosporangium* spp.
  - *Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae* (Cedar-apple rust)
  - *Gymnosporangium globosum* (Cedar-hawthorn rust)
  - *Gymnosporangium clavipes* (Cedar-quince rust)

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Gymnosporangium Rusts

- Hosts
  - Junipers
  - Rosaceous plants
    - Apple, crabapple
    - Hawthorn
    - Quince
    - Pear
    - Serviceberry
- Favorable environment: Wet weather



### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Gymnosporangium Rusts

- Control
  - Grow only junipers or rosaceous hosts
  - Use resistant cultivars/varieties
    - “Juniper Diseases” (<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/Juniper-Diseases>)
    - “Home Fruit Cultivars for Northern Wisconsin” (<https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/>)
    - “Home Fruit Cultivars for Southern Wisconsin” (<https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/>)

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Gymnosporangium Rusts

- Control
  - Remove galls
  - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Destroy infected materials
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Deep bury

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Gymnosporangium Rusts

- **Control**
  - Use fungicides to prevent infections (?)
    - Treat rosaceous hosts
    - Chlorothalonil, copper, ferbam, mancozeb, propiconazole, sulfur, and triadimefon
    - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC Codes)
    - Apply when flowers first show color, when half of flowers open, at petal fall, 7 to 10 days after petal fall, and 10 to 14 days later

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Elderberry Rust

- **Pathogen:** *Puccinia bolleyana*
- **Hosts**
  - Elderberry
  - Sedges
- **Favorable environment:** Wet weather

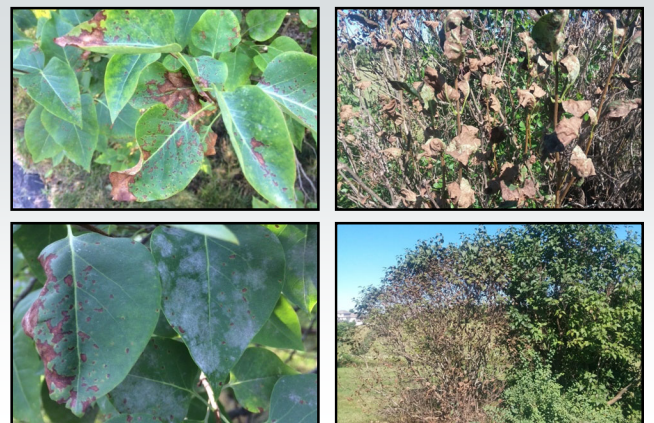


## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Elderberry Rust

- **Control**
  - Prune out galls
  - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Remove sedges
  - DO NOT use fungicides

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Septoria Leaf Spot

- **Cause:** *Septoria* sp.
- **Host:** Lilac
- **Favorable environment:** Wet weather



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Septoria Leaf Spot

- **Control**
  - Space lilacs to promote good air flow
  - Routinely thin shrubs
  - Decontaminate pruning tools  
(70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Avoid overhead watering
  - Reduce stress

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Septoria Leaf Spot

- **Control**
  - Destroy infected materials
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Deep bury
    - Hot compost
  - Use fungicides to prevent infections
    - Chlorothalonil, copper, mancozeb
    - Apply from bud break through the end of favorable weather
    - Apply at 7 to 14-day intervals

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Planting-Related Decline

- **Causes**
  - Impatience
  - Improper plant techniques
    - Overly deep planting
    - Failure to remove burlap, wire basket, wires
    - Lack of watering post installation
- **Hosts: Any tree or shrub**



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Planting-Related Decline

- **Management**
  - Plant small trees
  - Plant bare-root trees
  - Prepare balled and burlaped trees properly
    - Remove burlap
    - Remove wire basket
    - Remove wires/cords
    - Expose the root flare

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Planting-Related Decline

- **Management**
  - Mulch properly
    - Use high quality mulches
    - Use the right amount of mulch
  - Water properly
    - Apply two inches of water per week
    - Water from bud break through summer and into the fall
    - Continue this watering for at least three years

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Fire Blight

- **Cause:** *Erwinia amylovora*
- **Hosts**
  - Many woody rosaceous plants
  - Apple, crabapple, pear, hawthorn, mountain-ash, cotoneaster
- **Favorable environment**
  - Wet weather (but not too wet)
  - Hail (or other wounding)



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Fire Blight

- **Control**
  - Plant resistant varieties
    - “Home Fruit Cultivars for Northern Wisconsin” (<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/>)
    - “Home Fruit Cultivars for Southern Wisconsin” (<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/>)
    - “Top Ornamental Crabapples for Wisconsin” (<https://pddc.wisc.edu/fact-sheet-listing-all/>)
  - Prune diseased branches

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Fire Blight

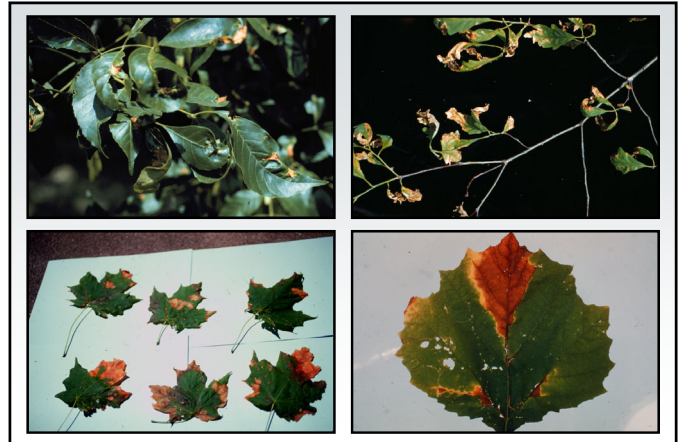
- **Control**
  - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Destroy infected materials
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Deep bury
  - DO NOT over-fertilize with nitrogen

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Fire Blight

- **Control**
  - Use bactericides to prevent infections (?)
    - Copper, streptomycin
    - Apply
      - Pre-bloom (copper)
      - During flowering (streptomycin)
    - Apply every
      - Two applications at spaced 4 days apart (copper)
      - Multiple applications spaced 3-4 days apart (streptomycin)

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Anthracnose

- **Causes**
  - *Gloeosporium* spp.
  - *Discula* spp.
  - *Colletotrichum* spp.
  - Many other fungi
- **Hosts**
  - Any deciduous tree
  - Ash, maple, oak
  - Sycamore
- **Favorable environment:** Cool, wet weather



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Anthracnose

- **Control**
  - DO NOT panic
  - Remove/destroy diseased leaves and branches
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Deep bury
    - Hot compost

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Anthracnose

- **Control**
  - Use fungicides to prevent infections
    - Copper, chlorothalonil, mancozeb, thiophanate-methyl
    - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
    - Apply at bud break, 1/2 and full leaf expansion

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Scab (Apple and Pear)

- **Causes**
  - *Venturia inaequalis*
  - *Venturia pirina*
- **Hosts**
  - Apple/crabapple
  - Pear
  - Mountain ash
- **Favorable environment:** Cool, wet weather



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Scab (Apple and Pear)

- **Control**
  - Plant resistant varieties
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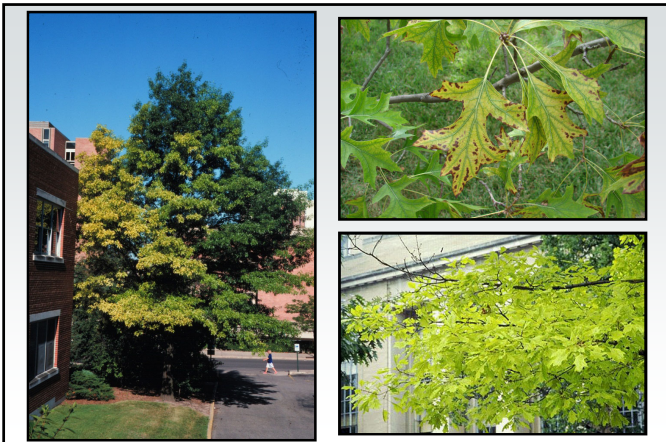
- **Control**
  - Remove/destroy diseased leaves
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Deep bury
    - Hot compost
  - Thin trees to promote air flow
  - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Scab (Apple and Pear)

- **Control**
  - Use fungicides to prevent infections
    - Chlorothalonil, copper, mancozeb, myclobutanil, propiconazole, thiophanate-methyl, sulfur
    - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
    - Apply from bud break through the end of favorable weather
    - Apply at 7 to 14-day intervals

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Chlorosis

- **Cause:** Micronutrient (Fe or Mn) deficiency
- **Affected plants**
  - Oaks (especially pin oak)
  - Red maple
  - Rhododendron
  - White pine
  - Blueberries
  - Other woody (and herbaceous) plants



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Chlorosis

- **Management**
  - Plant the right plant in the right location
  - Monitor soil pH and soil nutrients
  - Decrease pH using sulfur or aluminum sulfate
  - Add chelated Fe and/or Mn as needed
  - Make sure trees are adequately watered
  - Minimize damage to tree root systems

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

- **Causes**
  - Winter injury/winter burn
  - Small animal injury
  - Fungal pathogens
    - *Verticillium* sp. (Verticillium wilt)
    - *Phytophthora* sp., *Pythium* sp., *Rhizoctonia* sp. (root rots)
    - *Volutella buxi* (Volutella blight)
    - *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* (box blight)
    - (*Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum*)
- **Host: Boxwood**



## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

- **Control**
  - Water adequately
    - Apply one inch of water per water
    - Water from bud break through summer and into the fall up until ground freeze/snow
  - Protect plants from winter winds
  - Reduce other stresses
  - Control small animal populations

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

- **Control**
  - Grow boxwood blight resistant varieties
    - Hybrid boxwood ‘Green Gem’
    - Common boxwood ‘Katerberg’ North Star®
    - Korean littleleaf boxwood
      - ‘Eseles’ Wedding Ring®
      - ‘Franklin’s Gem’
      - ‘Winter Gem’
      - ‘Wintergreen’

## Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

- **Control**
  - Inspect new plants for symptoms
  - Keep new plants isolated
  - Space plants far apart
  - DO NOT overhead water

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

- **Control**
  - Prune out diseased branches
  - Disinfest pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Remove and destroy infected plants
    - Burn (where allowed)
    - Haul to your local municipal composting site

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 “Boxwood Dieback”

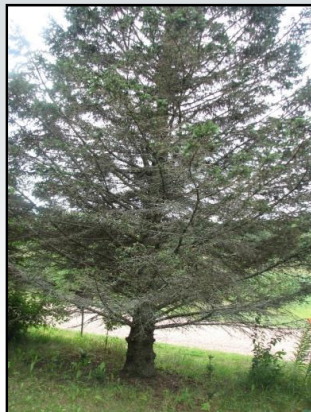
- **Control**
  - Use fungicides treatments
    - Chlorothalonil, mancozeb, thiophanate-methyl
    - 7 day application intervals
    - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
  - Contact the PDDC if you believe you have found box blight!

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Rhizosphaera Needle Cast

- **Pathogens:** *Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii*  
*Rhizosphaera* spp.
- **Look-Alike:** Stigmina Needle Cast (*Stigmina* spp.)
- **Hosts (major)**
  - Colorado blue spruce
  - Other spruces: Black, Engelmann, Serbian, Sitka, white (Black Hills)

### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Rhizosphaera Needle Cast

- **Hosts (minor)**
  - Pines: Austrian, mugo, eastern white pine
  - Douglas fir
  - Hemlock
  - Balsam fir and other firs
- **Favorable environment**
  - Wet weather
  - High humidity



### Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020 Rhizosphaera Needle Cast

- **Control**
  - DO NOT plant Colorado blue spruce
  - DO NOT crowd trees when planting
  - Plant dwarf spruce varieties
  - Thin healthy branches to increase airflow
  - Prevent tree stress
  - Prune diseased branches

## **Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020**

### **Rhizosphaera Needle Cast**

- **Control**
  - Decontaminate pruning tools  
(70% alcohol, disinfectants, 10% bleach)
  - Use fungicides to prevent infections
    - Copper, chlorothalonil
    - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC Codes)
    - Start applications at bud break
    - Apply at 3-4 week intervals under favorable conditions

## **Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2020**

### **Where to Go for Help**

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic  
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1630 Linden Drive  
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