

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 July 4, 2020 through July 10, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Birch (White)	Chlorosis	None	Dane
Boxwood	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Waukesha
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Waukesha
Buckeye (Bottlebrush)	Chlorosis	None	Waukesha
Catalpa	Wind Damage (Suspected)	None	Winnebago
Crabapple	Apple Scab	Venturia inaequalis	Waukesha
	Apple Scab (Suspected)	Venturia inaequalis	Portage
	Fire Blight	Erwinia amylovora	Sauk
	Fire Blight (Suspected)	Erwinia amylovora	Racine
	Gymnosporangium Rust	Gymnosporangium sp.	Dane
Dogwood (Pagoda)	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Brown
Hawthorn	Cedar-Quince Rust	Gymnosporangium clavipes	Waukesha
	Phomopsis Leaf Blight	Phomopsis sp.	Waukesha
Lilac	Phytoplasma Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified phytoplasma	Waukesha
Linden	Verticillium Wilt (Suspected)	Verticillium sp.	Brown
Magnolia	Sooty Mold	Miscellaneous sooty mold fungi	Dane



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BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Maple (Freeman)	Bacterial Wetwood (Suspected)	Miscellaneous bacteria	Pierce
	Sun Scald (Suspected)	None	Pierce
Maple (Japanese)	Phomopsis Canker	Phomopsis sp.	Dane
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Dane
Maple (Silver)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Door, St. Croix
	Tar Spot	Rhytisma americana	Waukesha
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Portage
Maple (Unspecified)	Canker Disease	Unspecified canker fungus	Calumet
	Frost Crack	None	Calumet
	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	Calumet, Dane
	Overly Deep Planting	None	Calumet, Dane
	Wood Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Calumet
Oak (Bur)	Oak Leaf Blister	Taphrina caerulescens	Waukesha
Oak (Red)	Oak Wilt	Bretziella fagacearum	Dane
Oak (Unspecified)	Anthracnose	Discula sp.	Dane
	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Waukesha, Waupaca
	Chlorosis	None	Waukesha
	Oak Leaf Blister	Taphrina caerulescens	Dane
	Oak Leaf Blister (Suspected)	Taphrina caerulescens	Brown
	Oak Wilt (Suspected)	Bretziella fagacearum	Brown
	Phyllosticta Leaf Spot	Phyllosticta sp.	Dane
	Tatters	None	Columbia, Dane
	Tubakia Leaf Spot	Tubakia dryina	Dane
	Tubakia Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Tubakia dryina	Waukesha
Pear (Ornamental)	Fungal Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Unspecified leaf spot fungus	Brown
	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Overly Deep Planting	None	Dane



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BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Redbud	Nectria Canker	Nectria sp.	Dane
Serviceberry	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Dane
Spirea	Chemical Damage (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
	Phyllosticta Leaf Spot	Phyllosticta sp.	Waukesha
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Apple Scab (Suspected)	Venturia inaequalis	Green
	Gymnosporangium Rust	Gymnosporangium sp.	Green
	Honeycrisp Leaf Mottle	None	Brown
	Powdery Mildew (Suspected)	Oidium sp.	Winnebago
Apricot	Bacterial Canker (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Green
Cherry	Cherry Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Blumeriella jaapii	La Crosse, Ozaukee, Sheboygan
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
Grape	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Sphaceloma ampelinum	Winnebago
Peach	Bacterial Canker (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Green
Raspberry	Gray Mold/Botrytis Blight (Suspected)	Botrytis cinerea	Dane
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Dane, Monroe
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Monroe
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Hosta	Hosta Virus X	Hosta virus x	Taylor
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Arborvitae	Excessive Shading (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
	Phyllosticta Needle Blight (Suspected)	Phyllosticta sp	Milwaukee
Fir (White)	Phyllosticta Needle Blight	Phyllosticta sp.	Waukesha



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NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Pine (Scots)	Diplodia Shoot Blight And Canker (Suspected)	Diplodia sp.	Kewaunee
Spruce (Unspecified)	Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Dane
	Cytspora Canker (Suspected)	Cytospora kunzei	Eau Claire
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Marathon
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Eau Claire, Portage
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Dane
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Cabbage	Damping-Off	Pythium sp.	Marinette
Celery	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Colletotrichum acutatum	Portage
Tomato	Bacterial Canker (Suspected)	Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis	Buffalo, Dane
	Blossom End Rot	None	Buffalo
	Cucumber Mosaic	Cucumber mosaic virus	Dodge
	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Dodge
	Powdery Mildew	Oidium sp.	Dane
	Tomato Spotted Wilt (Suspected)	Tomato spotted wilt virus	Dane
	Virus Disease	Unspecified plant virus	Milwaukee
	Walnut Toxicity (Suspected)	None	Dane
Zucchini	Bacterial Wilt (Suspected)	Erwinia tracheiphila	Dane
MISCELLANEOUS			
Tree ID	Boxelder	None	Waukesha
	Maple (Silver)	None	Waukesha
	Mulberry	None	Waukesha

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