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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 December 26, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Ironwood	Cytospora Canker Sphaeropsis Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> sp. <i>Sphaeropsis</i> sp.	Waukesha Waukesha
NEEDED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Fir (White)	Phyllosticta Needle Blight	<i>Phyllosticta</i> sp.	Dane
Spruce (Black Hills)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected) Transplant Shock (Suspected)	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i> None	Chippewa Chippewa
Spruce (Unspecified)	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i>	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”.