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

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In 2023, the PDDC continues to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs, as well as physical samples. [Click here](#) for the PDDC’s current submission policy, as well as information on the PDDC’s current [fee](#) structure. Digital diagnoses will be included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac and 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 April 22, 2022 through April 28, 2023.

| PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE | DISEASE/DISORDER | PATHOGEN | COUNTY |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS | | | |
| Oak (White) | Root Rot | <i>Rhizoctonia</i> sp. | Sauk |
| HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS | | | |
| Alyssum | Root/Crown Rot | <i>Rhizoctonia</i> sp. | Waukesha |
| Dahlia | Root Rot | <i>Pythium</i> sp., <i>Phytophthora</i> sp. | Waukesha |
| Hosta | Root/Crown Rot | <i>Pythium</i> sp. | Boone (IL) |
| Milkweed (Common) | Yellows Disease (Suspected) | Unspecified phytoplasma | Waukesha |
| NEEDED WOODY ORNAMENTALS | | | |
| Pine (Austrian) | Dothistroma Needle Blight | <i>Dothistroma</i> sp. | Green |
| Pine (Ponderosa) | Dothistroma Needle Blight | <i>Dothistroma</i> sp. | Dane |
| Spruce (Green) | Rhizosphaera Needle Cast | <i>Rhizosphaera</i> sp. | Dane |
| | Weir’s Cushion Rust | <i>Ceropsora weirii</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”.