

# Spring Insect Updates

2021 Virtual Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic Training

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### **Dodson Fly**

- Find near streams
  - Hellgrammites
  - 1-3 years
- Powerful mandibles
  - Do Not touch
- Adults are short lived



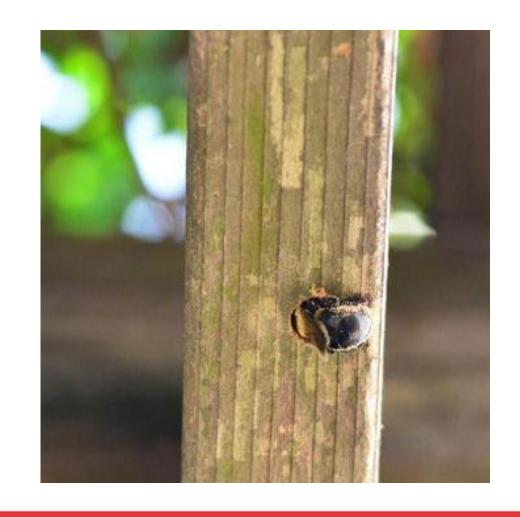


### European Hornet vs Cicada Killer



### Carpenter Bees





#### Rose Sawflies

- Bristly Rose Sawfly, Curled Rose Sawfly, Rose Slug Sawfly,
- Skeletonization, defoliation, brown crinked leaves
- Feed in groups on undersides of leave



### Bristly Rose Sawfly vs Curled Rose Sawfly vs Rose Slug Sawfly







#### Rose Sawflies

- Early detection is key
- Hand remove
- Prune out damaged leaves
- Chemical: Read label and follow the directions
  - Insecticidal soap small
  - Spinosad
  - Do Not Use Bt







## Bagworms





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### **Spring Scales**

(May – June Crawlers)

- European elm scale
- Euonymus scale
- Japanese maple scale
- Lecanium scale
- Calico scale
- San Jose Scale
- Cotton Camellia Scale

- Pine Needle Scale
- White Peach Scale
- White Prunicola Scale
- Fletcher Scale

### **Spring Scales General Control**

- Prune out heavy infested areas
- Wash the reachable branches with a mild soap solution and a soft scrubbing brush
- Manage crawler with horticultural oil or Insect Growth Regulator
- Soil drenches with systemic insecticides



## European Elm Scale





## Euonymus Scale









### Calico Scale

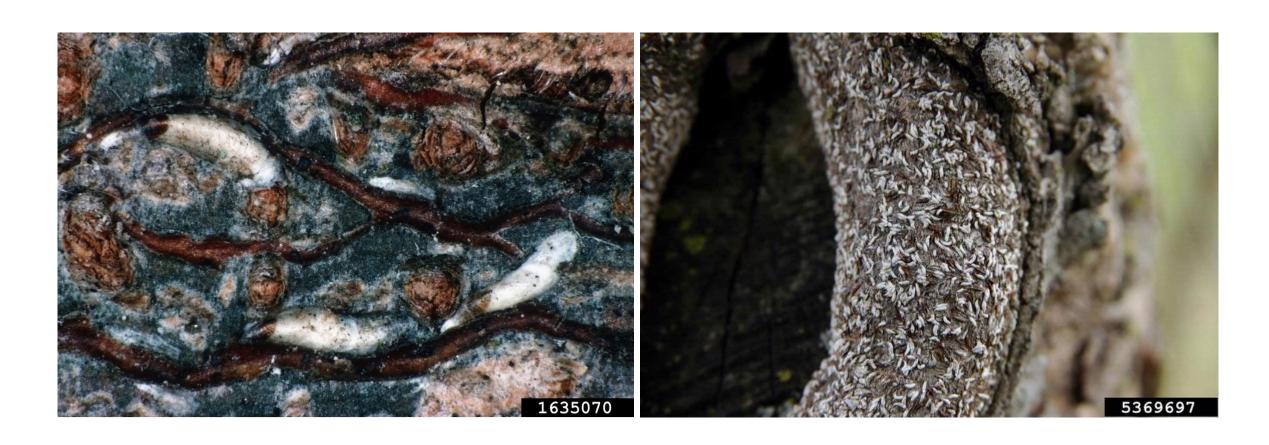


### Lecanium Scale





## Japanese Maple Scale





### San Jose Scale



# Cottony Camellia Scale





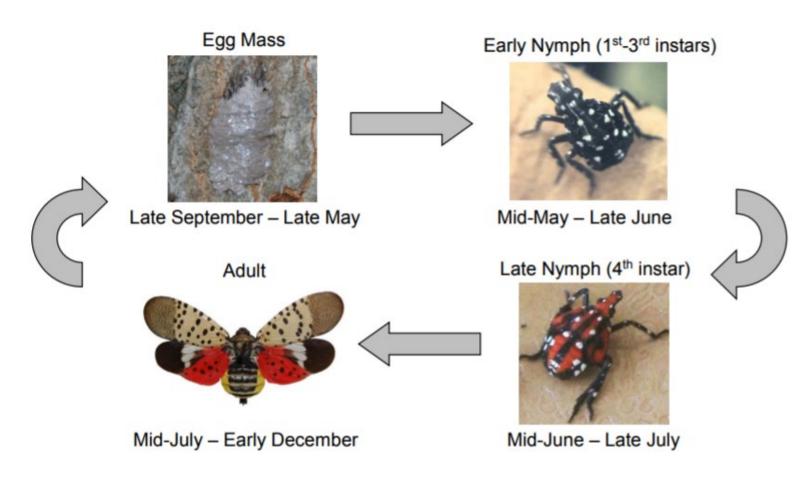
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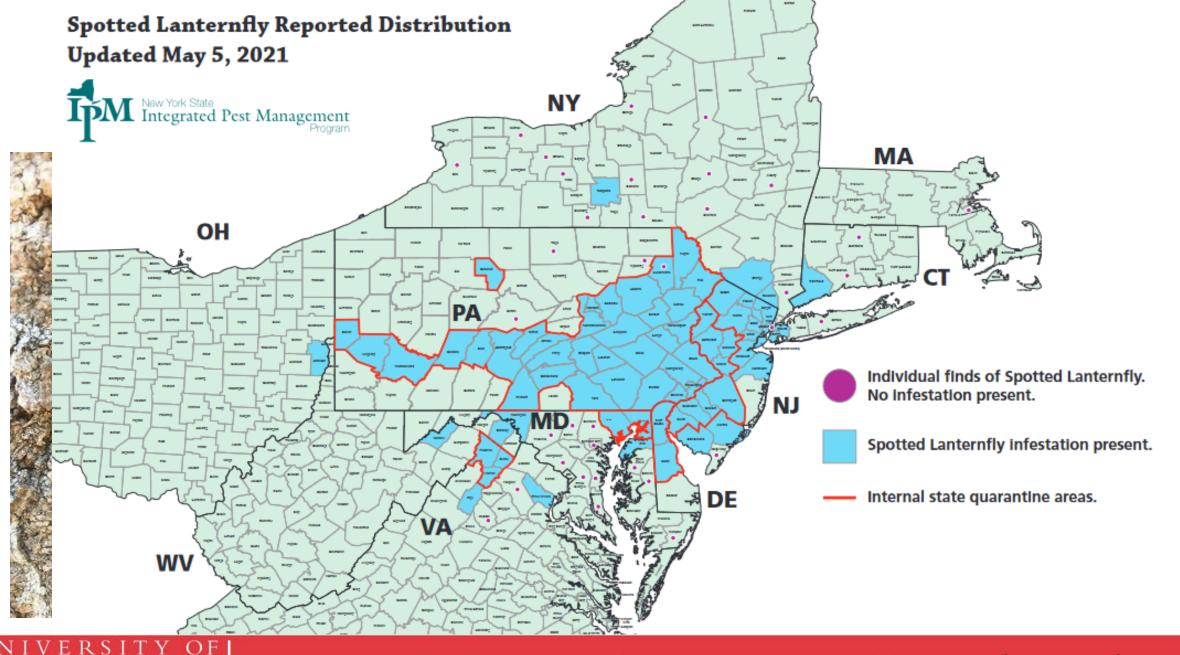




### **Spotted Lanternfly**







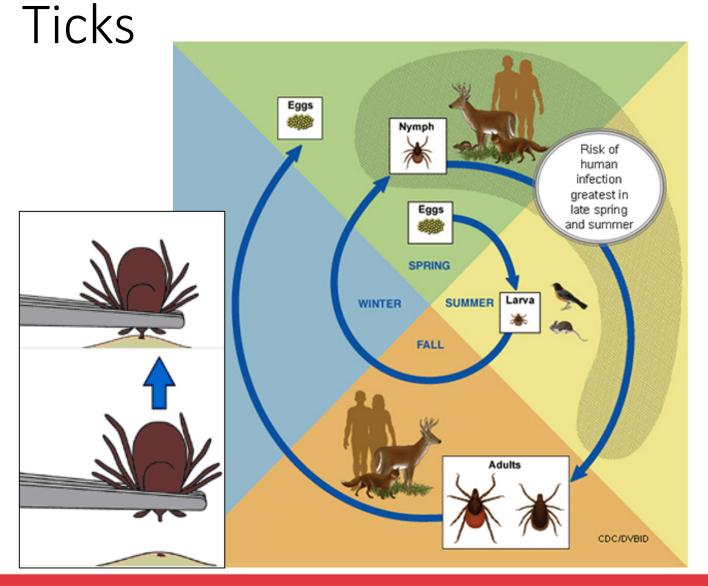
Photos: egg mass, late nymph, and adult courtesy of Penn. Dept. of Ag.; early nymph courtesy of Miriam Cooperband (USDAAPHIS-PPQ-CPHST).

## Slugs and Snails





- Active any time it's above freezing
- Wear long pants and long sleeves
  - Tuck pants into socks
- Treated clothing *permethrin*
- Use DEET open skin



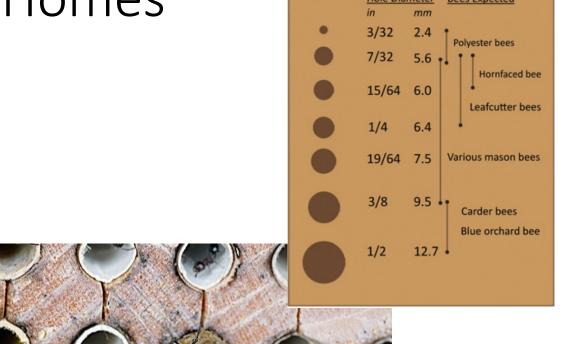
#### Mason Bees

- Native solitary bees
  - Nest sites are often hollow stems or crevices
- Emerge early spring (50° F)
- Foraging range is about 100 yards



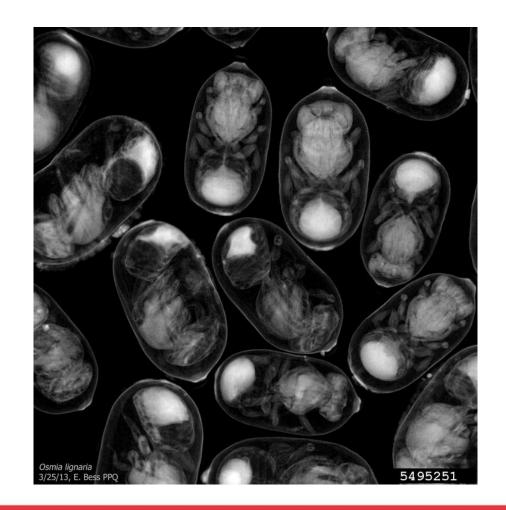
#### Mason Bee Homes

- 3/32 3/8 inch diameter, 6-8 inch long
- Move to non heat garage or shed for winter
- Keep Clean
  - Replace tubes every year
  - Bleach and water solution every other year
  - Once the new bee emerges in the spring before eggs are laid

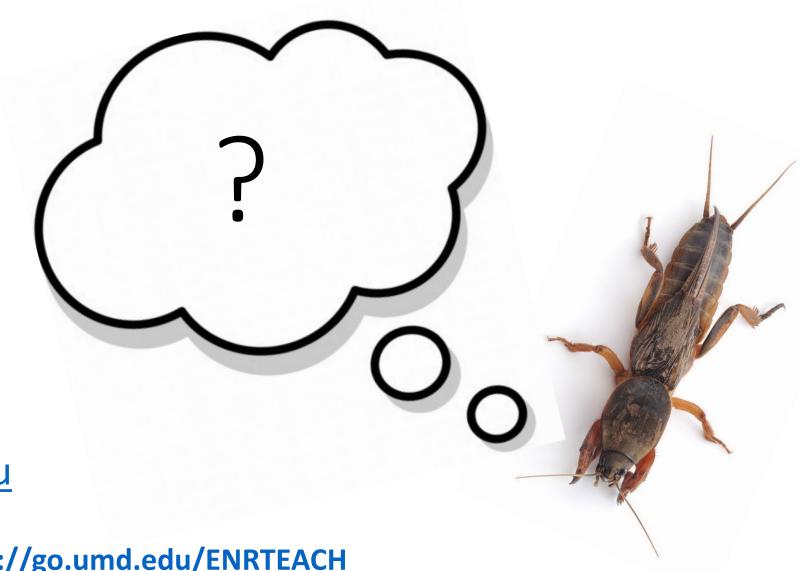


#### Mason Bee Homes

- Make a Emergence Chamber
  - Place tube or house in box or dark bucket with lid
  - Cut small hole in bottom/side for bee to exit
  - Place next to new house for whole year



https://extension.psu.edu/mason-bees-in-the-home-garden



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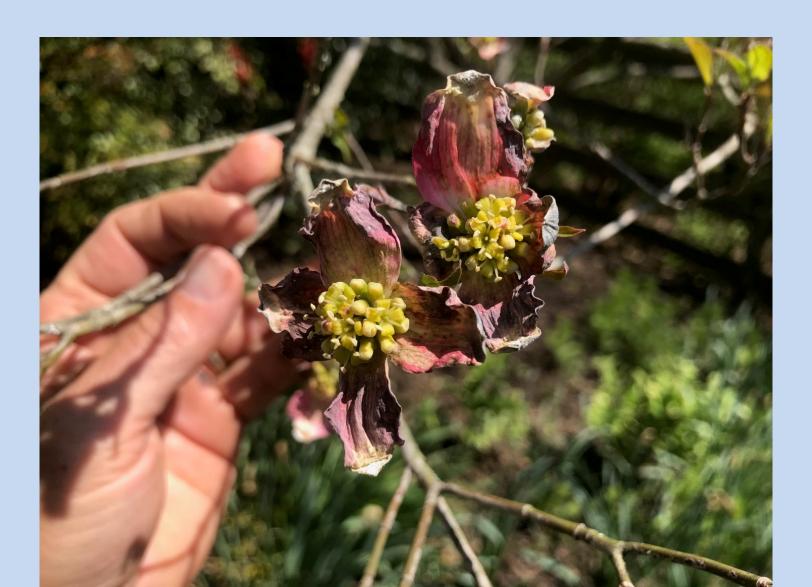
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# 2021 Selected Landscape Plant Diseases May Master Gardener Clinic Zoom Training



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# Cold Damage on Dogwood

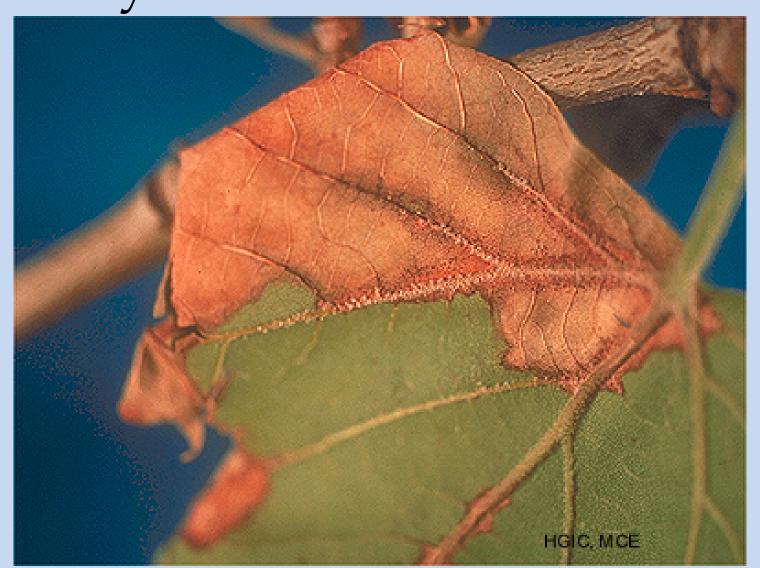


Steve Sullivan

# Hydrangea Cold Damage



# Examples of Pathogenic Fungi Sycamore anthracnose



# Anthracnose canker



# Beech Anthracnose



Photo: Nancy Gregory, U Delaware Cherry Shot Hole



Cherry Shot Hole on Cherry Laurel



# Cherry Shot hole



Cherry leaf drop



### Resistant Shot Hole Cherries

• First Lady



Dream Catcher



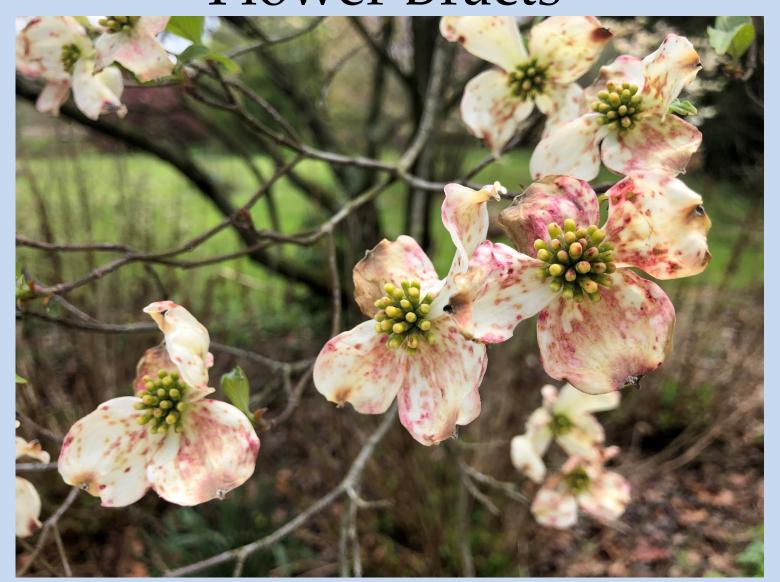
## Cherry Shot Hole Management

- Chemical
  - -Propiconazole
  - -Thiophanate-methyl
  - -Myclobutanil
  - -Orkestra Intrinsic (fluxapyroxad and pyraclostrobin)
- Cultural
  - -Thin canopy and remove twig cankers in the spring

## Guidelines for Fungicide Recommendations

- Will not cure visible symptoms
- Preventative action only, not curative
- Require repeated applications on regular intervals
- Expensive
- Need thorough coverage of plant parts
- If intervals are skipped or lengthened control may be compromised
- Organic and biological options are limited and in some cases unpredictable

# Elsinoe spot anthracnose on Dogwood Flower Bracts



# Dogwood with Elsinoe 2021



## Discula Anthracnose of Dogwood



## Powdery Mildew Spore Chains



Kentucky Pest News

## Powdery Mildew on Euonymus



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## Powdery Mildew on Crepe Myrtle

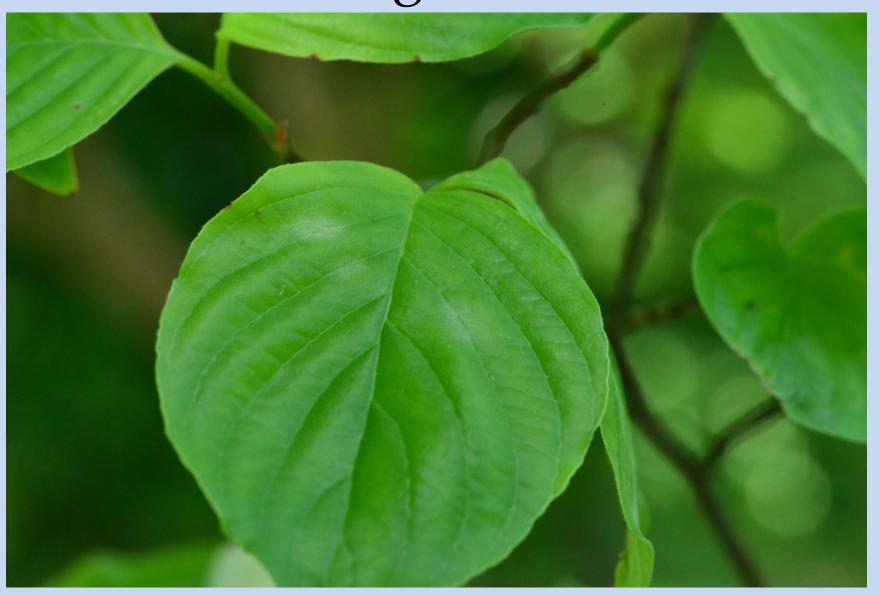


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## Mildew Resistant Crepe Myrtles

• Semi-dwarf (15 feet) – Acoma (white), Caddo (pink), Hope (blushwhite), Pecos (pink), and Tonto (red). Intermediate (up to 20 feet) - Apalachee (orange), Centennial Spirit (dark red), Christiana (deep red), Comanche (coral pink), Hopi (pink), Lipan (redlavender), Near East (pink), Osage (pink), Osage Blush (pink), Sioux (pink), and Yuma (lavender). Full tree (over 20 feet) – Basham's Party Pink (lavender pink), Biloxi (pink), Choctaw (pink), Fantasy (white), Kiowa (white), Miami (pink), Muskogee (lavender pink), Natchez (white), Townhouse (white), Tuscarora (coral pink), Tuskegee (pink), Twilight (dark purple), and Wichita (lavender).

# Early Powdery Mildew Symptoms on Dogwood



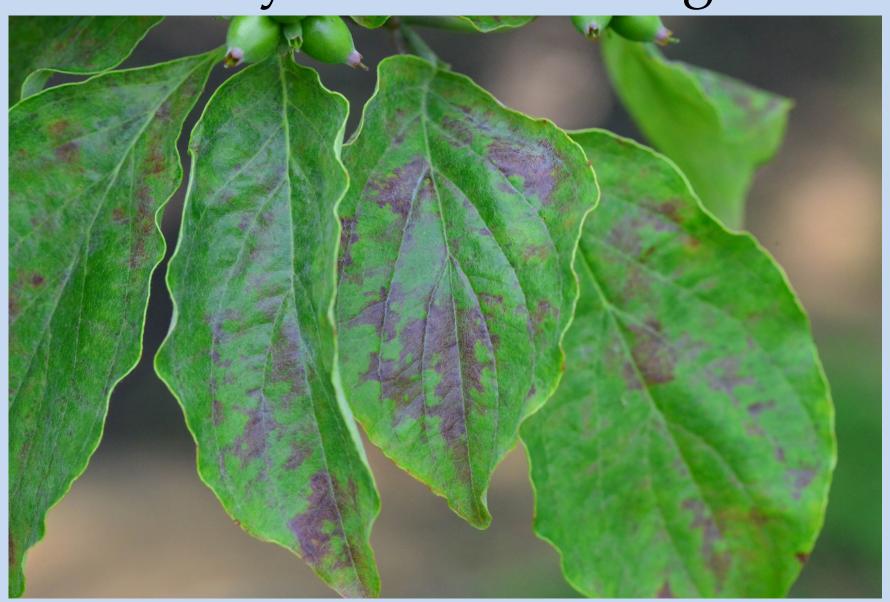
## Dogwood wth Early Powdery Mildew



# Powdery Mildew and Old Elsinoe on Dogwood Late August



## Powdery Mildew on Dogwood



### Powdery Mildew on Dogwood late summer



## Dogwood with Leaf and Flower Damage 2021



## Powdery Mildew Resistant Dogwood



## Powdery Mildew Management

#### Field Resistance

- Cherokee Brave
- Kousa cultivars and hybrids
- **Resistant** (*C. florida* cultivars)
  - Jean's Appalachian Snow
  - Karen's Appalachian Blush
  - Kay's Appalachian Mist
  - Appalachian Joy (Double Flower Appearance)

#### Fungicides

- propiconazole (Banner)
- myclobutanil (Immunox)
- thiophanate-methyl (Cleary's)

# Other dogwood species resistant to powdery mildew

- Pagoda dogwood C. alternifolia
- Bigleaf Dogwood C. macrophylla
- Redosier dogwood C. sericea
- Silky dogwood C. amomum

## Canker diseases



# Canker Diseases Japanese Maple Botryosphaeria Die-back



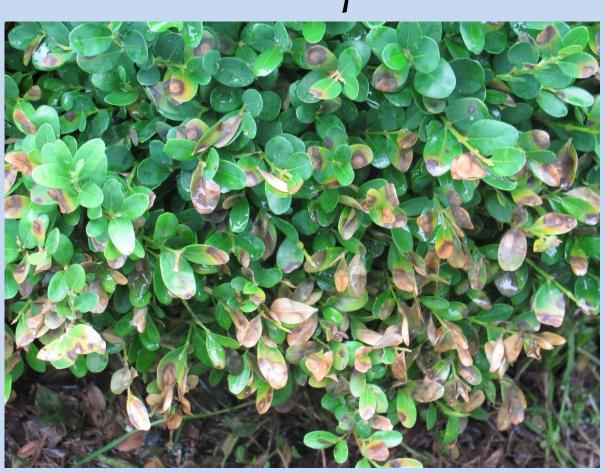


## Boxwood Blight

caused by Calonectria pseudonaviculata

(= Cylindrocladium buxicola, Cylindrocladium

pseudonaviculatum)



In October 2011, confirmed for the first time in US - nurseries in North Carolina and Virginia, landscape in Connecticut

Now found in at least 21 states, including MD, DE, PA, VA and 3 Canadian provinces



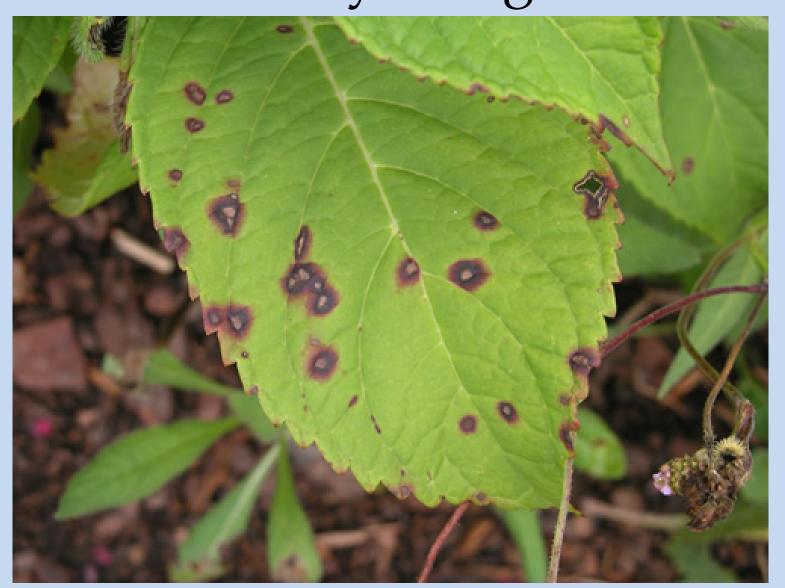
### 2020 Resistant Boxwoods



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# Cercospora and Xanthomonas Leaf Spots on Hydrangea



# Bradford Pear Fire Blight



Texas A&M Spur Die Back and Canker caused by Fire Blight



Photo by William M. Ciesla

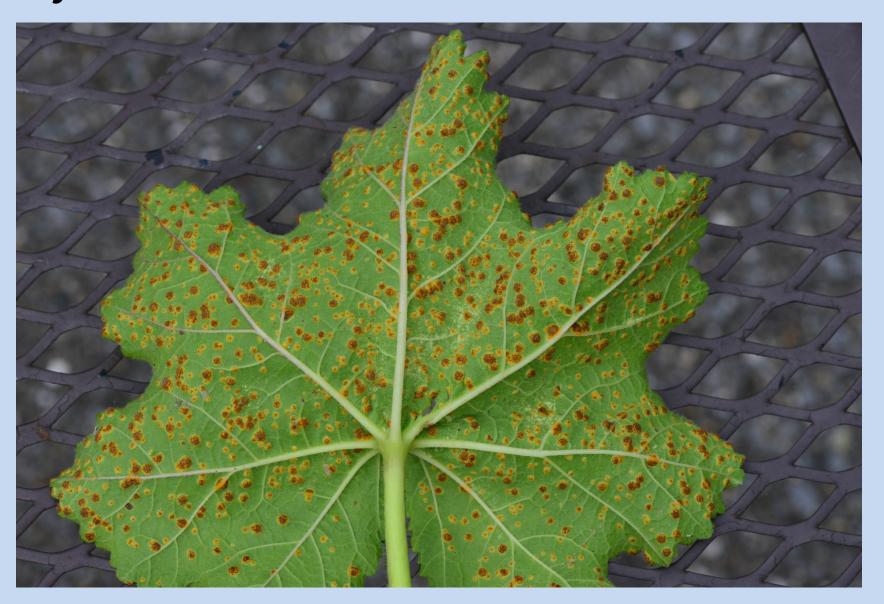
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## Holyhock Rust, Puccinia malvacearum



# Daylily Leaf Streak



# Rose Rosette symptoms



Alan Windham, UT

## Rose Rosette Virus



### Rose Rosette Virus Disease



## Normal New Rose Growth Color



## Powdery Mildew on Rose



## Black spot on Rose



# Cercospora leaf spot on rose, common on blackspot resistant knockout roses



## New Beech Leaf Disease

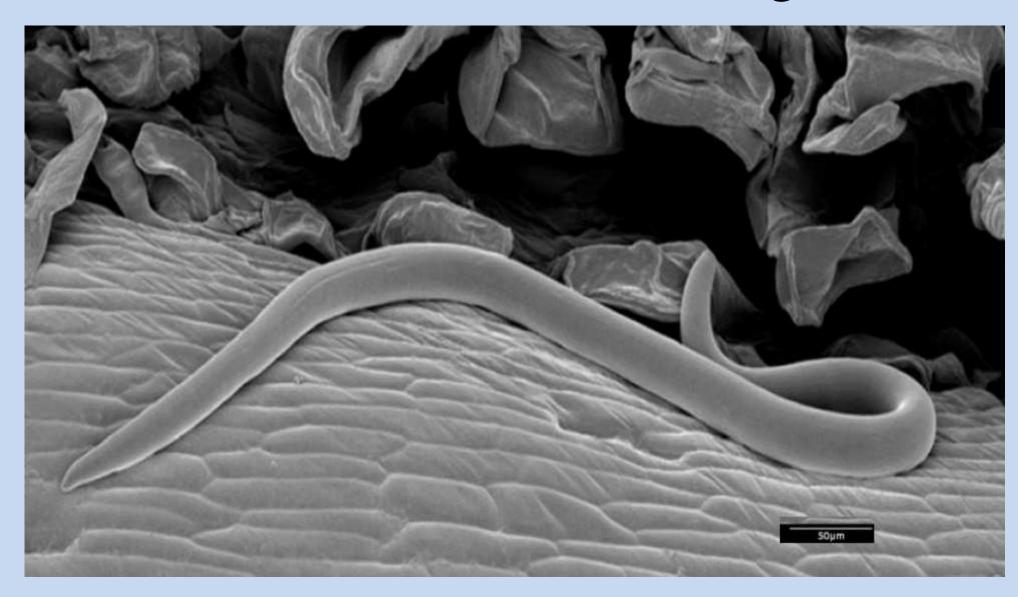


## Beech Leaf Disease Symptoms



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## Possible Nematode Pathogen



## Vegetable and Fruit Update

May 19, 2021

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### HGIC resources for MGs and the public

https://extension.umd.edu/hgic

- Web pages
- Maryland Grows blog
- HGIC YouTube channel- hundreds of videos
- Ask Extension- answers to garden and pest questions!
- Social Media

### Home and Garden Information Center



The Home and Garden information Center [HOIC] develops and delikers adence-based, sustainable gentering and integrated past management education for batte human and environmental health.

The Home and Garden information Center partners with the Master Gardener Program to provide advectional resources to the volunteers as well as digital resources through the Home and Garden website.

#### Find information on





### Hot topics

recommended varieties.







### Connect with us





problems, and supporting pollinators in your

landscape.



- Send questions with photos;
   answers within 48 hrs.
- Master Gardeners and field faculty have joined with HGIC staff to answer questions in 2021
- Qs&As are a good, searchable teaching toolhttps://ask2.extension.org/



### Ask Extension

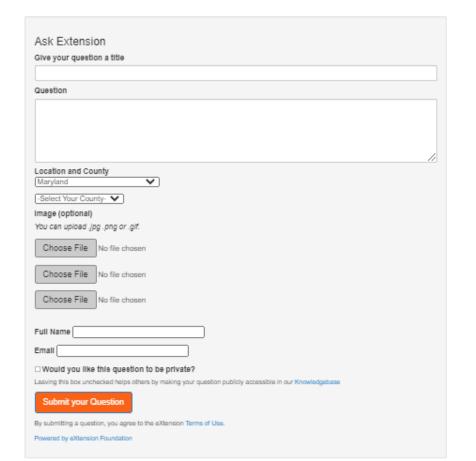
Get answers from our team of Maryland Certified Professional Horticulturists, Extension Faculty, and Master Gardeners.

### User form

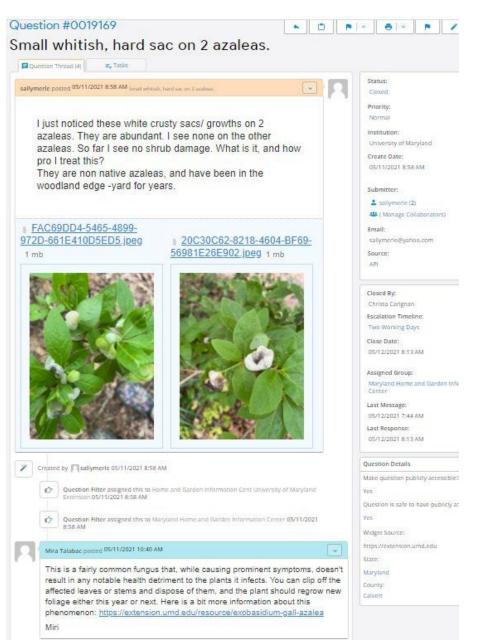
Our team of Maryland Certified Professional Horticulturists, Extension faculty, and Master Gardeners answer yard and garden questions from Maryland and Washington, DC residents only. If you live in another state, please <u>use this form</u> to select your own location, or contact your local university cooperative extension.

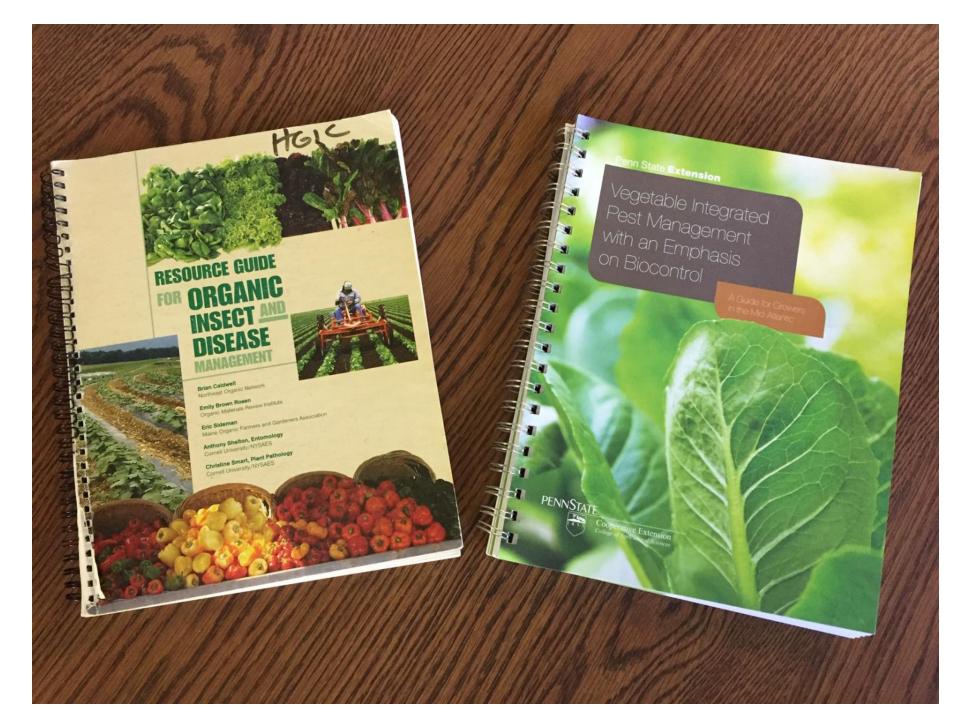
We strive to respond to your questions within 48 hours. For fastest enswers, search our website first. Read our tips for submitting good photos.

- Insect ID: photos need to be close, in focus, in good lighting, include a ruler or coin to show size.
- Plant ID: show the entire plant, preferably with close-ups of flowers or seed heads.
- For plant disease diagnosis: show the transition from healthy to affected plant material. Include information on the
  age and location of the plant(s) and soil and site conditions.
- Attach files in JPG, PNG, GIF, or PDF format, a maximum of 8MB.



### Searchable questions with answers





## Tips for working with clients

- Help clients develop realistic expectations
  - cucumber plants don't produce all summer long
  - sometimes you just need rip out the duds and re-plant
- Don't jump to conclusions
- Deep breath; what is the big picture; how serious is the problem?; is it getting worse?
- Teach how to prevent the problem next year; share UME resources.

## Early spring weather injury

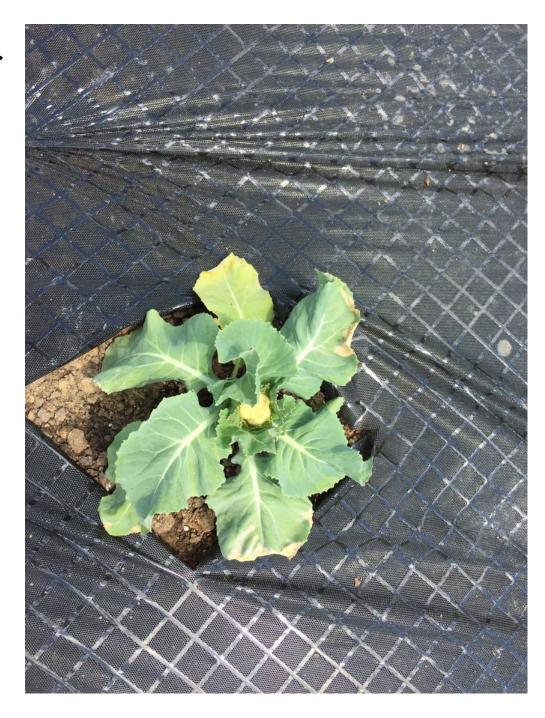




# Button head of cauliflower (stress response)

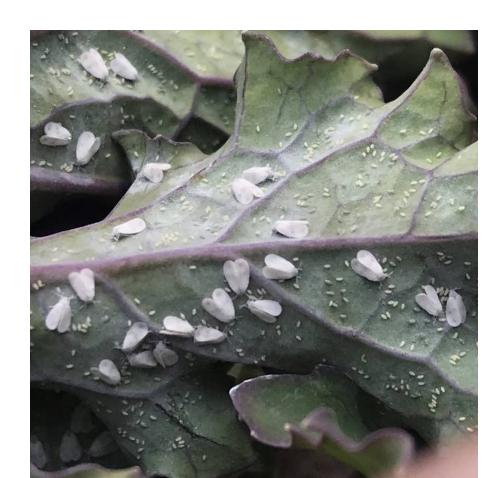
### Some possible causes:

- Too hot or too cold after planting
- Too much time in container
- Moisture extremes
- Insect pests
- Compacted soil



### Climate change

 Increasing average temperatures and rainfall and longer spring and fall growing seasons increase insect, weed, and disease pressure



Whitefly adults and nymphs on kale Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>; Montgomery Co.

Photo credit: Christa Carignan



Many aphid species are active



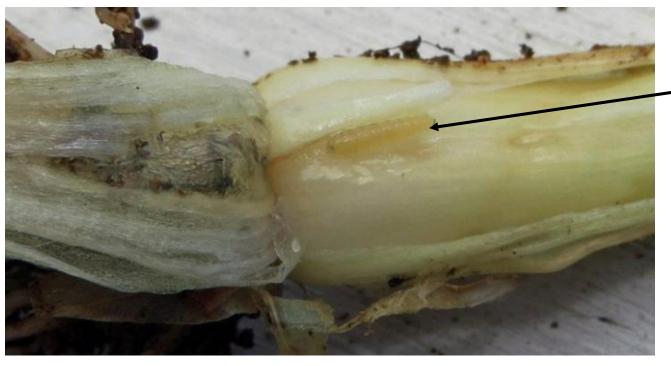
### Allium leafminer

### Management:

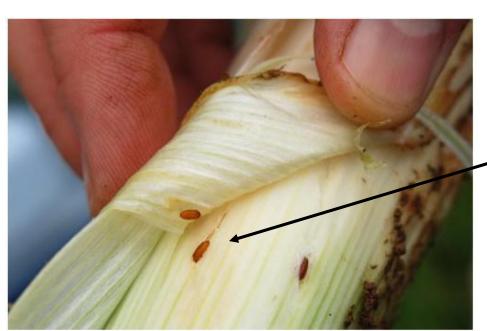
- Row covers April to early May (I<sup>st</sup> generation) and late Aug. through late Sept. (2<sup>nd</sup> generation)
- 2. Spinosad or neem



Photo credit: Christa Carignan



Larva-1/3 in.



## Pupae

Photos: L. Donovall, USDA-APHIS, S. Spichiger, PA Dept. of Ag





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Fig. 1 Garlic bulb mites greatly magnified

### Garlic bulb mites

- Buy clean seed stock
- Rotate garlic crops
- Remove all plant residue

## Imported cabbageworm



Photo: Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org

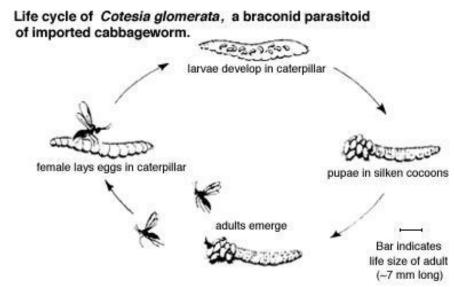




## Cotesia glomerata- parasitoid



Photo and illustration: Cornell University https://biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/index.php



Floating row cover extends growing season and protects crops



"Micro mesh" protects crops without temperature increase











Colorado potato beetle

### Mexican bean beetle- "skeletonizer"













### Destructive harvest

- Pull up infested plants
- Harvest beans
- Stuff plants in big plastic trash bags
- Leave in sun for two weeks to break the lifecycle

## Spotted cucumber beetle

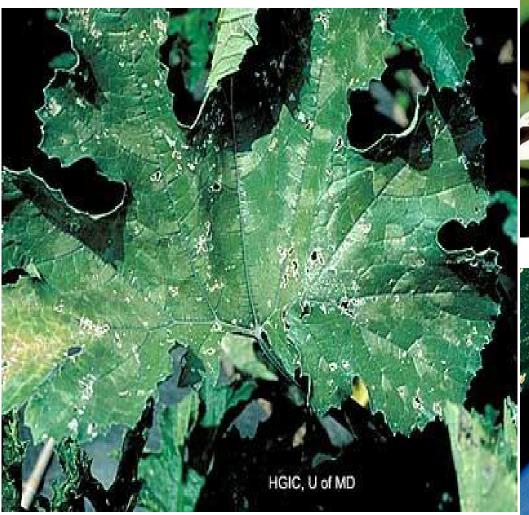


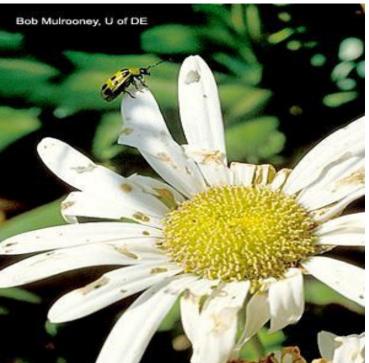
# Striped cucumber beetle





Pink spotted lady beetle-







### Bacterial wilt disease





bacterial ooze

## Harlequin bug eggs and nymphs







### Swede Midge: Now in Pennsylvania

Another invasive species, the swede midge, has made its way to Pennsylvania. Swede midge is a tiny, 1/16 inch long fly that can be a serious pest of Brassica crops, also known as cole crops, and weeds.

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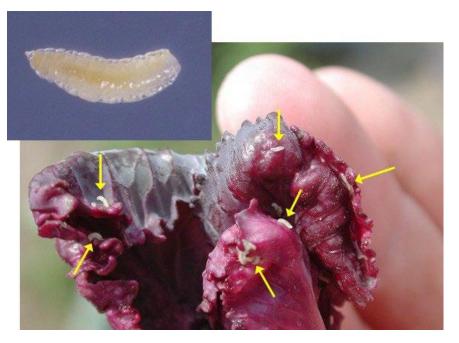
Brown corky scarring is not limited to the growing points and leaf petioles, but can also cause damage in the heads of cauliflower. Image: Cornell University

Native to Europe and parts of Asia, this pest was confirmed in New York about 20 years ago and has spread to additional states and Canada. This midge belongs to a group of insects that are known to be hostplant specialists, often causing galls or other induced plant growth patterns. The swede midge fits this pattern, being tightly connected to a plant family, and larval feeding induces changes in plant physiology, resulting in various forms of distorted growth.

We discovered swede midge by responding to a farmer's problem in broccoli on July 16, 2020, in Bradford County. To the best of



- All Brassica family plants
- Multiple generations; eggs laid inside buds
- Maggot feeding causes scarring, distorted growth, small heads
- Keep an eye out for this pest



## Squash bug





## Eggs and immatures

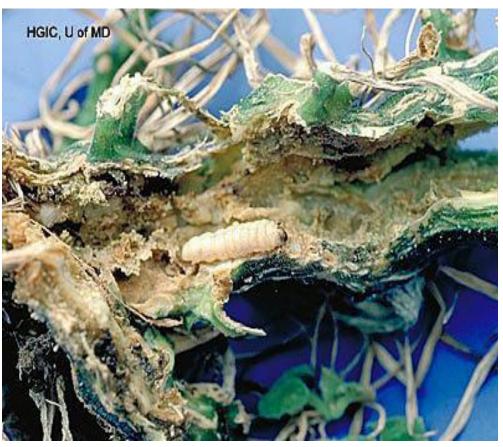






## Squash vine borer









## Solutions to poor summer squash pollination:

- Proper growing conditions/plant care
- Patience (female flowers develop later)
- Hand pollination
- Parthenocarpic cultivars
- Multiple plantings
- Plant for pollinators
- Reduce/eliminate insecticides



## Choanephora rot on squash





# Manage the major fungal leaf spot diseases of tomato

- Space plants at least 2 ft. apart
- Remove lower leaf branches and excess suckers
- Water at plant base
- Good garden sanitation
- Fixed copper fungicides
- Resistant cultivars



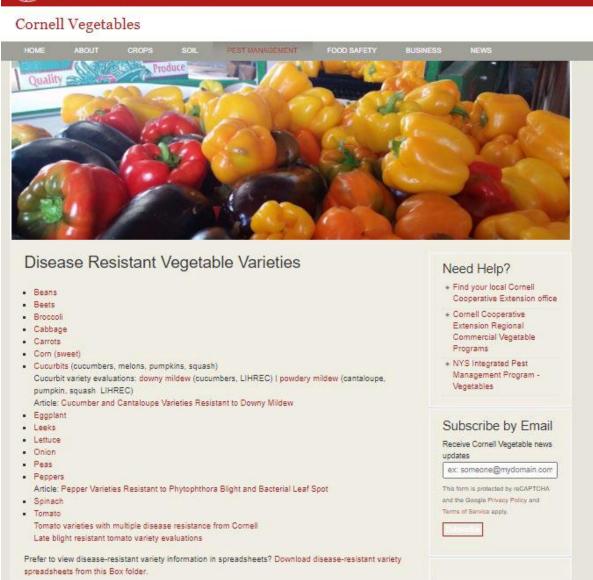
Early blight



Septoria leaf spot

### Excellent, updated list of disease-resistant cultivars and seed sources:





### Late leaf rust

Symptoms on leaves and fruits of primocane-bearing raspberry



### **Apple Disease - Marssonina Blotch**

Marssonina blotch, caused by Marssonina caronaria, is a foliar disease first identified in Pennsylvania in September 2017.

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Leaf infected with Marssonina. Photo: K. Peter, Penn State

Marssonina blotch is controlled easily with fungicides; however, excessive rainfall marcause lapses in control. Marssonina blotch is found on leaves and fruit of apple. The disease is widely distributed and has been reported in North America, Europe, and Asia. Most recently, it was found in Pennsylvania in 2017. The disease can cau severe defoliation. Conventional fungicide such as captan, easily control this disease therefore, it is considered a minor pathog in Pennsylvania. However, during a seasor where lot of rain has fallen, trees may not

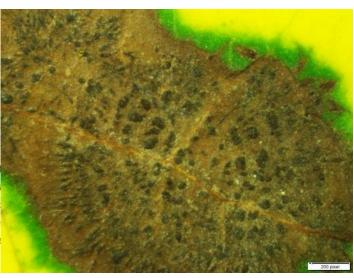


Photo: NCSU So. Appalachian Apples

Polycyclic fungal disease that produces symptoms similar to apple scab

Widespread in East Coast apple orchards



PHOTO BY AĆMOVIĆ S. G., 2020

And now for some live samples!

