

Tree Diseases/Problems at the Plant Clinic

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Botryis Gray Mold on Strawberries

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See our suggestions for specimen collection and submission.



We have plenty of sample data forms to use with your specimen.



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PLANT DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLE SUBMISSION APP

- A new joint effort app involving eight cooperative universities
- A free download on the iOS app store
- Usable by anyone, allowing for a constant resource for plant, disease, pest, and other plant problem identification.
- Free submission to the U of I Plant Clinic Not the case at all participating labs
- https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ sample-submission/id669269520?mt=8

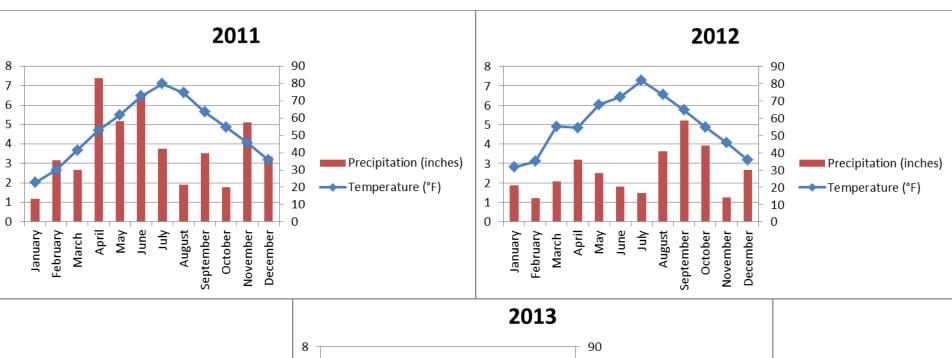
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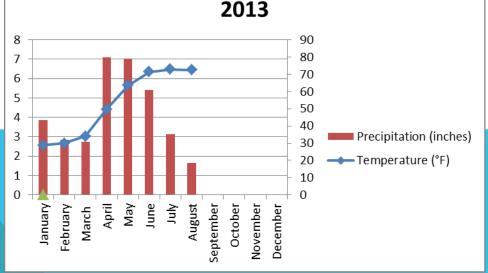


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2011 - 2013 PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE

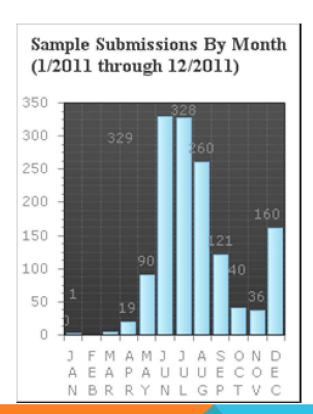
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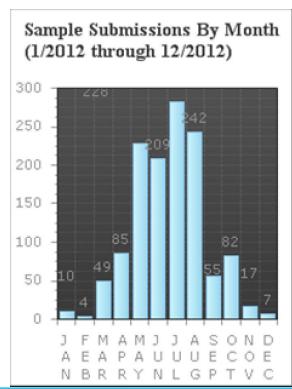


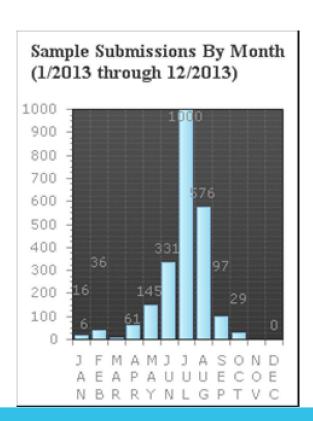


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2011-2013 PLANT CLINIC SAMPLE SUBMISSION:

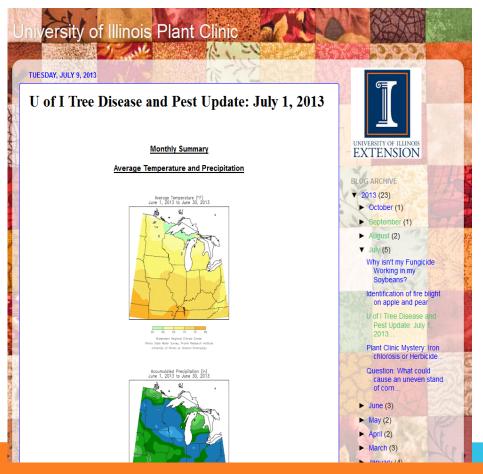








U OF I TREE DISEASE AND PEST UPDATES



- May 1st 2013
- June 1st 2013
- July 1st 2013

Monthly Summary of:

- Average Temperature and **Precipitation**
- Modified Growing Degree Days (Base 50° F)
- GDD of Landscape Pests
- **GDD** of Conifer Pests
- Invasive Species News from the Illinois Cooperative Agriculture Pest Survey (CAPS) Program
- Kelly Estes,

http://universityofillinoisplantclinic.blogspot.com/



Update from the U of I Plant Clinic

(Courtesy of Stephanie Porter, Diagnostician and Outreach Coordinator and Travis Cleveland, Pesticide Safety Education Specialist)

TREE PROBLEMS AND DISEASE AFTER DROUGHT

Problems on:

- Newly planted and shallow planted (conifers or in clay)
- Non-native
- Unsuitable site (soil type, pH, slope, south/west facing)
- Stressed (improper planting)

Effects of drought:

- Scorching or wilt
- Slowing or stopped growth (branch/ diameter)
- Fine roots die
- Premature dropping of leaves
- More sensitive to pesticides, de-icing salts
- Nutrient/pH issues (iron chlorosis)
- Secondary disease and pests
- Signs of stress (early Fall color)
- Dead or dormant? –wait until Spring

Diseases:

- Root and Butt rots (wood rots)
- Armillaria root rot pine, fir, oak maple
- Diplodia tip blight pine
- Rhizosphaera needle cast spruce
- Verticillium wilt many spp.
- Dutch Elm Disease
- Ash and Elm Yellows Phytoplasma
- Pine wilt nematodes

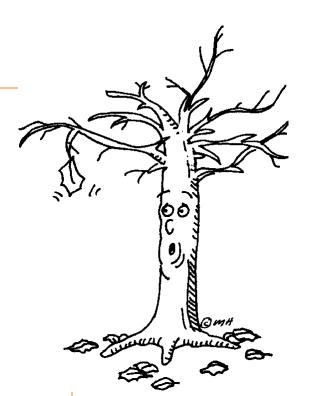
Cankers:

- Hypoxylon canker oak, other spp.
- Thyronectria canker honeylocust
- Cytospora or Valsa canker prunus, poplar, willow, maple, conifers
- Botryosphaeria canker crabapple, dogwoods, maples
- Nectria canker maple, birch
- Bleeding cankers (Phytophthora/Bacteria)
 oaks, beech

PLANT CLINIC TREE DATA:

Things to keep in mind during the presentation:

- All data is based on submissions to the Plant Clinic
- Most tree samples consist of branches and leaves (no roots, trunks)
- Some samples may be from out of state
- Plant Clinic testing



Top Illinois County Sample (all plants) Submissions in 2013:

Champaign – 478 Lake - 43

Clinton – 217 Kane – 27

Piatt – 97 Cass - 20

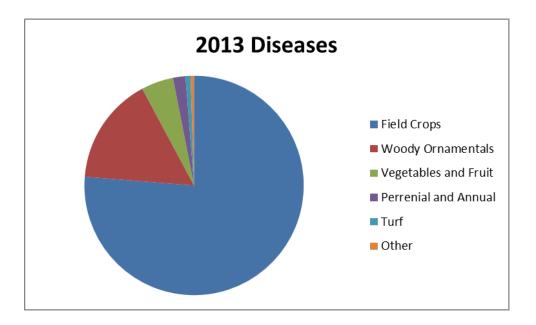
Effingham – 86 Kankakee - 19

Cook – 61 Mclean, Peoria, Tazewell,

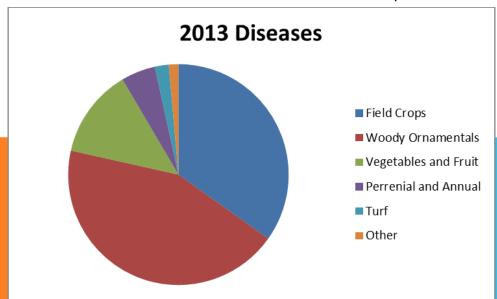
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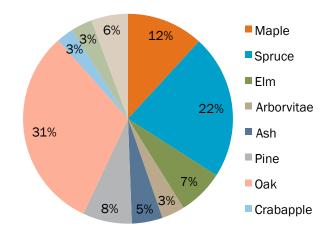




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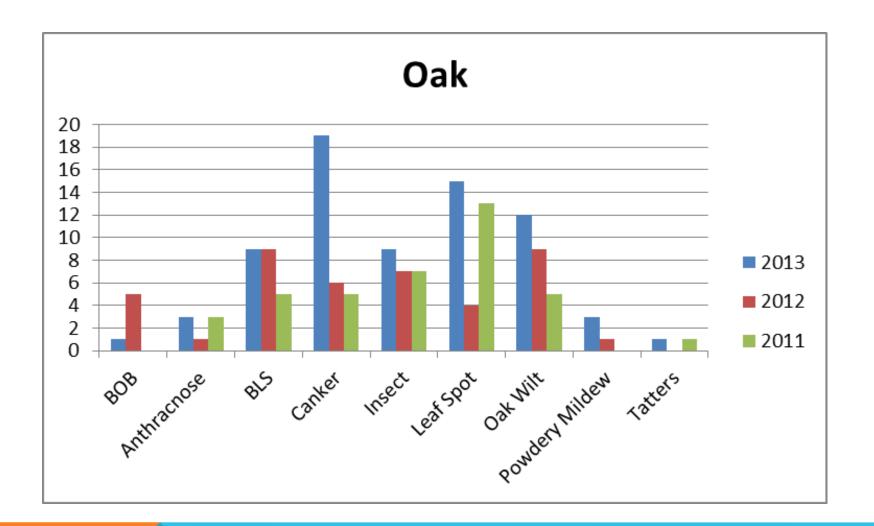
Top 10 Tree Diseases 2013





Problem Trees of 2013 Based on: U of I Plant Clinic Trees Samples and Questions





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ISOLATIONS FROM KNOWN POSITIVE OAK WILT SAMPLE

(SLIDE COURTESY OF IOWA STATE PLANT & INSECT DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC)

| Treatment | Ave. Success Rate |
|--|----------------------|
| Harvested, delivered, refrigerated, plated next day | 86% |
| Harvested, delivered, left at room temp overnight, plated 1 day later | 28% |
| Harvested, delivered, heated to 125° for 1 hour, refrigerated overnight, plated next day | 0% |
| Harvested, taken to post office and mailed to PIDC. Arrived 4 days later. | 16% |
| | |

OAK WILT SAMPLING

- Oak wilt is intolerant of temperatures about 90°F and can be sensitive to drying
- Proper packing is key to proper isolation and diagnosis
 Sampling tips:
- Collect suspected oak wilt samples from a living branch showing early symptoms of the disease. The pathogen will not survive in dead or dry branches.
- Try to send branches with symptoms of vascular streaking.
 Our best chance of isolating the pathogen occurs when culturing tissues with vascular streaking.
- Mail samples the same day they are collected, or refrigerate and mail them soon after.
- Send samples early in the week. This will help to prevent samples from being held over the weekend in a hot mail truck.
- Higher rates of successful isolation occur with samples that's were kept cool. When possible, send samples in an inexpensive cooler with a disposable ice pack.
- Clinic results for oak wilt testing often take 7-14 days to complete. The Plant Clinic will send a detailed report with recommendations when the results are available.





OAK WILT - CERATOCYSTIS FAGACEARUM

Ceratocystis fagacearum

Confirmed (+) 13

Tested 31

Oak sp. that tested Oak wilt (+):

Bur Oak - 1 Red Oak – 6 Northern Red Oak – 1 Pin Oak – 5





BACTERIAL LEAF SCORCH - XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA



Management:

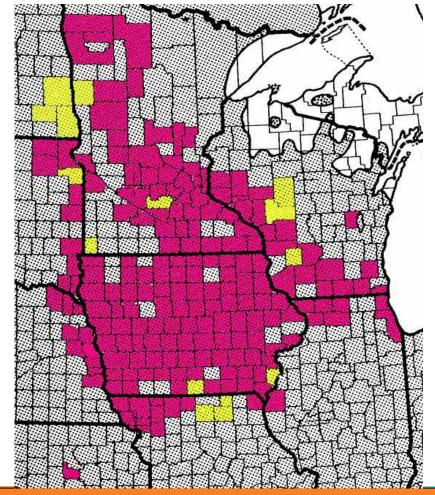
- There is no effective treatment or cure
- Spread by leafhoppers and root graphs
- Insecticides considered impractical
- Trunk injections and drench with antibiotics suppress symptoms
- Sanitation (tree removal or pruning) not shown to reduce incidence of new infections
- The best course of action is to maintain the health (water, fertilize, reduce stress) of your tree to delay symptoms. WATER DURING DROUGHT!

Sampling:

- Wait until late summer and call before submitting
- •Look for scorched tissue, and ensure plenty of fresh, leaves with petioles attached are included in the sample



BUR OAK BLIGHT



Sampling: 1.) Leaves that consist of *Tubakia* leaf blight 2.) branches that possess "second-year petioles".

3.) collect branches that have leaves and petioles still attached to the tree in the winter.

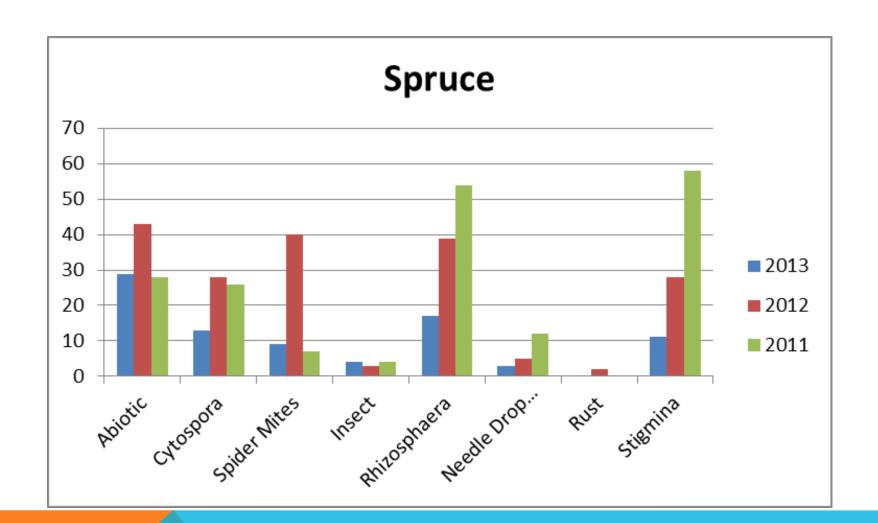
Management:

- Boost tree vigor
- Pruning and removing branch dieback
 For high value trees: Iowa State University found trunk injections of propiconazole
 (Applications require specialized equipment and will need to be made by a certified professional.)
- Injections should be made in late May or early June just after the leaves have fully expanded
- The recommended application rate is 8-10 mls per 1"DBH. Higher applications rates reportedly resulted in phytotoxicity to leaves. The rate will also need to be adjusted if the tree has significant branch dieback in the canopy.
- One application should last several years.
 lowa State currently recommends repeat application only after a severe outbreak recurs.



OAK DISEASE LOOK-A-LIKES





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In order to address the spruce issues of 2011:





Several species of spruce are commonly planted in the Midwest for use as windbreaks, screens and specimen plantings. Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) and Blue Colorado Spruce (*P. pungens var. glauca*) are the most frequently planted in the landscape, while White spruce (*P. plauca*). Serbian

trees are planted in locations that the species is not well adapted to. For instance, spruce trees require full-sun exposures, and will grow poorly when planted in shade. Soil conditions within the planting site are often overlooked, but are critical to a plants health.



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http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/downloads/45140.pdf

STIGMINA -STIGMINA LAUTII - UPDATE



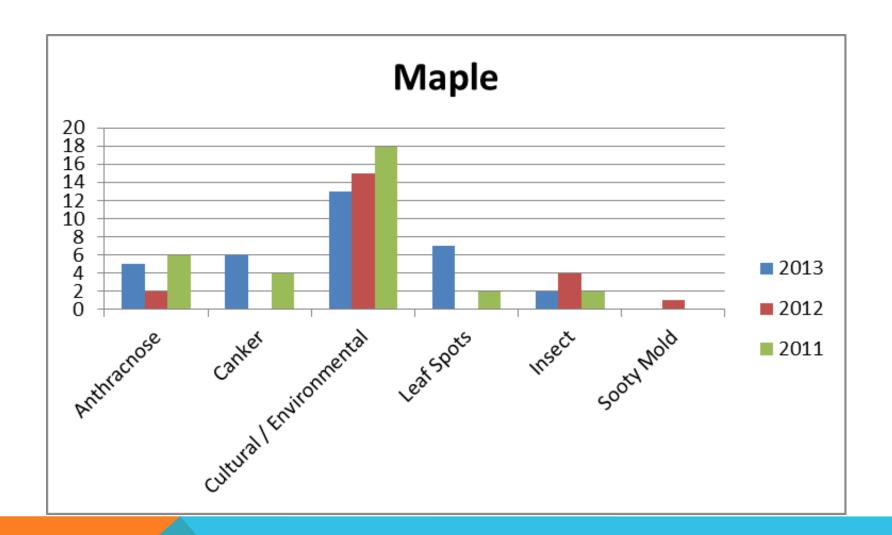


- Stigmina Infects all spruce
- Rhizosphaera Blue spruce (Norway resistant)
- Stigmina Associated with needle blight symptoms on spruce. (not proven to be a pathogen)
- Stigmina Needle symptoms and fungal fruiting structures look very similar to Rhizosphaera needle cast!
- (second year needles)
- (lower and North side of tree)
- Rhizosphaera spray with needles are half-grown (bud caps fall off) and again when elongated

North Dakota (Preliminary research)-

"Timing of treatment for *Stigmina* needle cast is similar to *Rhizosphaera*, except preliminary data suggest that the trees should be treated indefinitely, with at least two properly timed fungicide applications per year."

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MAPLE BLIGHT MANIA

- An epidemic of leaf blight pathogens on maple due to extended cool, wet weather
- Three causal pathogens
- -Anthracnose (Discula spp., Kabatiella apocrypta),
- -Leaf Blister (Taphrina spp.),
- -Venturia Leaf Spot (Venturia acerina)
- Brown to black spots, blotches, bordered by veins, as well as dark black blisters, can eventually take over the entire leaf, unsightliness and leaf drop

Management: Mostly cosmetic but can stress tree, tree will recover and produce a new flush of leaves in late season, fungicides not recommended, keep tree in good vigor





TAPHRINA SPP.

- Cool wet weather caused infection by Taphrina spp. diseases
- Infects various ornamental and fruit trees (host specific)
 - Can lay dormant until perfect conditions, infects at bud break
- Leaf curls, blisters, stem dieback, leaf drop, and fruit deformation

Management: apply fungicide before bud break – difficult to provide complete spray protection on large and/ or dense trees, cannot control once infection has taken place, apply N, watering, thinning fruit, mostly cosmetic but can cause yield loss, not known to cause death









MAPLES TURNING RED



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Forest tent caterpillars

Gypsy moth

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Oakwilt

Pine bark beetles

Spraying tree pests

Two-lined chestnut borers

Previous Issues

2013: <u>May</u> | <u>Feb</u> 2012:<u>Nov</u> | <u>June</u> | <u>April</u> | <u>Jan</u>

2011: <u>Aug</u> | <u>May</u> |

<u>Jan</u>

In PDF format PDF 2010: <u>Sept | June</u>

|<u>May</u> | <u>Jan</u> | 2009: <u>June</u> | <u>May</u>|<u>March</u>

2008: <u>Jan | May |</u> June | Nov

2007: Oct | May

2006. May Lyny

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Maple: premature fall color

Each August brings a few trees that begin the fall color frenzy ahead of schedule. In addition to signaling the change of seasons, these trees are sending a clear signal that they are suffering from some form of stress. Stress can have a wide variety of causes, be mild or severe, or, benign or fatal. In any case, professional tree "care givers" should be aware that the trees are talking to you. Are you listening?

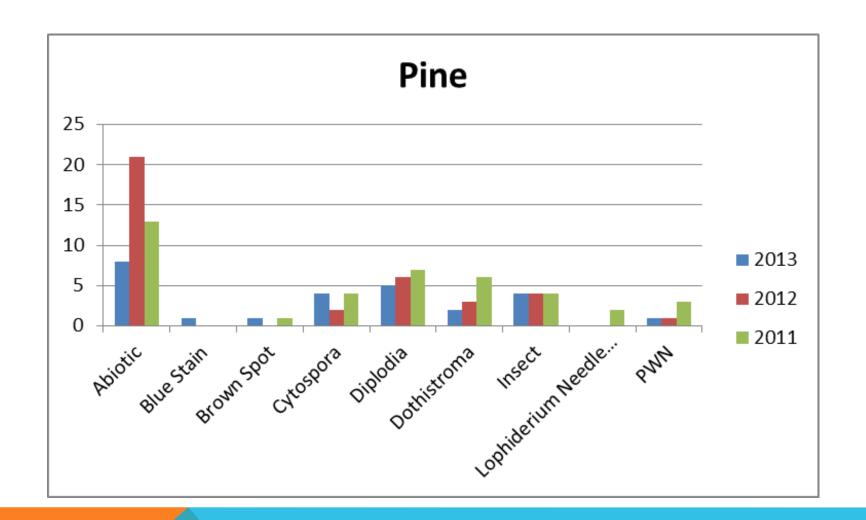
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Maples are probably the group of trees that most commonly exhibit premature fall color. Sensitive to changes in their environment, maples commonly show early color in years when summer rains are heavier than normal and raise soil moisture to or above field capacity during the period from mid to late summer. The maples that show this characteristic the best are the several species of soft maples (sliver and red) that commonly inhabit the shrubby areas around wetlands. These trees commonly begin to show deep, rich purples as early as the first week in August.

Maples in communities also commonly display early color due to stress mechanisms more common to the urban environment. Sugar maple, in particular, shows early color due to the stress induced by infection from Verticillium wilt. This disease may occur in nursery grown stock in commercial trade. It is difficult to detect because it is soil-borne, difficult to culture, and commonly not tested-for in the nursery. In addition, Verticillium wilt is a relatively weak pathogen that does not do well on young, vigorous nursery stock. Trees can be infected for many years without showing external symptoms of the disease. When they do begin to show symptoms, one of the first is premature fall color followed in succeeding years by a progressive, if not slow, crown decline and dieback.

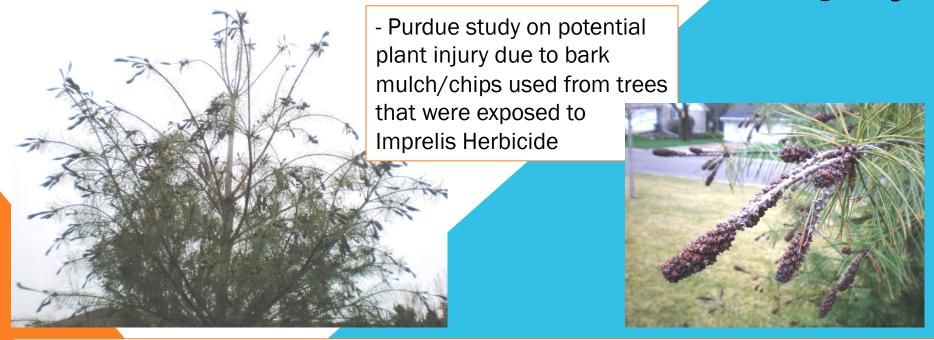
Maples in communities that are planted "just-a- little" too deep often show premature fall color. Again this is more pronounced in years with wet summers. The likely mode-of-action is decreased soil oxygen content. Planting too deep "smothers" roots reducing oxygen in the root zone. So does over watering whether natural or artificial. The bottom line is stress-induced premature fall color. Remember that stress is (1) caused by many factors, (2) cumulative, and (3) potentially fatal if left untreated.





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Update on Imprelis®Herbicide Injury



A Turf Professional's Guide to Imprelis®Herbicide Injury in the Landscape http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/pubs/briefs/ImprelisLCO.pdf

Imprelis®Update: 2012 Field Notes on Injury and Recovery
http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/pubs/briefs/ImprelisUpdate2012.pdf

2013 Imprelis®Update: Tree Maintenance, Replacement, and Disposal http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/pubs/briefs/ImprelisUpdate2013.pdf

PINE PROBLEMS



White Pine decline or Drought?



White Pine decline- roots



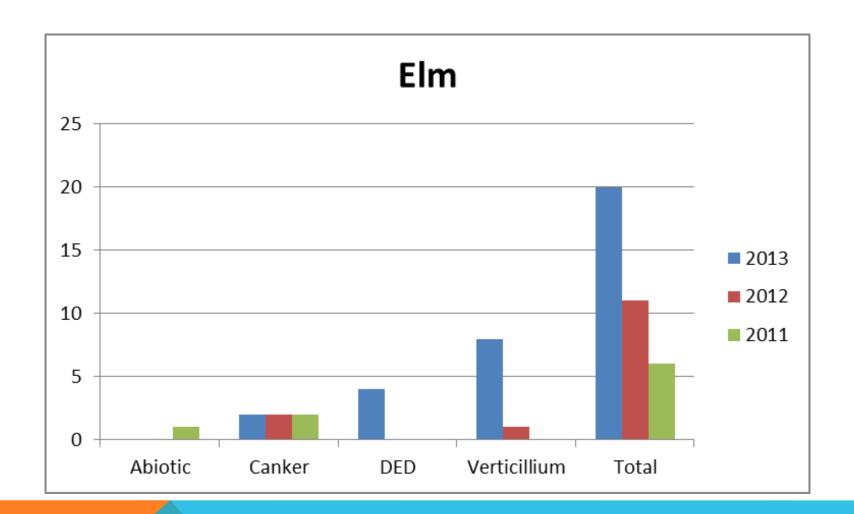
Pine Engraver beetle (Ips pini)



Cankers



Blue stain fungus - spread by bark beetles



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VERTICILLIUM WILT

Verticillium sp.

Confirmed (+)

32 **Tested**

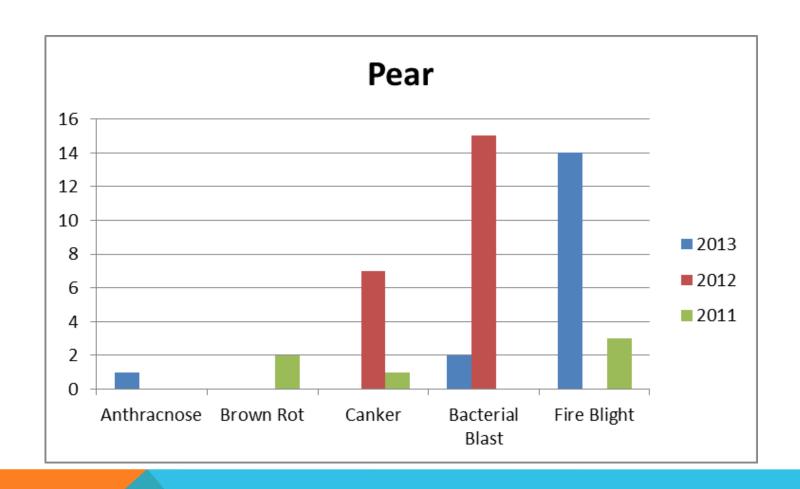




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Verticillium (+) on Elm





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FIREBLIGHT (2013) ERWINIA AMYLOVORA

BACTERIAL BLAST (2012) PSEUDOMONAS SYRINGE





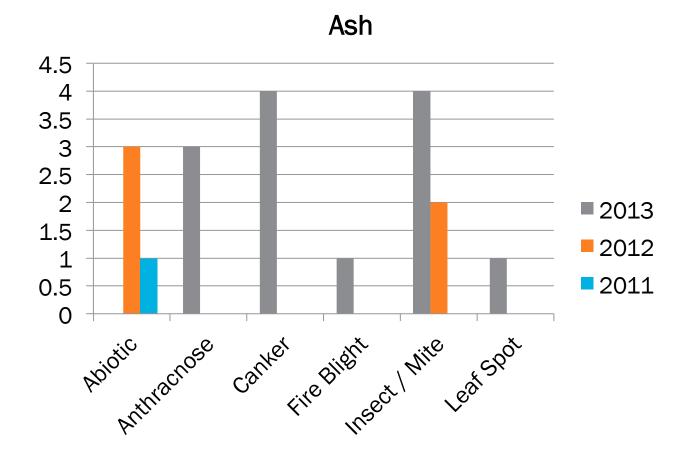
PEAR BLIGHTS

- Pseudomonas spp. is a weak, opportunistic pathogen that takes advantage of unfavorable weather conditions
- Erwinia spp. infects through open blossoms and young leaves and shoots in the springtime and spreads best in hot dry weather
- Unsightly blighted leaves and shoots,
 Shepard's crook
- Management: Prune out infected tissue during dormancy – 8-10 inches below canker (dry weather), chemical options (copper products) limited for the home grower -timing critical (4-5 day intervals throughout bloom), avoid practices that promote lush growth









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ASH ANTHRACNOSE

- Many reports of Anthracnose in 2013
- Cool wet spring conditions during leaf expansion can encourage outbreaks (disease severity)
- Symptoms appear at the bottom of the tree humidity
- Water soaked spots that grow to form blotches
 - Can turn tan in color, defoliation
- Due to extended periods of wetness, we observed leaf drop because petioles were infected

Management: Mostly cosmetic, can cause stress, tree will produce a new flush of leaves in late season, fungicides not recommended, keep tree in good vigor





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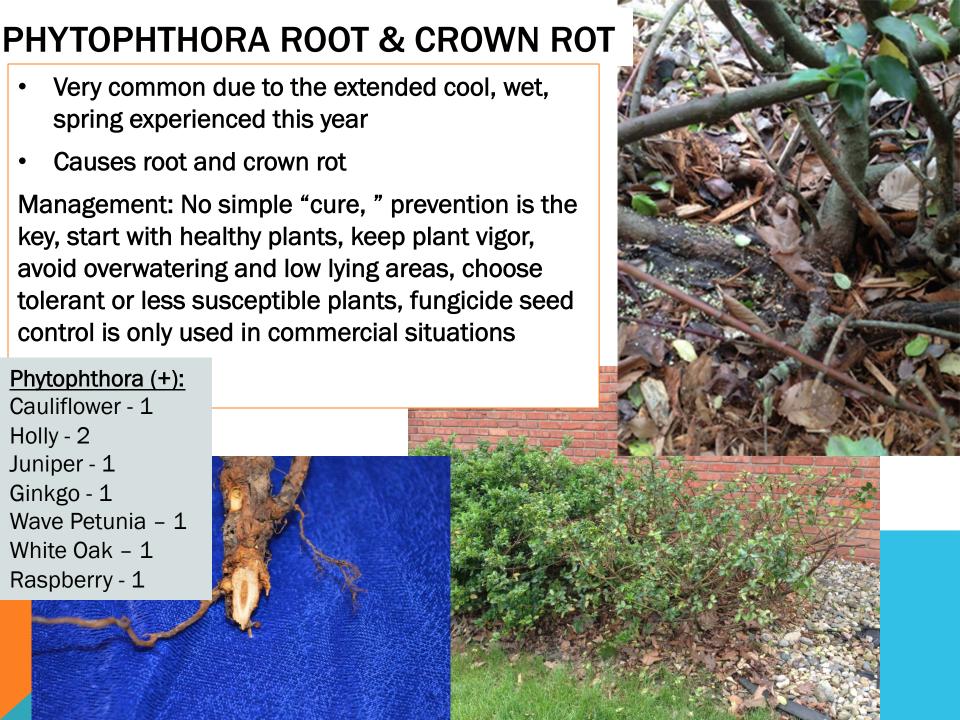
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Arborvitae – "Disease Free"

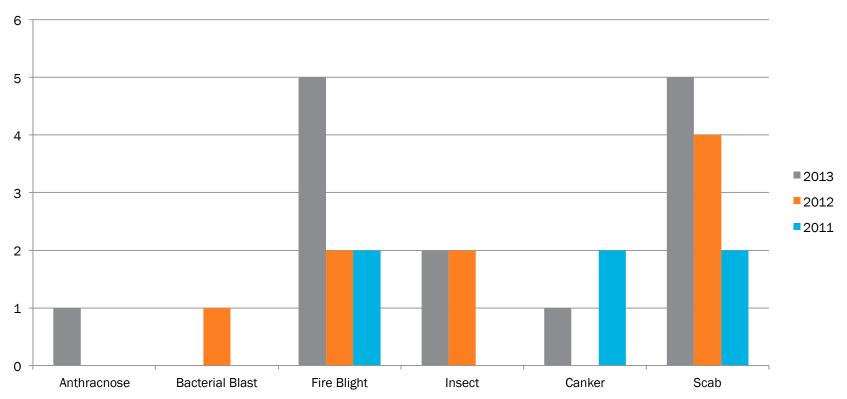
Can be infected by tip blights and spruce spider mites (not going to kill them)

Dieback or Death:

- Think underground
- "too little or too much water"
- Root rot (*Phytophthora spp.*)
- Drought (Winter desiccation)
- Compacted soil (too little aeration)
- Soil pH Extremes
- Abiotic factors (improper planting, physical injury, girdling roots, construction, salt)
- https://sharepoint.cahnrs.wsu.edu/blogs/gardentips/archive/2005/09/10/AILING %20ARBORVITAE%20.aspx
- http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/ppdl/pubs/briefs/conifer-dieback.pdf
- http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex4144



Crabapple



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Cedar-apple rust

- Most common cedar rust
- Apples and crabapples
- Affects leaves, fruit, and twigs
- Appears in May/ June as pale yellow spots on upper leaf surface. These enlarge and turn orange
- Will turn into tube like aecia on the underside



Cedarhawthorn rust

- Foliar symptoms similar to Cedar-apple rust
- Most often affects leaves
- Causes yellow spots that enlarge and turn gray-brown
- Leaves often turn bright yellow before dropping prematurely



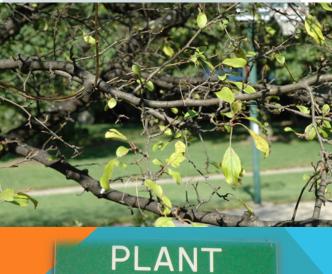
Cedar-quince rust

- Common in 2013 and caused much dieback
- Leaf symptoms limited to infections of petioles and veins
- Noticeable damage is done to stems (cankering), thorns, and fruits.
- Fruits will become covered in aecia



APPLE SCAB -VENTURIA INAEQUALIS





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"I planted a scab-resistant crabapple variety several years ago and scab is still a problem"

Possible explanations:

- -It may not be apple scab
- -Resistance is not immunity
- -The var. may have been misidentified
- -It could be a "new" scab strain

Predisposing factors:

- Drought
- Wet spring = primary infections
- Continued damp = secondary infection

Management:

- Choose resistant varieties!
- Recommended Crabapples for Illinois Landscapes http://extension.illinois.edu/IPLANT/plant_select/ trees/Selecting_Crabapples.pdf
 - Spray fungicides when leaf buds break and continue until 2 wk past petal-fall

WATCH OUT FOR INVASIVES!



Illinois First Detector Tree Pest Program 2014



- 1 day workshop (Speakers represent Plant Clinic, CAPS, IDOA, and IDNR)
- Each location will have sessions devoted to <u>SOD</u>, invasive oak pests, invasive plants, and safeguarding/regulation.
- Hands-on activities at the end of the day!
- Participants receive a binder of information and certificate of completion
- CEU's available



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FIRST DETECTOR

Dates and Locations:

January 14 ICC in Peoria

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January 16 Madison-Monroe-St. Clair Unit Branch Office in Collinsville

Contact: Sara Ruth (ruth1@illinois.edu)

February 20 Jackson County Extension Office in Murphysboro

Contact: Sonja Lallemand (lalleman@illinois.edu)

February 27 Klehm Arboretum in Rockford

Contact: Candace Miller (mille116@illinois.edu)

March 12 Macon County Extension Office in Decatur

Contact: Jennifer Nelson (jaschult@illinois.edu)

March 27 Will County Extension Office in Joliet

Contact: Richard Hentschel (hentesche@illinois.edu)

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IPM COMPUTER TRAINING MODULES

- Sudden Oak Death (SOD)
- Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD)
- Spruce Problems
- Burr Oak Blight (BOB)
- Bacterial leaf scorch (BLS)
- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- Boxwood Blight
- Brown Marmorated Stink bug
- Downy Mildew of Impatiens & Basil
- Spotted Wing Drosophila



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