

Mango sooty blotch (317)

Summary

- Worldwide distribution. On Mango. A fungal disease of minor importance.
- Leafspots on seedlings, circular or irregular, up to 5 mm diameter, grey with dark brown or black borders. Fungus said to grow inside leaves without showing symptoms.
- Spread in rain and wind.
- Cultural control: none recommended.
- Chemical control: none recommended.

Common Name

Mango sooty blotch

Scientific Name

Guignardia mangiferae; this is the sexual state of the fungus. The asexual state is recorded as *Phyllosticta anacardiacearum* and *Phyllosticta capitalensis*. Another disease also called sooty blotch has been reported from Australia (possibly) implicating the little known fungus *Stomiopltis*.

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Photo 1. Irregular spots, frequently with light centres and dark margins, caused by mango sooty blotch, *Guignardia mangiferae*, on the underside of mango leaves.



Photo 2. Leaf spots of mango sooty blotch, *Guignardia mangiferae*, on the upper surface of a mango leaf.



Photo 3. Underside of the mango leaf (Photo 2) showing spots of mango sooty blotch, *Guignardia mangiferae*.

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