



# **Diseases to Anticipate in 2017**

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VIRUS

GALLS

RUSTS

VASCULAR WILTS

LEAF SPOTS

CANKERS

BUTT ROT

NEEDLECASTS

# RUSTS







# Pear-trellis Rust





# Pear Trellis Rust

*Gymnosporangium sabinae*  
(syn. *G. fuscum*)

On Chanticleer, 2009

ID J. Bischoff, USDA-ARS, Beltsville



Comice Pear

Riverhead, NY



# UNIQUE TRAIT

Late maturity of aeciospores  
in pear trellis rust



4 mo. maturation

# OPTIONS



- Find resistant callery pears (?)
- Spray junipers (Oct-Dec) (?)
- Spray pears (May?)
- Eliminate nearby junipers (**which?**)



*Juniperus chinensis*  
‘Robusta Green’

2014  
Nursery  
L.I., NY

PEAR TRELLIS RUST

D. Gilrein image

A close-up photograph of a pine tree branch against a solid black background. The branch features several clusters of small, dark, reddish-brown, irregular growths, likely a type of gall or tumor. Interspersed among these growths are several long, thin, green, needle-like leaves characteristic of a pine. The bark of the branch is visible and appears rough and textured.

April 27, 2015

Lynn Hyatt image



*J. chinensis* 'Robusta Green'  
Pear trellis rust



*Juniperus chinensis*  
‘Robusta Green’

Landscape  
Suffolk Co., NY

Pear trellis rust

*Juniperus chinensis*  
‘Robusta Green’  
Riverhead Landscape  
May 16





# Pear-trellis rust (*G. sabinae*) in Switzerland Highly Susceptible Junipers (Siegfried, 2002)

*Juniperus chinensis* ‘Keteleeri’

*J. chinensis* ‘Robusta Green’

*J. media* × Gold Sovereign

*J. media* × Pfitzeriana (Aurea and Compacta)

*J. media* × Swissgold

*J. sabina* ‘Blue Danube’

*J. sabina* ‘Tamariscifolia’

*J. scopulorum* ‘Old Gold’

## Pear Trellis Rust (*G. sabinae*)

### Resistant Junipers in Switzerland (Siegfried, 2002)

*Juniperus chinensis* 'Blaauw'

*J. chinensis* 'Blue Alps'

*J. chinensis* 'San Jose'

***J. chinensis* 'Kaizuka' (=*J. chinensis* 'Torulosa')**

*J. media* × 'Mint Julep'

*J. media* × 'Pfitzeriana Glauca'

*J. communis* - all

*J. virginiana* 'Hetz', 'Grey Owl', 'Canaerti', 'Kim'

*J. conferta* 'Blue Pacific'

June 2011 – anthracnose + rust



*Colletotrichum acutatum*

*Pyrus calleryana* 'Cleveland Select'

# Spray Treatment For Rusts...

## Fungicide Management



Chlorothalonil – if you test first on host  
Propiconazole – if you test first on host  
Mancozeb – labeled for rust on pear

3 applications 7-14 day intervals



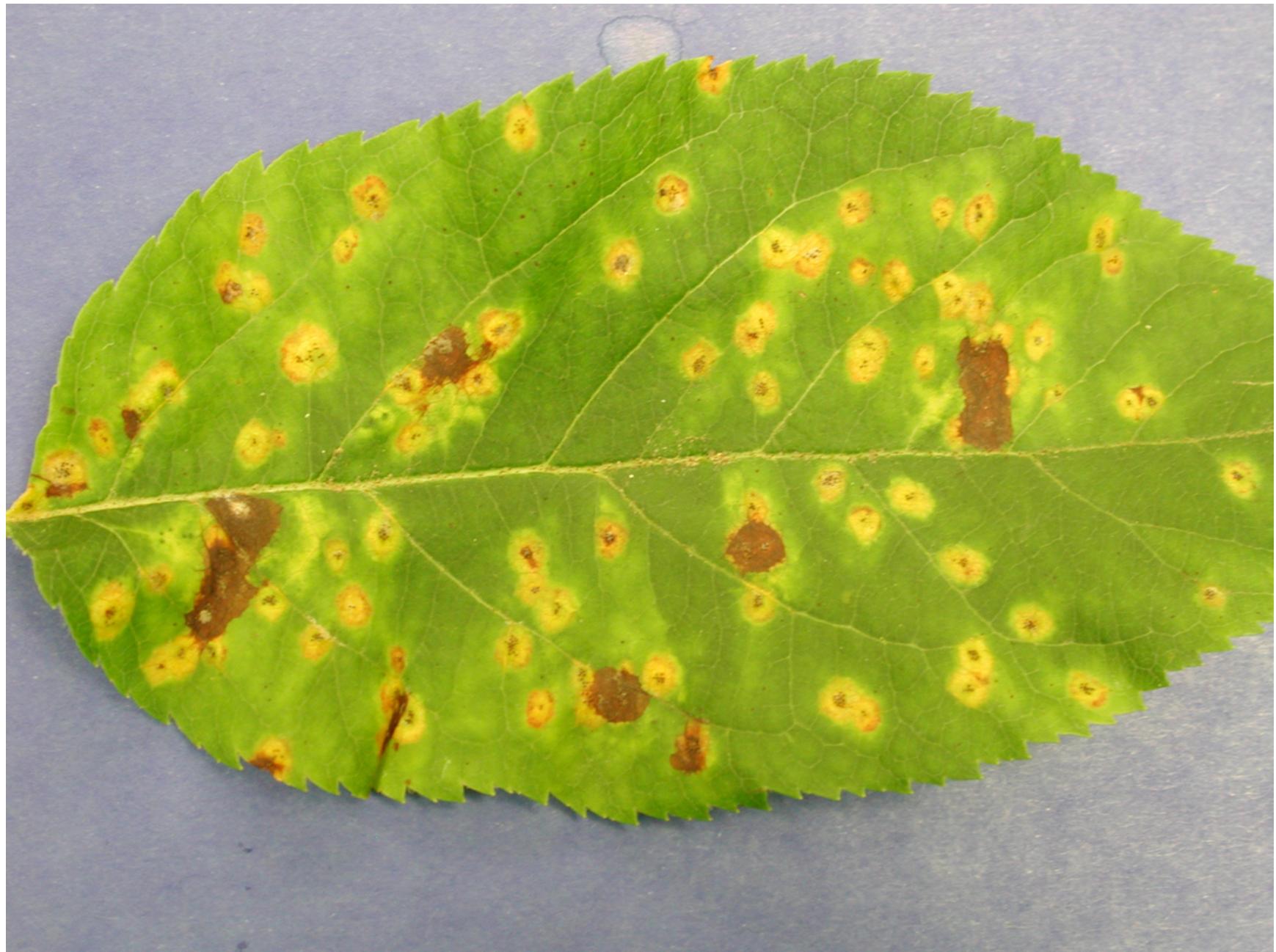
HAWTHORN RUST – *Gymnosporangium globosum* Will look just like the pear rust



Quince rust on juniper - *Gymnosporangium clavipes*



Cedar-apple rust  
*Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae*





NEW



**2004 - *Gymnosporangium yamadae*  
Japanese apple rust  
noted in DE and PA on *Malus toringo*.**

**seen widespread in Northeast 2009**

# Japanese Apple Rust

## Collections at Beltsville:

NJ Bergen Co. 2009

NY Margaretville Delaware Co. 2009

MD Beltsville 2006

DE Wilmington 2004, 2009

PA Media 2004

Also reported from CT

Also reported from Manhattan

# Telial hosts reported for *Gymnosporangium yamadae* (Japanese apple rust) worldwide

*Juniperus chinensis*

*J. chinensis* var. *kaizuka*

*J. chinensis* var. *procumbens*

*J. chinensis* var. *sargentii*

Accidentally found 2 junipers  
involved in NY!



**J. Chinensis 'Robusta Green' in nursery and landscape**  
**Pear trellis rust**  
**AND Japanese apple rust**



*Juniperus chinensis* var. *kaizuka*  
**Host of Japanese apple rust**

# Went looking for the stage on Malus 2015



Riverhead, Aug. 23

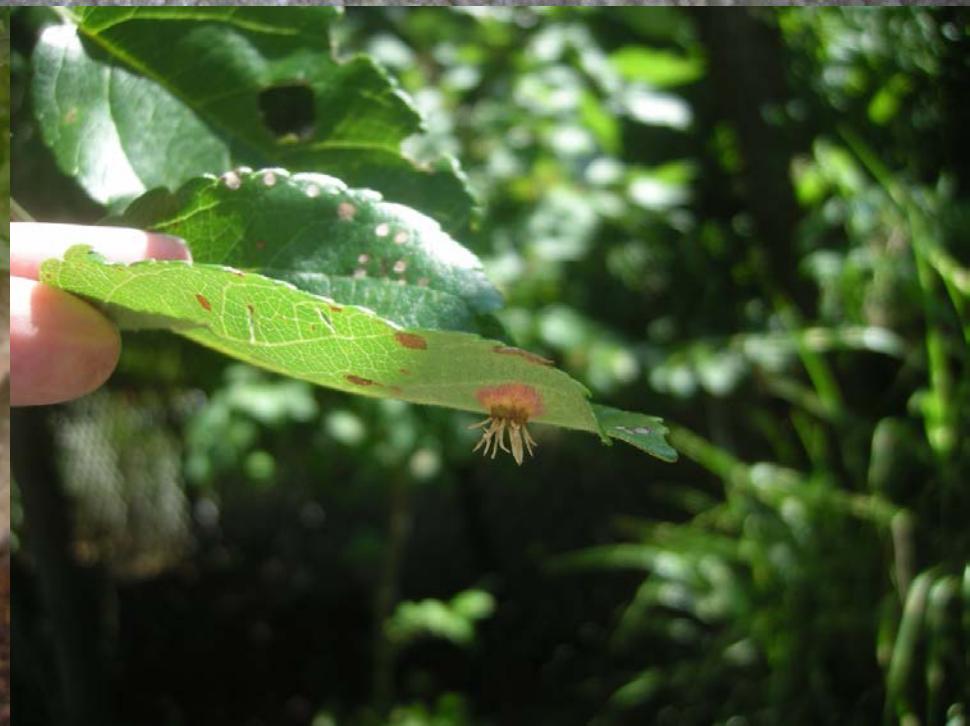
# Japanese apple rust

*Gymnosporangium yamadae*





Riverhead, Aug. 23





**Southampton  
Summer 2015**





Easthampton  
Sept. 9



**Japanese apple rust (*G. yamadae*)**

*J. chinensis* ‘Robusta Green’

*J. chinensis* var. *kaizuka*

*Malus* spp.

Apparently widespread.

Other hosts?

Is cedar-apple rust still relevant?

# Treating for Rust Diseases

**Alternate systemic fungicides  
(strobilurins – watch out for  
Heritage on apple –  
BannerMAXX)**

**And contact materials (copper,  
mancozeb, chlorothalonil)**

# CANKERS



# PLANES

*Platanus x acerifolia*

[*P. occidentalis* × *P. orientalis*]

# Massaria disease

*Splanchnonema platani*  
(previously *Massaria platani*)

Or

*Macrodiplodiopsis desmazieresii*

A photograph of a large tree from a low angle, looking up through its canopy. The tree's trunk and branches are covered in light-colored, peeling bark with darker, reddish-brown patches. Green, lobed leaves are visible throughout the frame. The background is a bright blue sky.

Mike Miecznikowski image

# Characteristics

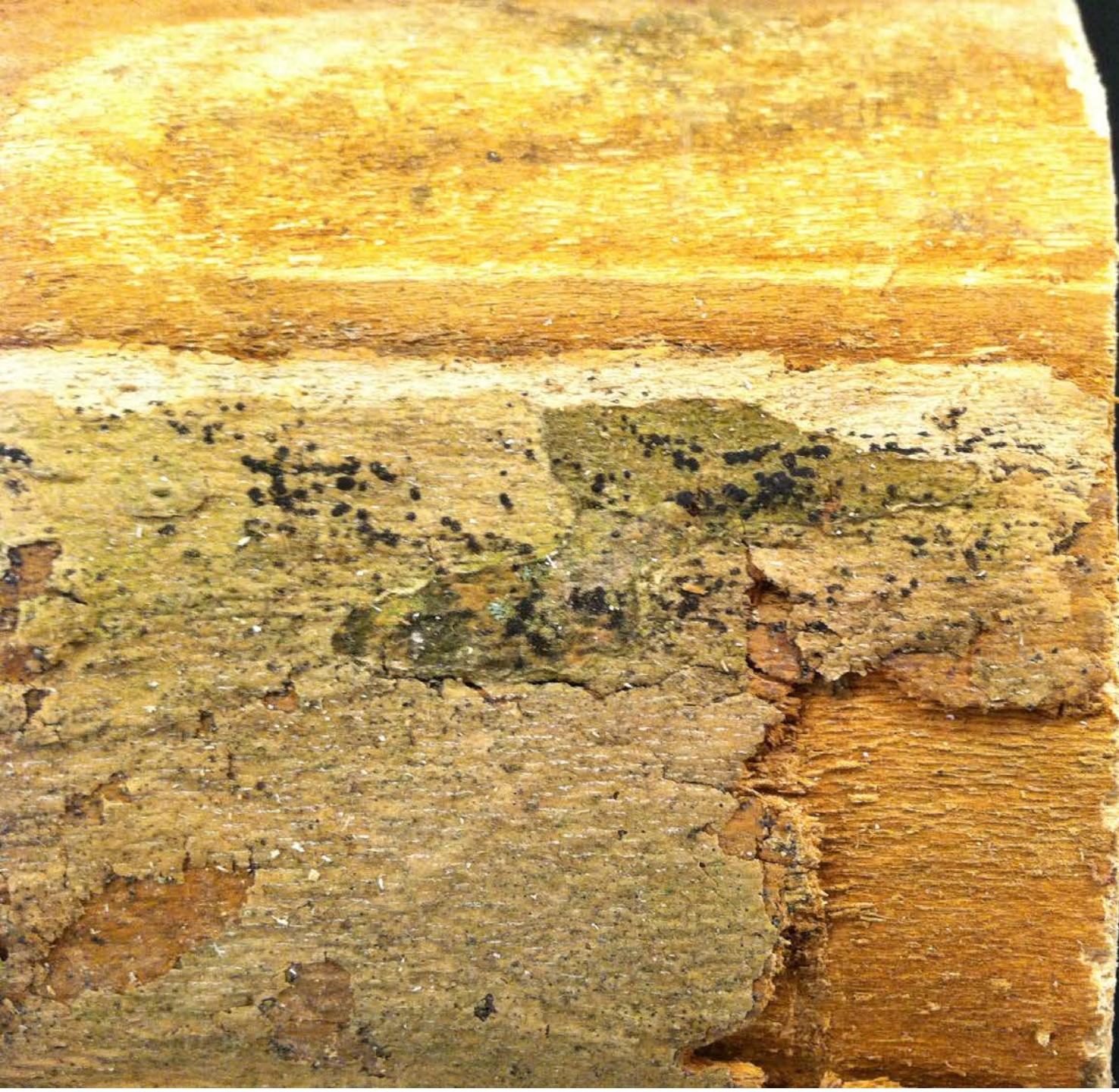
- Upper surface of branch affected (send in the drones!)
- Brown multi-celled asexual spores
  - 40-50  $\mu\text{m}$  long x 12.5 to 17.5  $\mu\text{m}$  wide
- Sometimes brown ascospores
  - 67-75 x 17.5 to 20 $\mu\text{m}$
  - Spores on bark or cambium
- Opportunistic basidiomycetes contributing?  
Other fungi are there, too!



Samples  
from  
Brooklyn  
and  
The Bronx



Adriana Jacykewycz sample  
NYC Parks





**Blue Atlas Cedar – Sirococcus shoot blight**  
**Also see Botryosphaeria and Diplodia tip blight**



## Diplodia Tip Blight





Sporulation of *Diplodia sapinea*



*Diplodia pinea*

|

*Sphaeropsis  
sapinea*

|

*Diplodia pinea*

|

*Diplodia  
sapinea*

# Diplodia Control with Fungicides

3336 + spreader-sticker

Spectro

Camelot

Protect

Junction

BannerMAXX

Just before budbreak+2 more @10 days



Leyland cypress  
*Diplodia cupressi*

*Diplodia cupressi* attacks In the shade . . .  
But there's also Seiridium canker, *Botryosphaeria*,  
*Pestalotiopsis*, etc, etc.





Glen Stanosz image

*Diplodia cupressi* on juniper  
(*Juniperus scopulorum*)

Pathogen reported in IA, KS, NY, PA



Brown rot  
*Monilinia*

# Brown Rot Control with Fungicides

BannerMAXX

Dithane

Junction

Daconil

Spectro

3336

Pageant

*Bacillus subtilis*

When blossoms open & in 10 days

LEAF SPOTS,  
NEEDLE CASTS

On Doug fir



# **Rhabdocline needlecast DOUG FIR**

# Rhabdocline needlecast

**The fungus sporulates on needle undersides**



# Swiss needlecast

*Phaeocryptopus gaumanii*



# Swiss needlecast



# Rhabdocline needlecast

Improve air movement around tree

## Treatments:

TIME: before new growth is 1/2 in. long

Continue at 3-4 week intervals until July 1

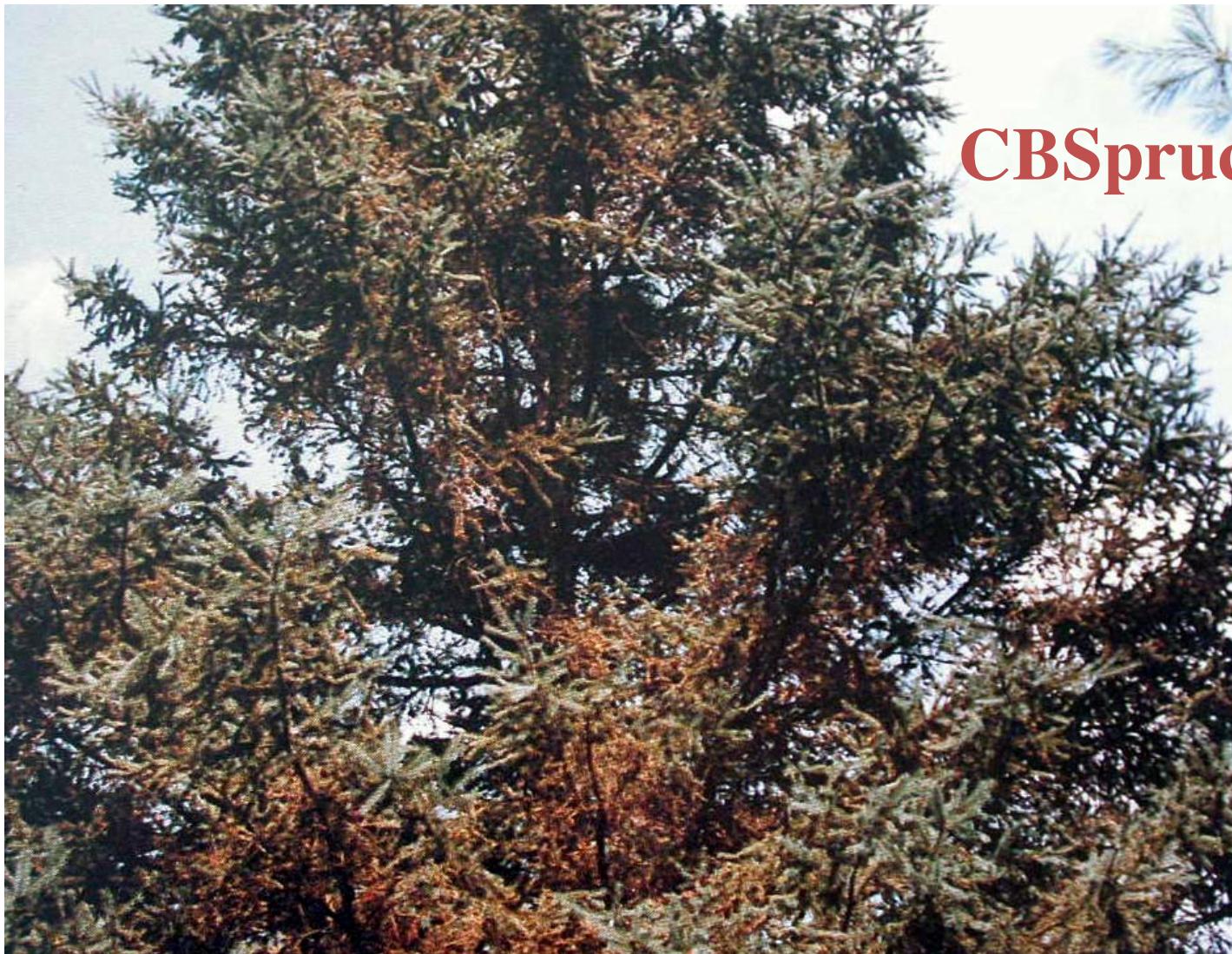
Copper hydroxide, chlorothalonil, Spectro 90

## Swiss needlecast, too (same timing):

Mancozeb, chlorothalonil, Spectro

On spruce

# Rhizosphaera needlecast





# Rhizosphaera needlecast

\*\*\*Colorado blue spruce

Englemann spruce

White spruce

Austrian, mugho, E. white pines

Doug fir, true firs

Norway spruce pretty resistant

# Rhizosphaera needlecast

*Rhizosphaera kalkoffii*

Avoid drought stress

Improve air movement around tree

Needs 48HR leaf wetness to infect



# Rhizosphaera needlecast

## Treatments:

chlorothalonil (Daconil, etc) [**not on CBS**]

chlorothalonil + thio-me=Spectro

coppers

mancozeb (Protect, etc)

TIME: new shoots 1 1/2" long

Repeat in 3 weeks

If wet, continue

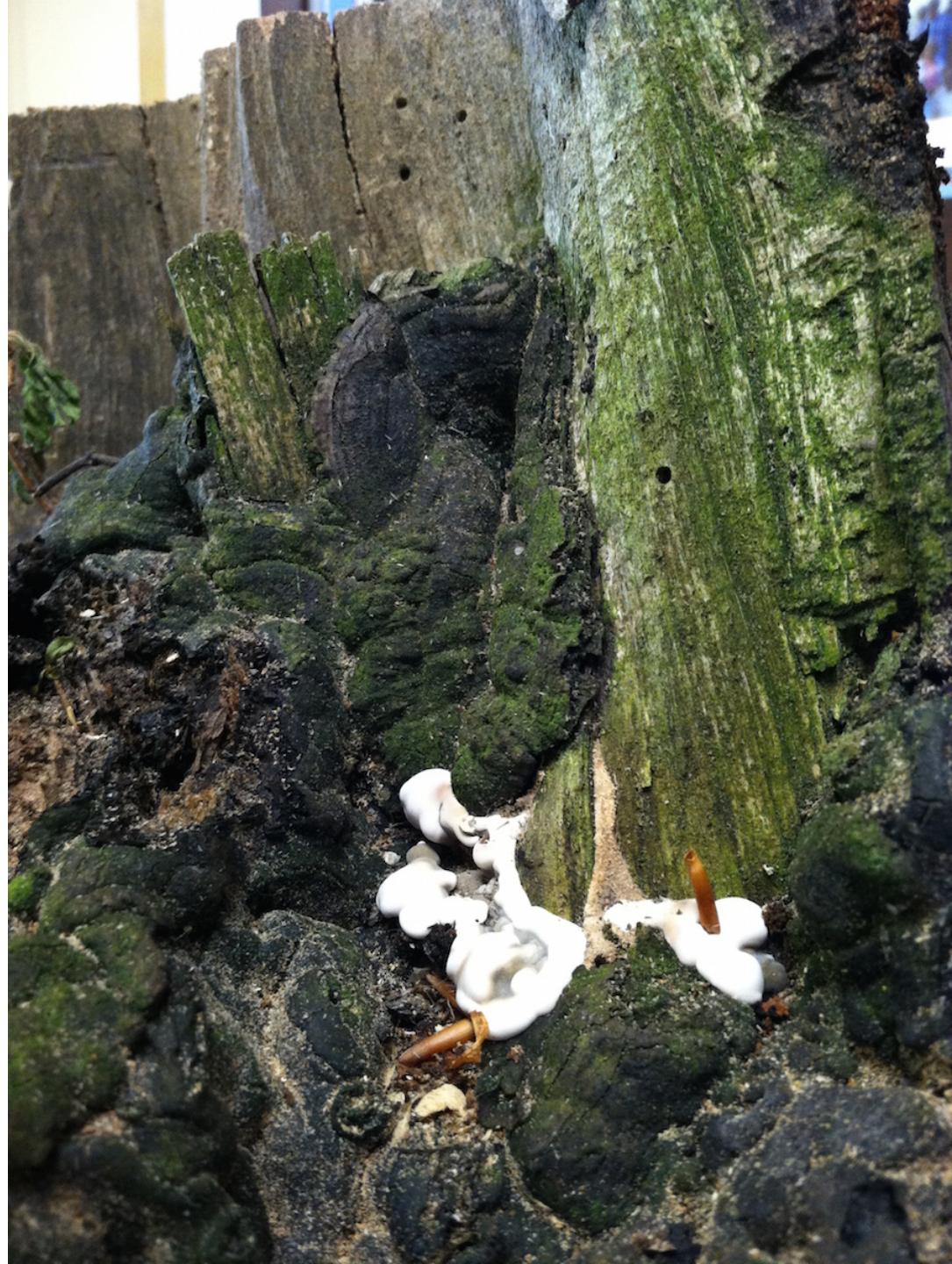
+ IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

BUTT ROT



# *Kretzschmaria deusta*

(Called  
*Ustilina*  
in the past)



# GALLS









Exobasidium gall

# VIRUS



# Rose Rosette Virus

A. Windham  
image



**Rose Rosette Disease**

A. Windham image



# Glyphosate Symptoms Mimic Rose Rosette Disease Roundup Mimicry



# Rose Rosette

## Multiflora rose

Dawn O'Brien image

### CHECKLIST

- Witches' broom
- Hyper-thorniness
- Gradual decline
- Red stems
- Glyphosate injury unlikely???



VASCULAR  
WILTS



Verticillium wilt





Cotinus

Verticillium wilt





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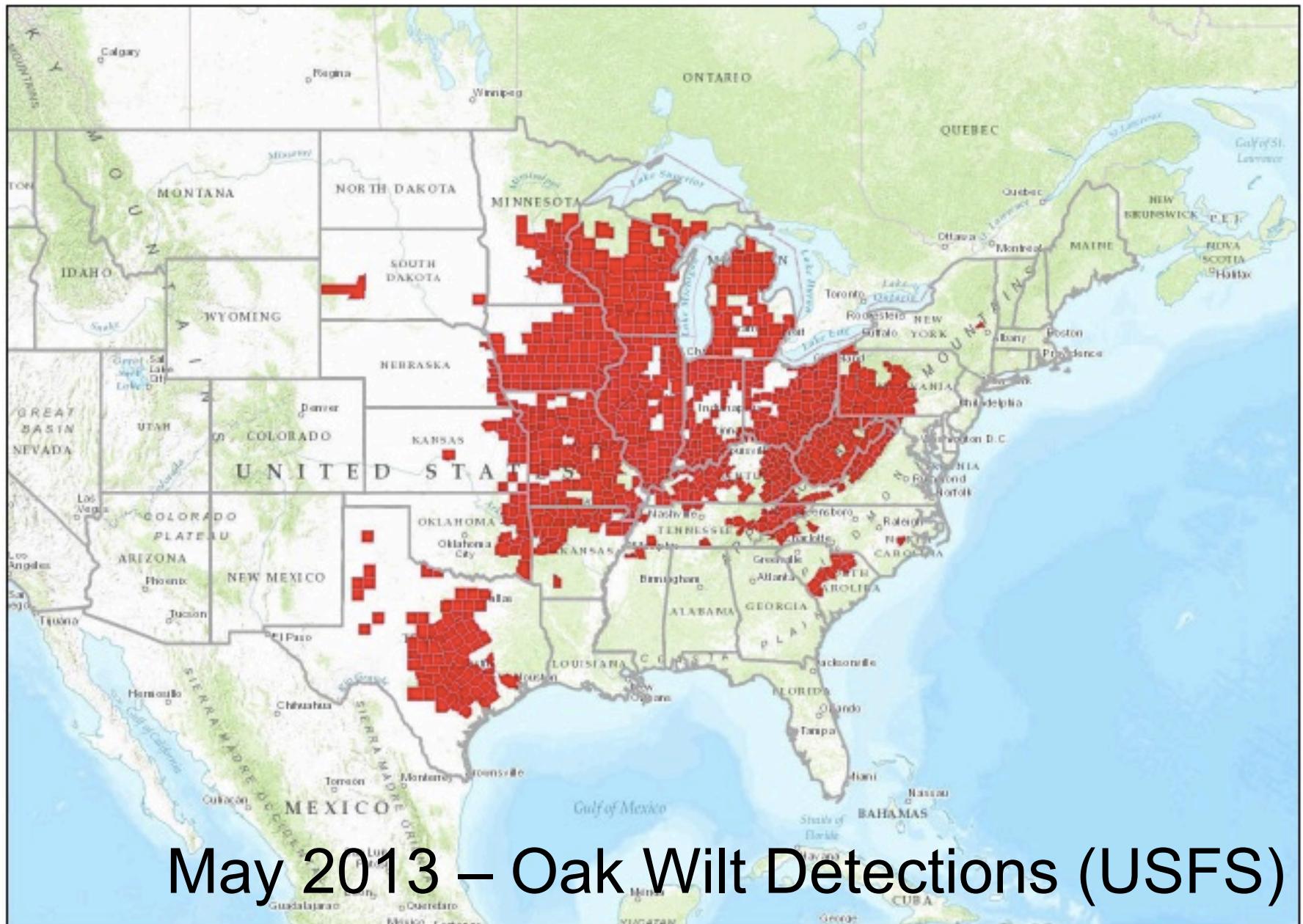
*Ceratocystis  
ulmi*



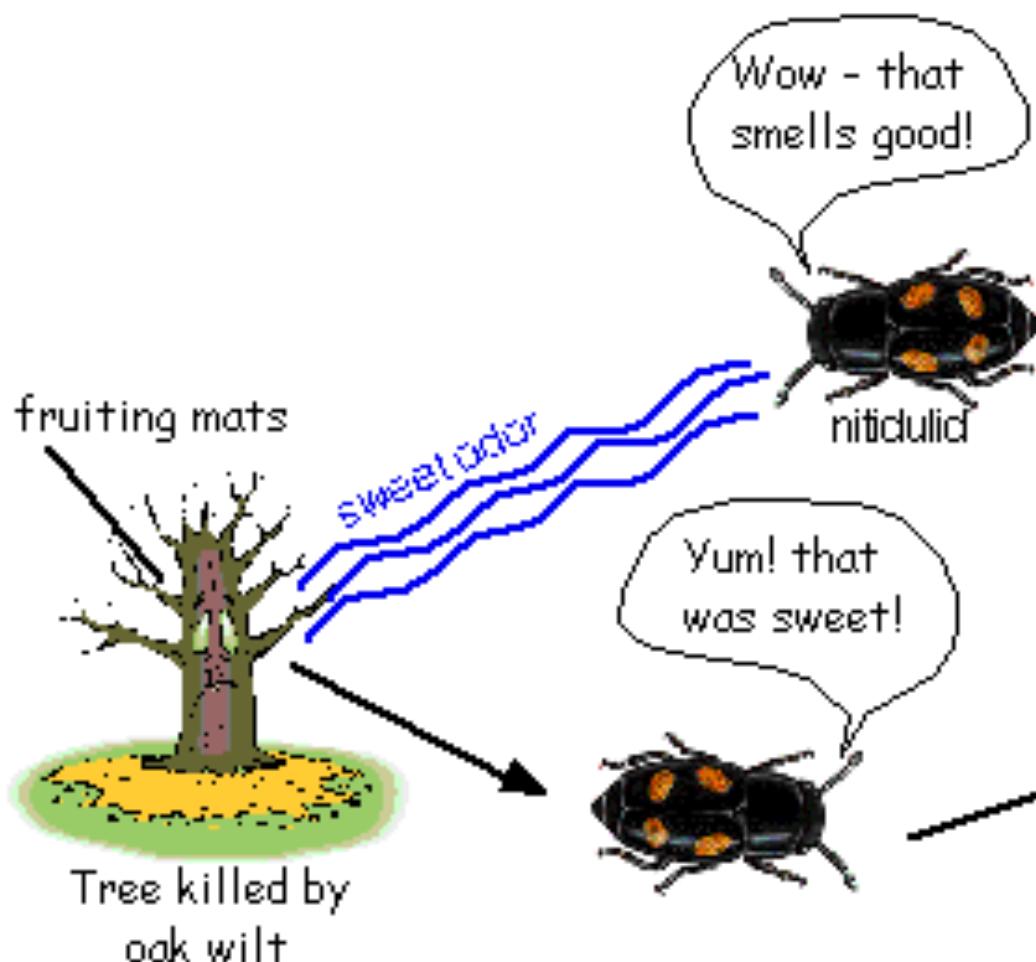
# Oak Wilt – a Serious Disease

- Oak wilt – caused by *Ceratocystis fagacearum* (imperfect state *Chalara* sp.)
- Systemic, lethal disease of oaks
- Vectored by sap-feeding beetles
- All *Quercus* sp. are affected

# Distribution of Oak Wilt in the U.S.



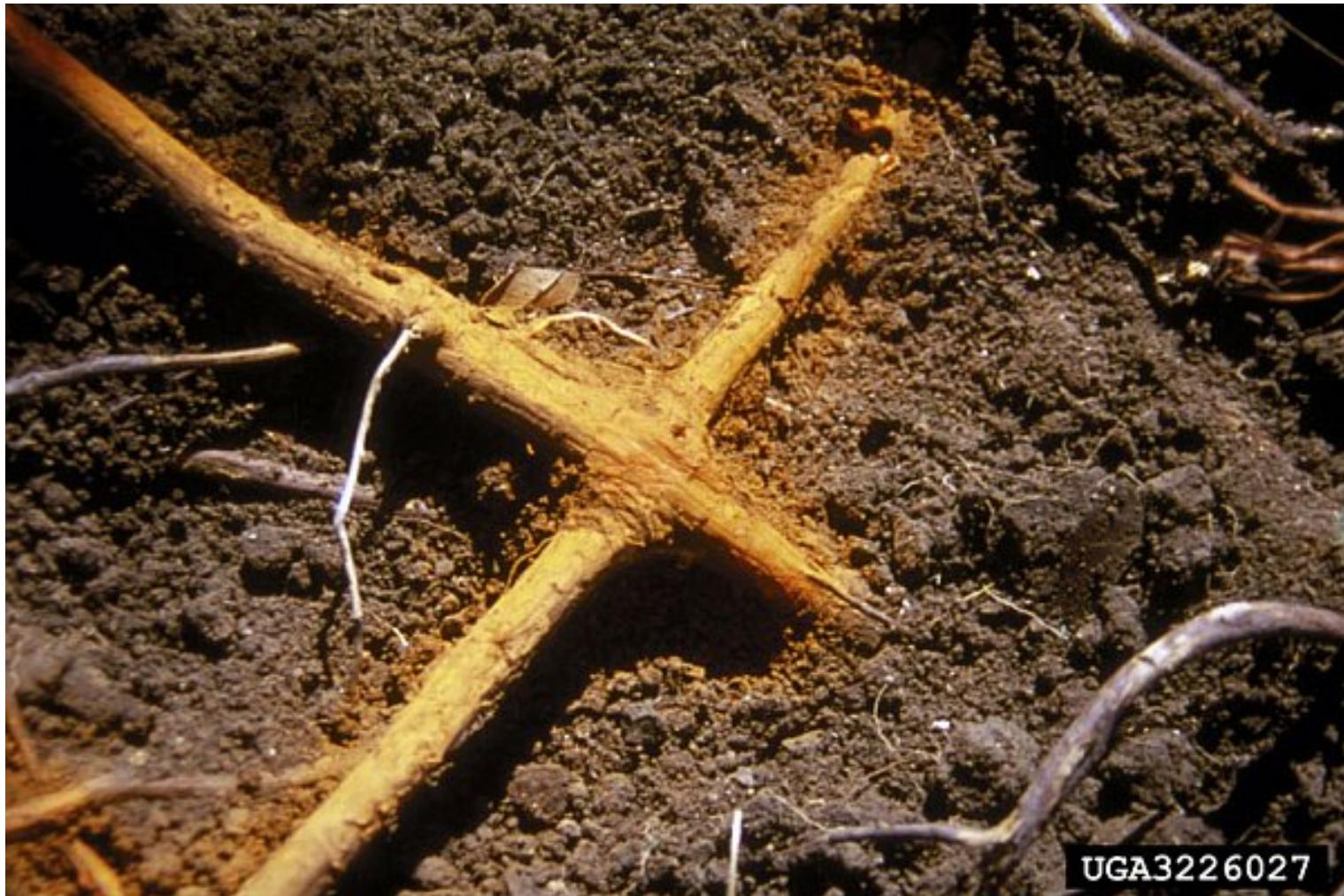
# Two Ways to Spread



Vector transmission:  
Oak bark beetles make  
feeding cavities in twigs.  
Nitidulids are attracted to  
fresh wounds.



# Disease Transmission



Root grafts from infected tree to healthy tree.

Photo credit: Bugwood



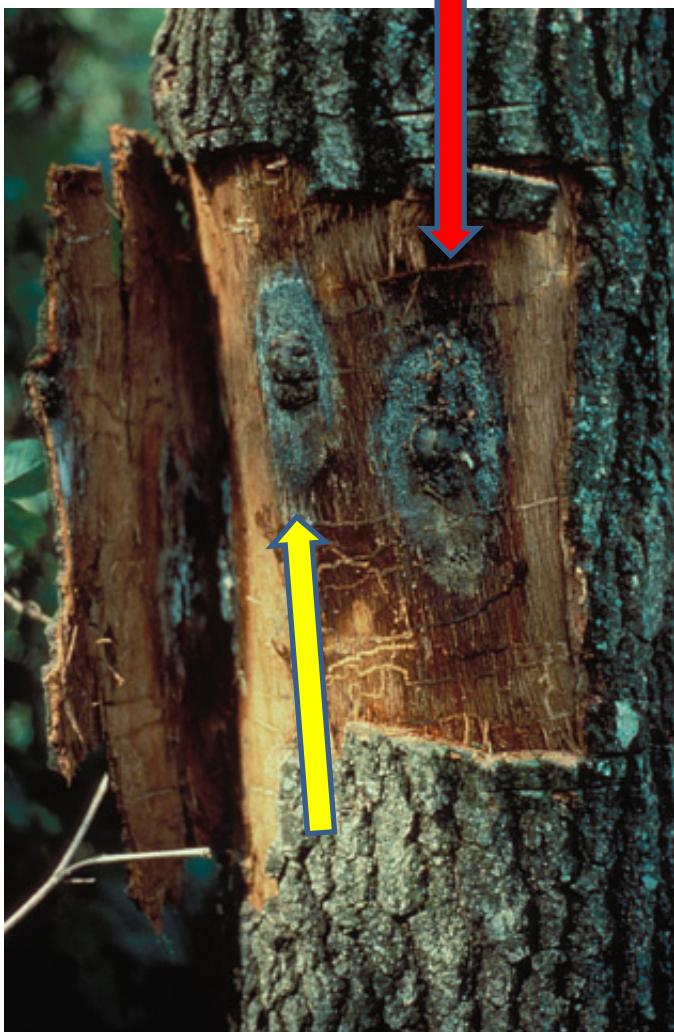
# Oak Wilt in the Landscape

J. Juzwik image USFS

# Root Grafting- Movement from Tree to Tree



# Fungal Mats Produced by Red Oak Group



- Host: Northern red oak,  
*Quercus rubra*
- Fungal mat under the bark
- See bark beetle tunneling – also implicated

Photo: APS

# Sap Beetles Attracted to Wounds

- Attracted to sap smell from wounds
- Storm damage
- Pruning wounds
- Spike wounds
- Lightning strikes



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# Red Oaks vs White Oaks

- Red oak group more susceptible to infection than trees in white oak group
- White oaks can more readily wall off the fungus



# Symptoms



Leaf wilt, necrosis on red oak.



J. Juzwik image, USFS

# Sampling Techniques



D. Miller images

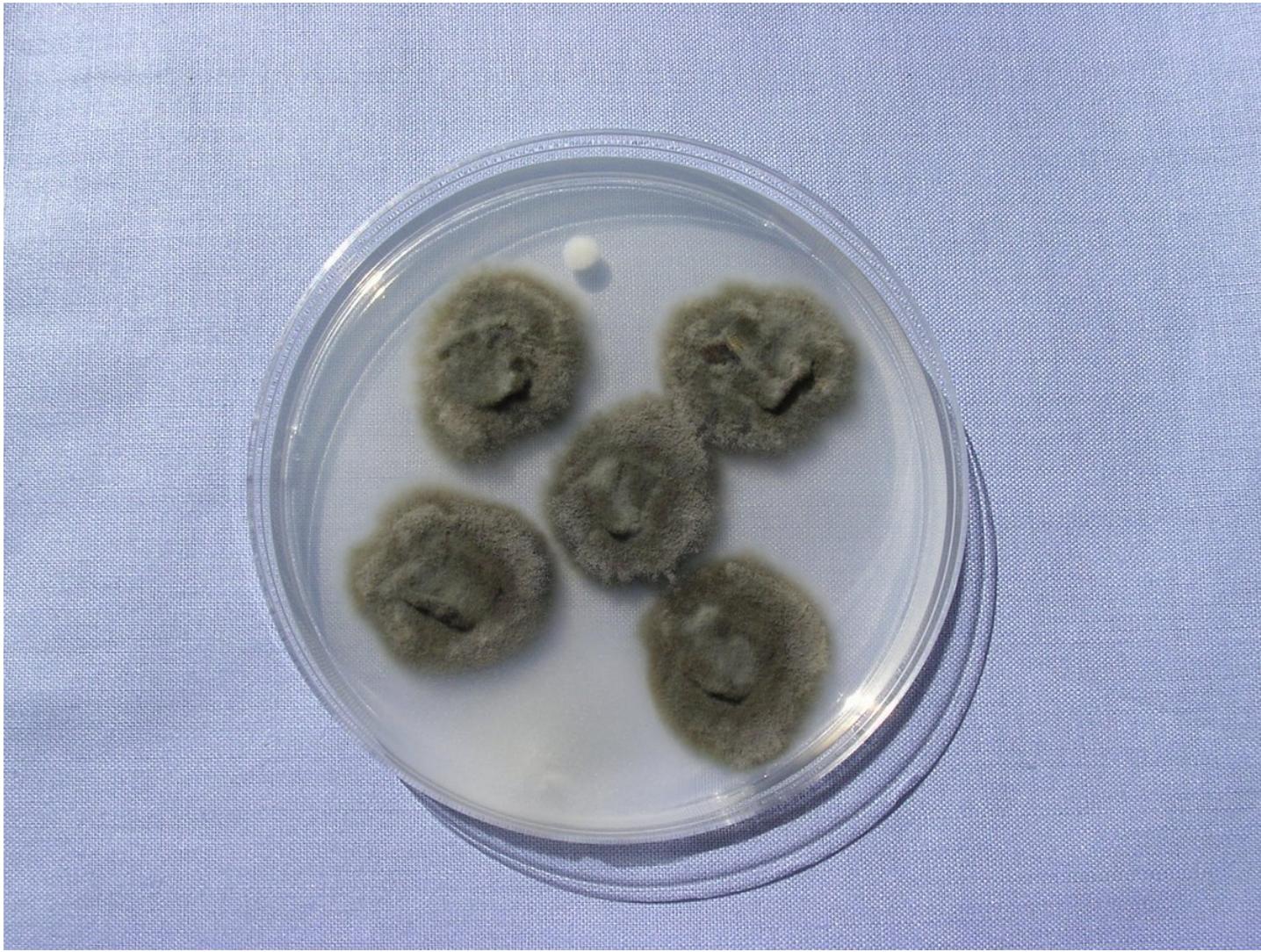
- Send 6-8 in long branches
- Send twig with leaves to examine
- Bring to lab same day as collect sample
- Ship overnight with ice packs
- Ship Monday - Wednesday



## Discoloration of vascular bundles



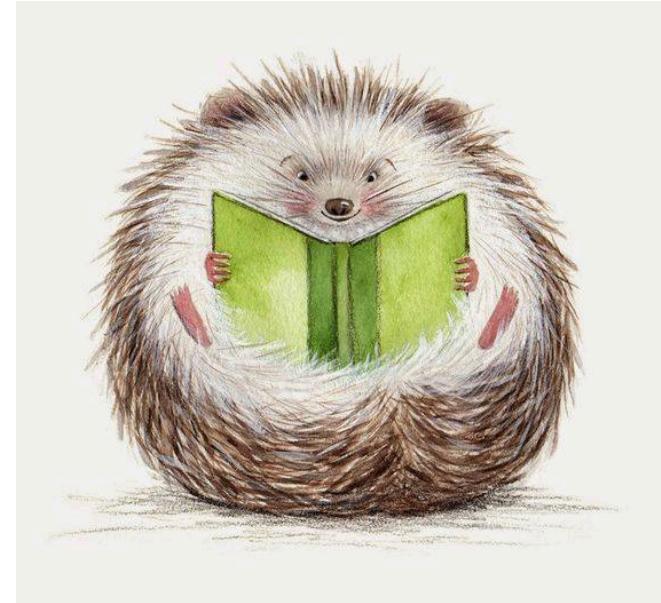
Images: D. Miller & K. Stebner, Davey Institute



Oak wilt on Acidified PDA

# Managing Oak Wilt

Prune in winter only



Use wound dressing if necessary to  
prune in the spring or summer

Never move firewood

# Oak Wilt Can be Confused with

Anthracnose

Spider mite feeding injury

Black oak gall wasp

2-lined chestnut borer

Tubakia leaf spot

Bacterial leaf scorch

Drought

Armillaria root rot, etc.



- Two-lined chestnut borer, *Agrilus bilineatus*
- Native beetle attacks stressed trees

Photo: U.S. Department of Agriculture

# Bacterial leaf scorch of oak (*Quercus rubra*)



marginal  
discoloration & a  
dull red or yellow  
halo between  
scorched and  
green tissues.

(photo, A. B.  
Gould)



Joshua tree  
*Yucca brevifolia*