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Madrone: Leaf gall

Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for successful plant problem management.

Biology

Leaf gall in madrone is caused by a fungus that infects leaf tissue. From late spring to mid-summer, fruiting bodies emerge from the leaf tissue, rupture the cuticle, and release their spores. Leaves become enlarged, discolored, and may exhibit a white, velvety appearance on one side. Spores in turn germinate on wet surfaces and may cause new infections of young, late-developing stems and leaves.

Management Options

Non-Chemical Management

~ Hand pick galls or prune localized infections before sporulation in summer.

Select non-chemical management options as your first choice!

Chemical Management

IMPORTANT: Visit Home and Garden Fact Sheets for more information on using pesticides

None recommended

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Images



*~ Caption: Madrone leaf gall (blisters) on leaves
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*~ Caption: Madrone leaf gall (blisters) on fruit
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