

European canker

Neonectria ditissima (synonym *Neonectria galligena*, *Nectria galligena*)

Which crops does it affect?

European canker affects more than 60 species including sweet cherry, apple, European pear, Asian pear, loquat, walnut, oak, maple, horse chestnut and alder.

Which part of the plant will be damaged?

Whole plant.

What should I look for?

- Black or brown lesions on fruit.
- Canker on woody stem with eventual dieback of stems.
- Dieback of whole plant leading to plant death.

How does it spread?

European canker spreads via infected plant material, rain splash and water.

Be aware that there are established/endemic cankers present in Australia. If you find a canker which causes more damage than normal or does not respond to the usual management strategies including chemical controls, you should call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881

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Canker on branch.

Andre Abrahami, Wiki commons



Canker development on branch.

H.J. Larsen, Bugwood.org



Reddish lesion development on seedling.

William M. Brown Jr, Bugwood.org

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