



# ***Plant Bacteriology***

## **Bacterial Disease Symptoms-Part 2**

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# List of plant diseases caused by bacteria

## More than 160 species of plant bacteria

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- Bacterial diseases of plants are more than just unsightly; they are often destructive to plants.
- The University of Minnesota explains that there are more than 160 species of plant bacteria, each with its own growth rate. While some bacteria will quickly overwhelm your plant, others will slowly ravish your plant.
- Bacterial diseases are non aggressive and cannot penetrate the foliage or stems of plants.
- However, bacterial diseases do take advantage of your plant's natural state, entering the plant through its natural and man-made wounds and opening, such as with pruning cuts, cracks and stomata.





# Host Plants Names (Contd.)

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- . Lettuce/cabbage
- . Laurel
- . Lilac
- . Lily/Lilium/calla lily
- . Loquat
- . Lupin
- . Mango
- . Magnolia
- . Melons
- . Maple (*Acer* spp.)
- . Mulberry
- . Mushrooms
- . Nectarine
- . Neem
- . Oak
- . Oat
- . Oleander
- . Olive
- . Orchid
- . Onion
- . Orange (See also Citrus)
- . Palm
- . Panax
- . Papaya

- . Peach
- . Pea
- . Pear
- . Pecan
- . Pelargonium
- . Pepper
- . Periwinkle
- . Philodendron
- . Photinia
- . Pine
- . Pineapple
- . Pistachio
- . Plane
- . Plum
- . Poinsettia
- . Pomegranate
- . Poplar
- . Potato
- . Primula
- . Pumpkin
- . Rabbit's foot fern
- . Radish
- . Raspberries
- . Rice



# Host Plants Names (Contd.)

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- . Rose
- . Rosemary
- . Rye
- . Saffron
- . Sorghum
- . Soybean
- . Spinach
- . Squash
- . Strawberry
- . Sugarbeet
- . Sugarcane
- . Sunflower
- . Sweetgum
- . Sycamore
- . Syngonium
- . Thistle
- . Timothy grass
- . Tobacco
- . Tomato
- . Tulip
- . Turnip
- . Vinca
- . Wallflowers
- . Walnut
- .

- . Wheat
- . White oak
- . Willow
- . Wisteria
- . Yarrow
- . Zamiocullaf 'zanzibar gem'
- . Zinnia
- . Zucchini



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# Atlas of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria

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### Atlas of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria (APPB)

The atlas presents a database of field symptoms caused by plant pathogenic bacteria in different crops.

The main aim of the atlas is to provide pictures that can help people involved in different but related aspects of plant pathology: farmers, phytosanitary inspectors, advisors, students, laboratories, scientists.

The most typical symptoms are shown. In all cases, the pathogen was isolated and identified from the plant specimens shown in the picture. In many cases a written record was produced.

For each pathogen, an accepted scientific name is given but it is necessary to take into consideration the current rapid changing in the nomenclature of bacteria.

In the Atlas, all the pictures without any indication are provided by Marco Scortichini. In the other cases, the donor is specified and acknowledged.

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Due to the continuous updating, this site has to be considered always in progress. Contributions are welcome. Thank you.

Fruit trees

Vegetables

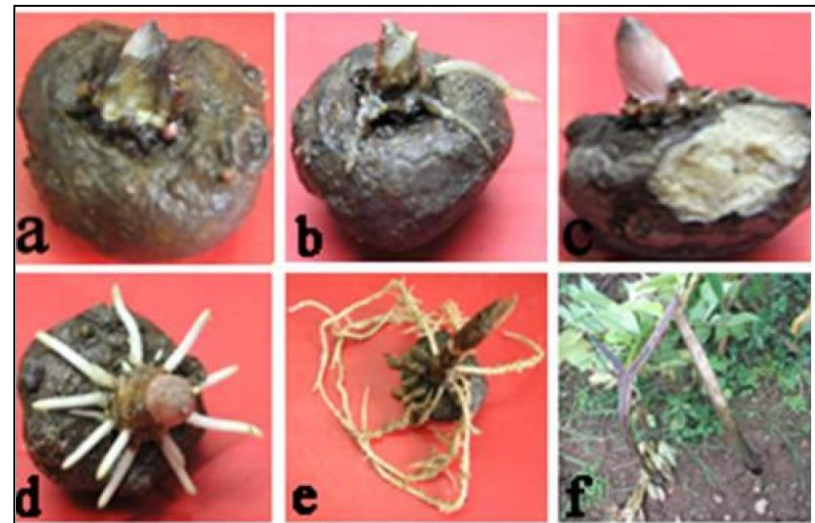
Ornamentals

Forest trees

# Bacterial soft rot

## *P. carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum*

- *Amorphophallus konjac* is a perennial herbaceous species, mainly distributes throughout Southeast Asia and Africa.
- d. The corm at the bottom 2/3 was immersed in bacterial suspension for 1 h and it stayed well after 6d.
- e. The corm in d grew continually and half of the roots got rotted after 15 days.
- F. The corm in e grew continually and the petiole rot.





# Leaf spot and shot hole

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*





# Bacterial leaf spot

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pathovar *vitians*

- Bacterial leaf spot on green leaf lettuce caused by *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *vitians*
- (Courtesy S. T. Koike)



## Cabbage vs lettuce

Cabbage consists of a short stem and a head that forms a bulb-type shape. It is usually green in color and the outer leaves are harder to eat while the inner ones are softer. On the other hand, lettuce also has a short stem and leaves that wrap around each other. It tends to be greener than cabbage, owing to a high amount of chlorophyll. Compared to cabbage, lettuce is soft in texture and has high water content.



# Stem rot of lettuce

*E. rhapontici*





# Lettuce with symptoms of corky rot

## *Rhizorhapis (Rhizomonas) suberifaciens*



# Vanish spot

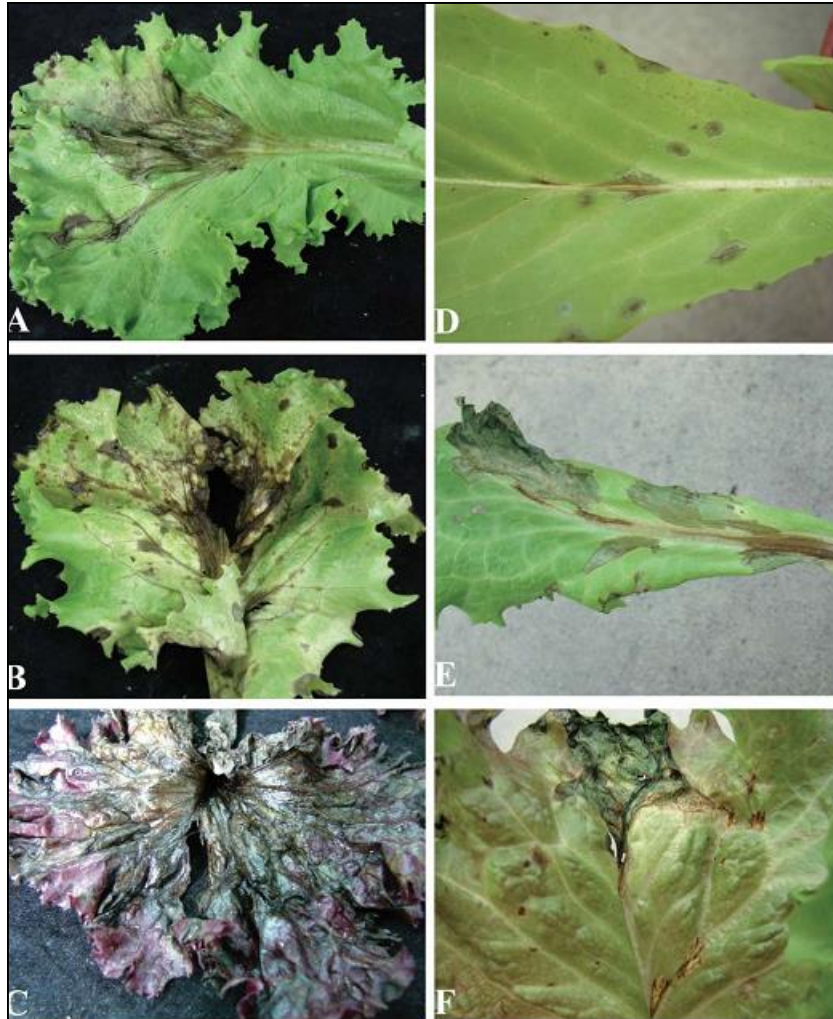
*Pseudomonas cichorii*



Vanish spot of crisphead lettuce, caused by *Pseudomonas cichorii*.

# Vanish spot

*Pseudomonas cichorii*





# Soft rot

*Pectobacterium c. subsp. carotovorum*



Soft rot of crisphead lettuce, caused by *Erwinia carotovora* subsp. *carotovora*.

# Yellowing Phytoplasma



Aster yellows phytoplasma in romaine lettuce.

# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*



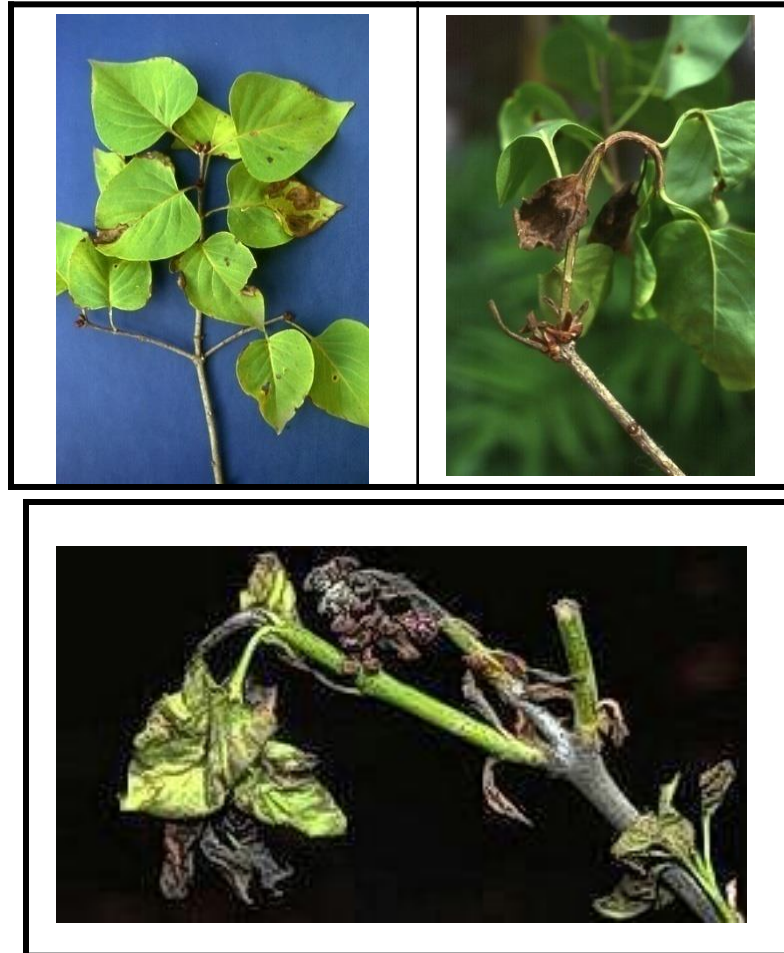
- Lilac shoots collapsing due to infection by *Pseudomonas syringae*.





# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*





## Bacterial soft rot diseases of true lily

*P. carotovorum* and *Pseudomonas marginalis*

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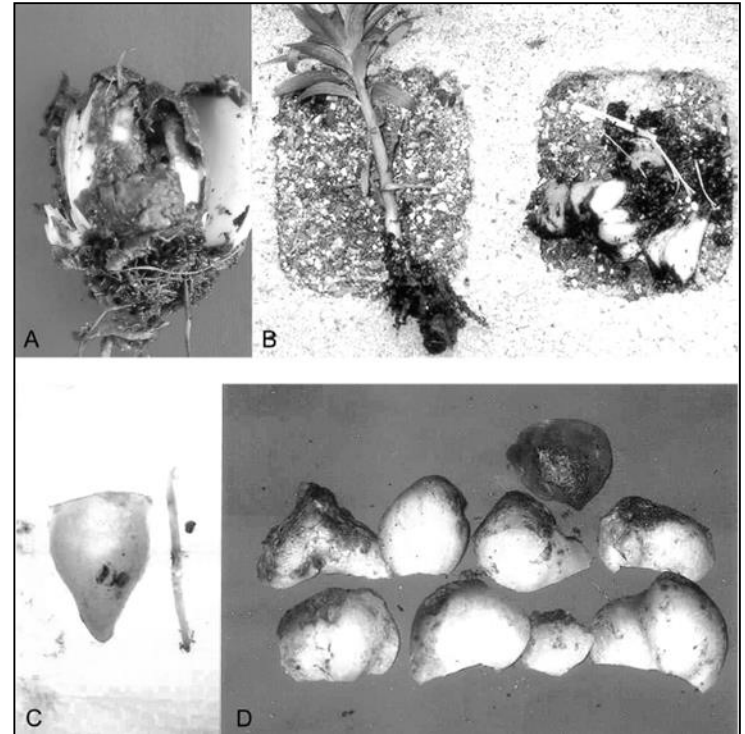
- ***Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum*:**
- Infected **bulbs** have a strong odor and are soft and mushy.
- **Tops** may appear water-soaked and collapse.
- ***Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum* or *Pseudomonas marginalis*:**
- The small **dark-brown lesion** appeared on the **bulb**, and enlarged and developed into the inner scales of the bulb.
- The **bulb** became water soaked and gave out unpleasant odor.



# Bacterial soft rot diseases of true lily

## *P. carotovorum* or *Pseudomonas marginalis*

- Symptoms of soft rot on lily bulbs caused by *Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum* or *Pseudomonas marginalis*.
- Typical symptoms developed on the bulbs at low temperature storage (A) or in the field (B).
- Symptoms observed after artificial pinpricking inoculation adjusted to  $10^8$  cells/ml (C and D).



Occurrence of rotten bulb was examined at 2, 3, 5, and 7 days after inoculation. Water-soaked lesion developed 48-72 hours after inoculation on pin-pricked bulb. The lesion was similar to the natural symptom observed in the storages or in the fields.

# Fasciation

*Rhodococcus fascians*



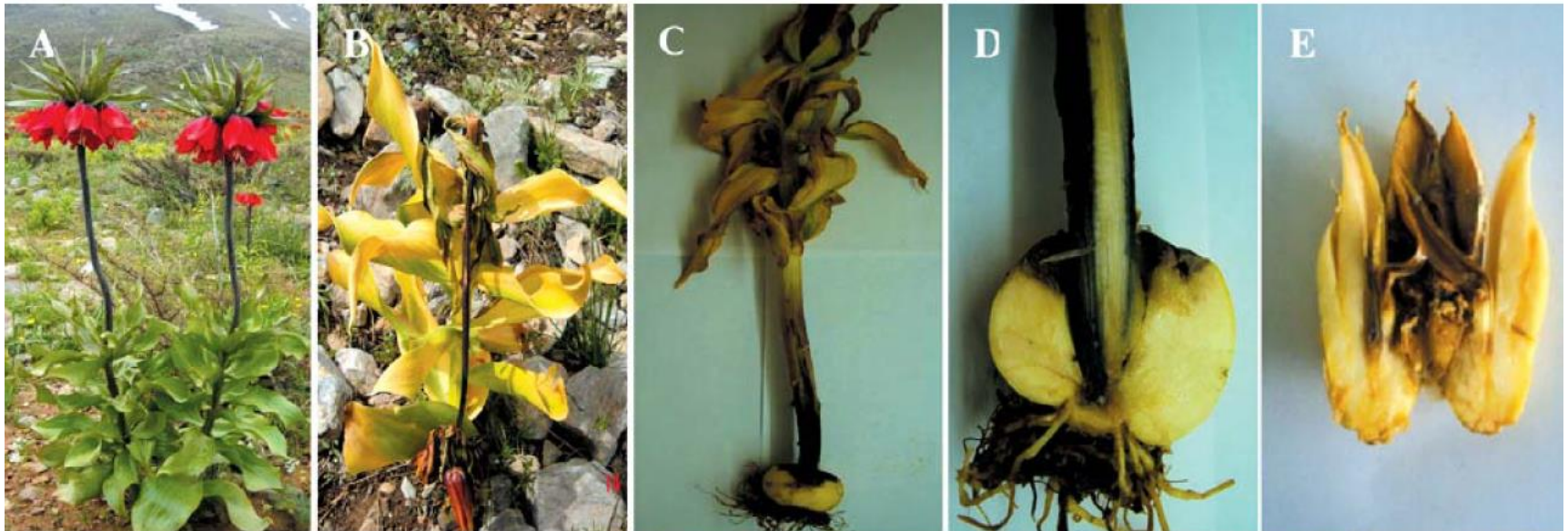
# Leaf malformation and necrosis and flower bud abscission 'candidatus *Phytoplasma mali*'



Lily plant cv. 'Siberia'

# Soft-rot of crown imperial lily

*P. carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum*



A, Healthy plant; B, Infectious plant in the field; C, D, symptoms of black and soft rot on bulb; E, first stage of *Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum* (pcc) soft rot on bulb.

# Symptoms of stem fasciation of examined lily plants

## Phytoplasma

- Apical portion of lily showing fasciation symptoms such as:
- Broadening of the main stem,
- Multiplicity of flower parts,
- Increased volume and weight.





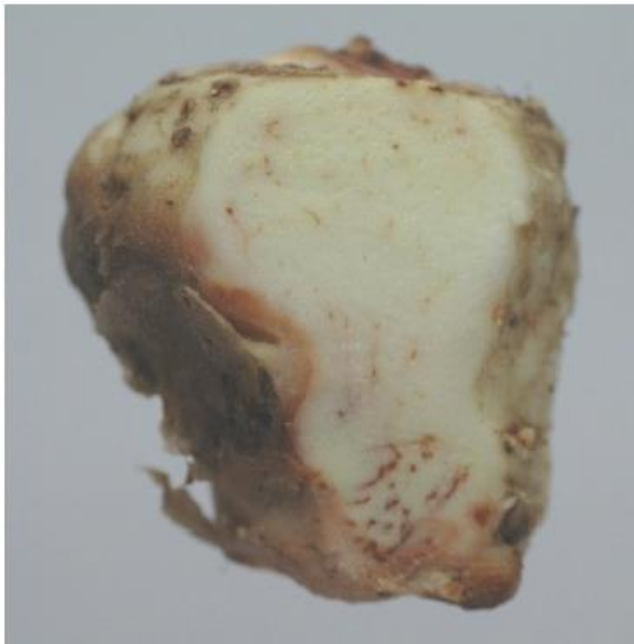
## Bacterial soft rot diseases of calla lily

- *Zantedeschia* species are commonly called calla lilies, although they are not related to true lilies (*Lilium* spp.), which belong to the lily family.
- Calla lilies are more susceptible ornamental monocot host than true lilies.

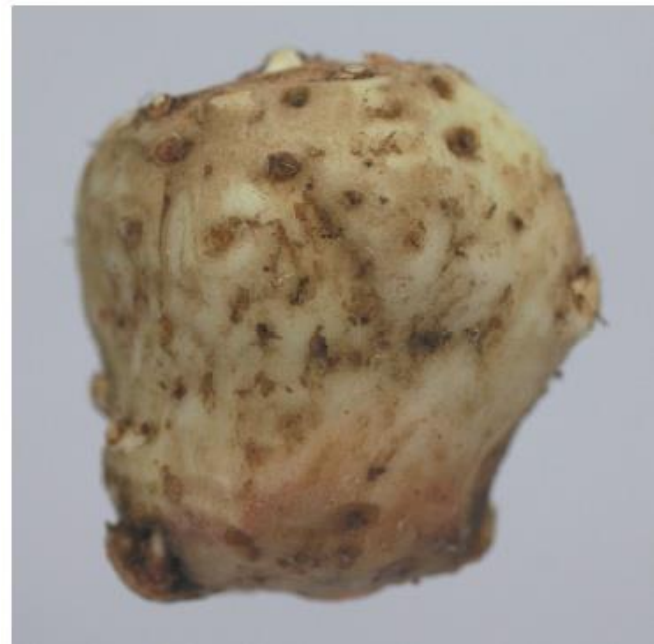
Soft rot	<i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i> subsp. <i>carotovorum</i> <i>P. atrosepticum</i> <i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i> <i>Pseudomonas marginalis</i> and <i>P. putida</i> <i>Paenibacillus polymyxa</i> <i>Pseudomonas veronii</i> <i>P. marginalis</i> <i>Chryseobacterium indologenes</i> <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>zantedeschiae</i>
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# Soft rot

*Pectobacterium c. subsp. carotovorum*



**Cross-section through calla tuber showing soft rot symptom (Photo V. Krejzar).**



**Soft rot lesions located in the place of attachment of rhizomes to calla tuber.**

# Soft rot

*Pectobacterium c. subsp. carotovorum*

- Calla lily, ornamental geophyte (a perennial plant) cultivated for cut-flower and bulb production showing bacterial soft rot symptoms in the greenhouse:
  - a) Discoloration of leaves;
  - b) Rotting leaf petioles;
  - c) Leaf base and bulb rot.





# Soft rot

## *Paenibacillus polymyxa*

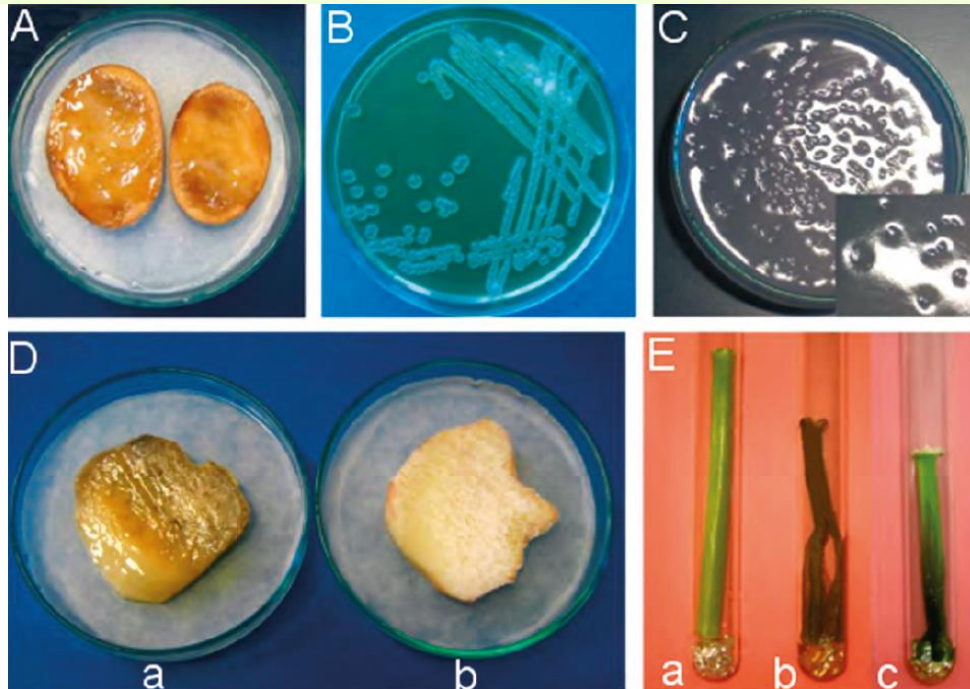
- *Paenibacillus polymyxa* pathogen of calla lily.
- Bacterial soft rot of calla lily (*Zantedeschia* spp.), a valuable ornamental grown worldwide, is the main limiting factor of its production in many countries.
- This is the first report that *P. polymyxa* can cause soft rot on calla lily.



# Soft rot

## *Paenibacillus polymyxa* pathogen of calla lily

- A. Pectolytic activity of *Paenibacillus polymyxa* isolate 15M on potato slice 24 h after inoculation;
- B. Colony morphology of isolate 15M on NAS medium.
- C. Characteristic pits around isolate 15M colonies on CVP medium;
- D. Rotted calla lily tuber slice 72 h after inoculation with isolate 15M (a), Water control (b);
- E. Pathogenicity on calla lily leaf petiole cv. *Treasure*. Rotted segments 120 h after inoculation with isolate 15M (b, c); water control (a).



# Fire blight

*E. amylovora*

- Symptoms of fire blight on loquat.
- Note the infected **brownish shoot tissue**.

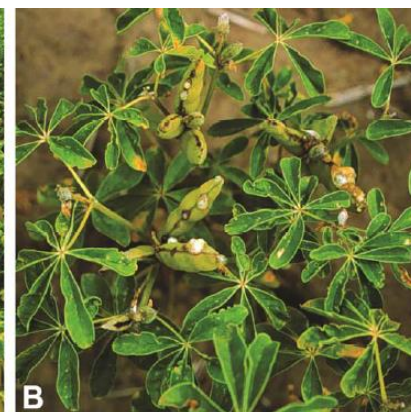
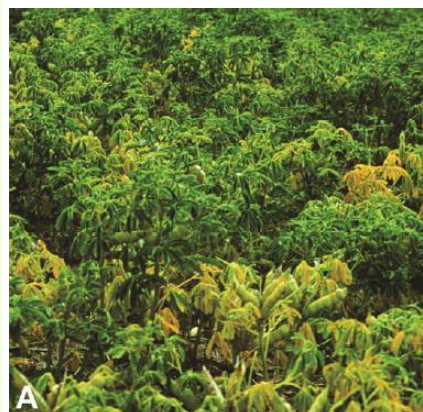




# Drippy pod of Mediterranean white lupine

## *Brenneria quercina* pv. *lupinicola*

- A. Symptoms and incidence of drippy pod disease in a field near Waitsburg, WA, in July 1987;
- B. drippy pod symptoms observed from above a diseased lupine;
- C. close-up view of an infected lupine pod showing **profuse foaming from drippy pod infections**;
- D. internal drippy pod disease symptoms **on a lupine pod (top)** compared with a **healthy lupine pod (bottom)**.



**Magnolia** - *Magnolia* sp.

# Bacterial spot

*P.s. pv. syringae*





# Mango Bacterial Diseases

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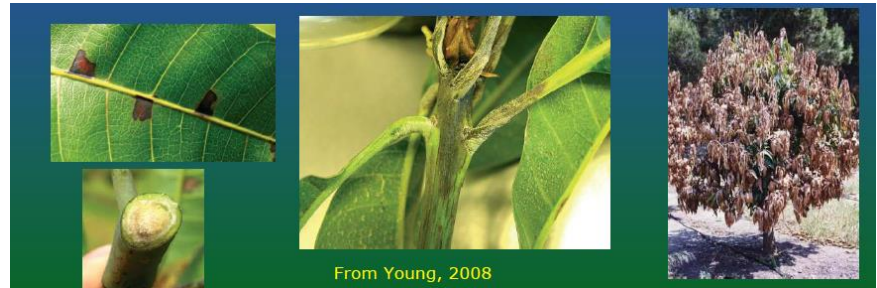
<b>Black spot</b>	<i><b>Xanthomonas mangiferaeindica</b></i>
<b>Apical necrosis of mango</b>	<i><b>Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae</b></i>

# Black spot

*Xanthomonas mangiferaeindica*



Older bacterial black spot lesions on mango leaf lamina and petiole, caused by *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *mangiferaeindicae*.





# Apical necrosis of mango

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

- Symptoms of apical necrosis of mango caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* including:
  - A. bud necrosis accompanied by a drop of exudate;
  - B. necrosis extending outward from a bud along the central vein of mango leaves;
  - C. longitudinal view of necrosis extending downward from a bud through stem tissue;
  - D. initial symptoms of necrosis and associated exudate on flower panicles;
  - E. closer view of raised lesions along the central vein on mango leaves; and
  - F. heavy attack affecting nearly all of the branches of an infected mango tree.
- X indicates that this tree received no treatments in a disease control trial.





# Disease symptoms

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

- Mango tree with typical necrosis of stem tip, bud, leaf petioles and leaves caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*.
- Bars = 1 cm.



# Disease symptoms

## *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

- Advanced stem and apical necrosis caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*. Bars = 1 cm.



# Disease symptoms

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

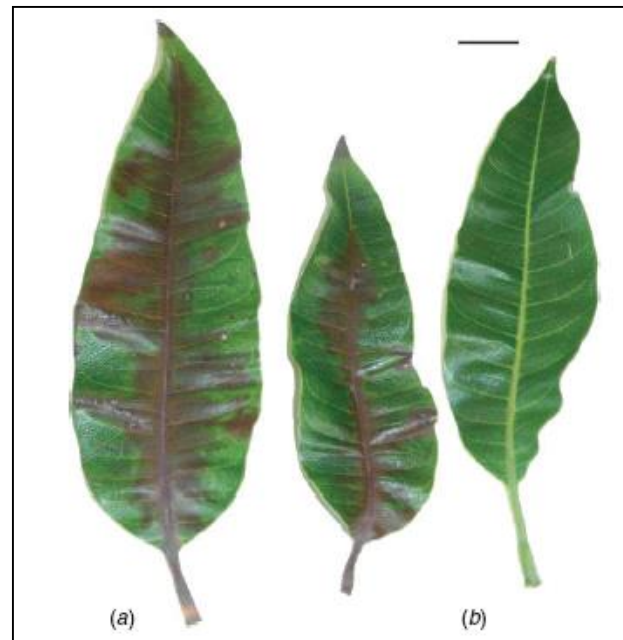
- Typical necrosis symptoms on affected flower panicles and buds.
- Bars = 1 cm.



# Disease symptoms

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

- (a) Mango leaves showing necrosis symptoms, in comparison with
- (b) A healthy leaf 7 days after inoculation.
- Bar = 1 cm.



# Disease symptoms

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*







# Maple Bacterial Diseases

Pseudomonas Tip Blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>
Crown gall	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
Leaf Scorch	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>

Note: Leaf Scorch, a noninfectious, environmental condition, occurs when young trees experience prolonged periods of dry, windy weather, low rainfall and high temperatures with bright sunshine when the trees roots are unable to supply water to the foliage as rapidly as it is lost by transpiration from the leaves (Mansfield,2016).



# Pseudomonas Tip Blight

## *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*

- The tip blight bacteria *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* invade Japanese maples through mechanical or natural wounds in their bark or leaves.



Japanese maple's foliage creates a striking tapestry of color.

# Crown gall

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

- Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*) are prone to bacterial diseases like Crown gall (*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*).



# Leaf scorch

## *Xylella fastidiosa*

- Leaves of silver maple (*Acer saccharinum* L.) showing marginal leaf scorch with distinct bands of discoloration between scorched and symptomless tissue.



Leaves of silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*).



Leaf of a maple species (*Acer* sp.).



# Watermelon Bacterial Diseases

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Fruit blotch of cucurbits	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> subsp. <i>citrulli</i>
Angular leaf spot	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>lachrymans</i>
Bacterial leaf spot	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
Bacterial leaf spot	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>cucurbitae</i>
Bacterial rind necrosis	<i>Pectobacterium</i> (ex. <i>Erwinia</i> ) <i>carnegieana</i> Reject name
Bacterial soft rot	<i>Pectobacterium c.</i> subsp. <i>carotovorum</i>



# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli*



Initial watersoaking  
between veins, on the  
underside of the cotyledon.



Later, the watersoaked area dries and  
dies.

# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli*

- Mature watermelon fruit displaying typical bacterial fruit blotch (discolored areas) symptoms including irregularly shaped water-soaked lesions with cracks.



# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli*

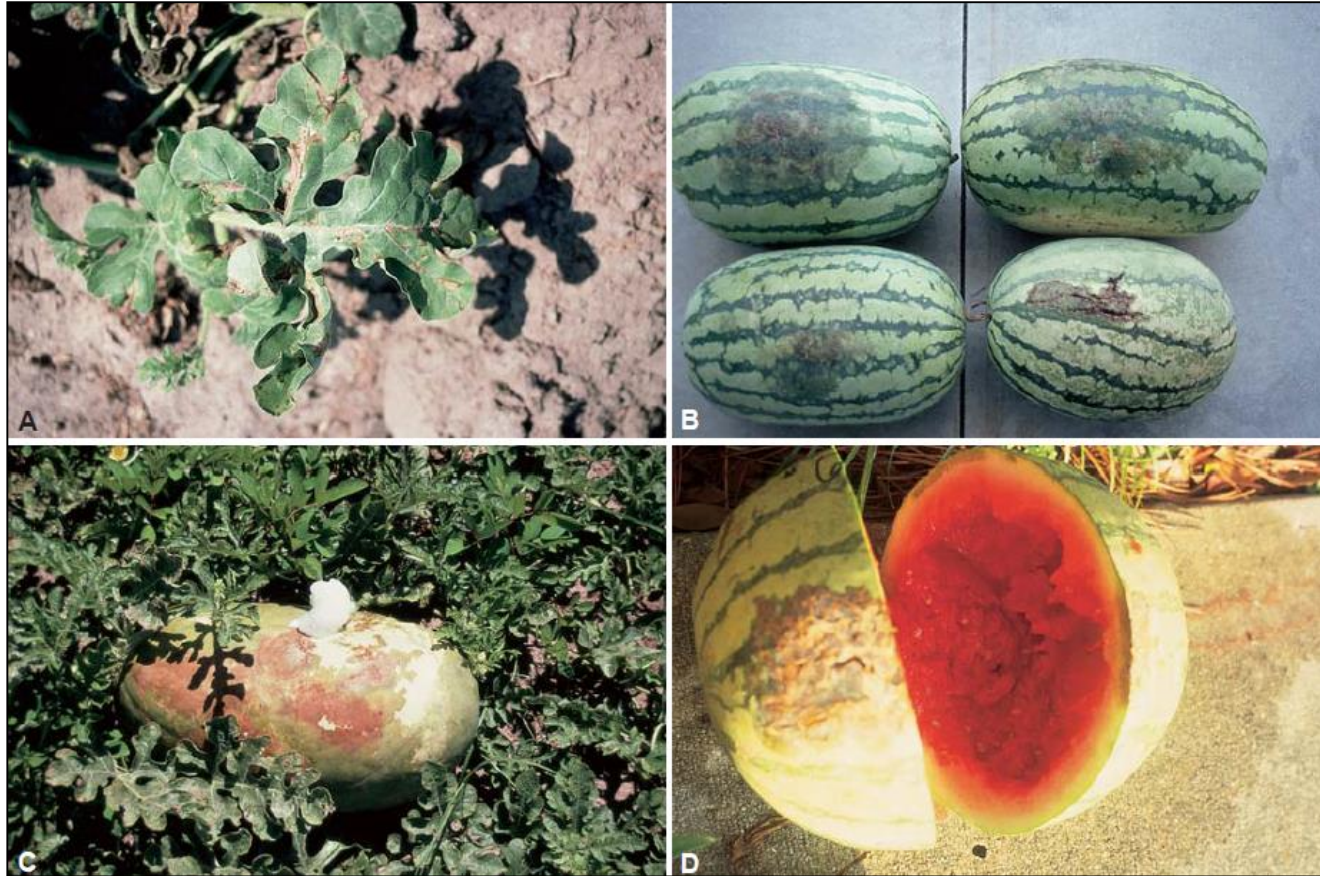
- The bacterium can be introduced into watermelon fields by infested seed, infected transplants, natural spread from alternate hosts or from volunteer watermelon.
- The bacterium can be a surface contaminant of seed harvested from infected watermelon.
- Bacterial fruit blotch disease development is favored by warm wet weather.





# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

## *Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli*



# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

## *Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli*



**"Exploding watermelons"**

Fruit blotch infections often result in a build-up of gas which can cause the rind to crack and bacterial foam to be released

Dr. Ron Gitaitis, UGA-Tifton



Because of the extensive rot and nasty odor, brokers refuse to accept "healthy" melons from a field with a known fruit blotch outbreak because of the mess it can make in storage & in retail displays

Dr. Ron Gitaitis, UGA-Tifton



# Bacterial rind necrosis

*Pectobacterium* (ex. *Erwinia*) *carnegieana* was rejected  
***Erwinia* spp.**

- Hard brown patches of necrotic tissue develop on the rind of affected fruit.
- In cross section, the areas appear as corky layers occurring between the outer rind and the edible fruit tissue within.
- No symptoms on the foliage have been reported.
- In the case of severe internal necrosis, the fruit may be misshapen.



# Bacterial leaf spot

*Pseudomonas syringae*



Symptoms of the *Pseudomonas syringae* leaf spot on watermelon.



Water soaking on infected leaves.

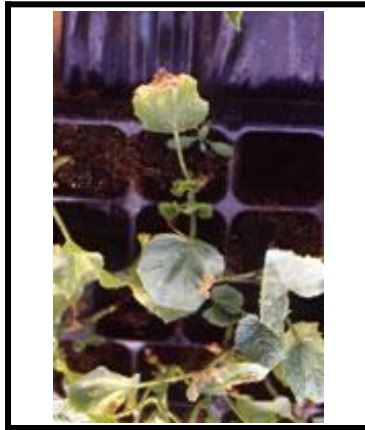
# Bacterial soft rot

*Pectobacterium c. subsp. carotovorum*



# Angular leaf spot

*P. s. pv. lachrymans*





# Bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits

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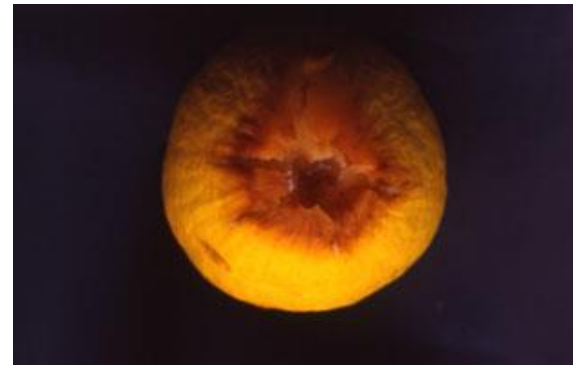
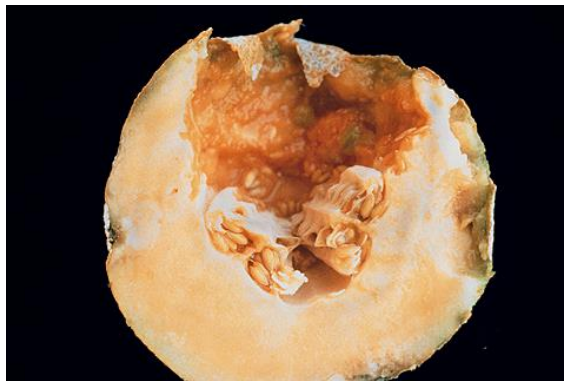






# Bacterial soft rot of melon

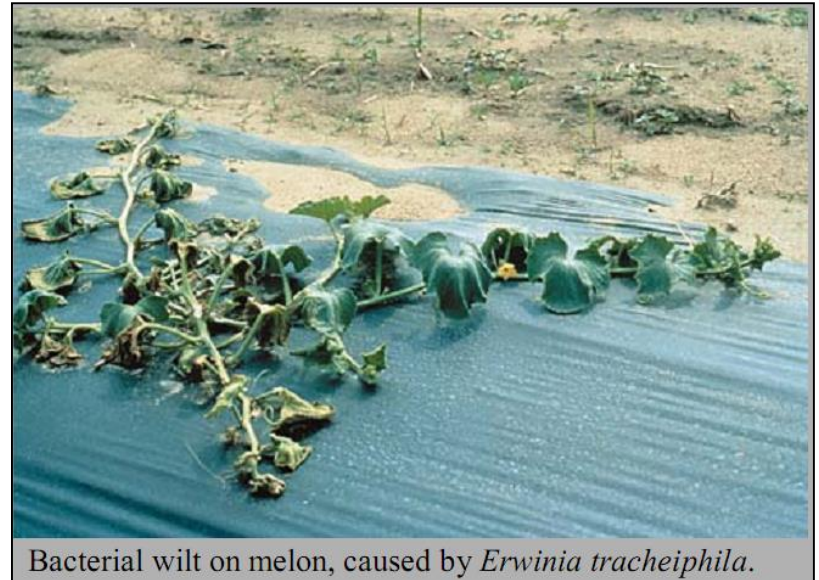
*P. c. subsp. carotovorum*



Melons (muskmelon, squash, and pumpkin)

# Bacterial wilt

*Erwinia tracheiphila*



Bacterial wilt on melon, caused by *Erwinia tracheiphila*.

**Note:** Watermelon is extremely **resistant** to bacterial wilt.

# Bacterial wilt

*Erwinia tracheiphila*

- If "stringy" sap (bacterial growth and associated resins) extends between the cuts of freshly cut sections of a stem, the plant has bacterial wilt.

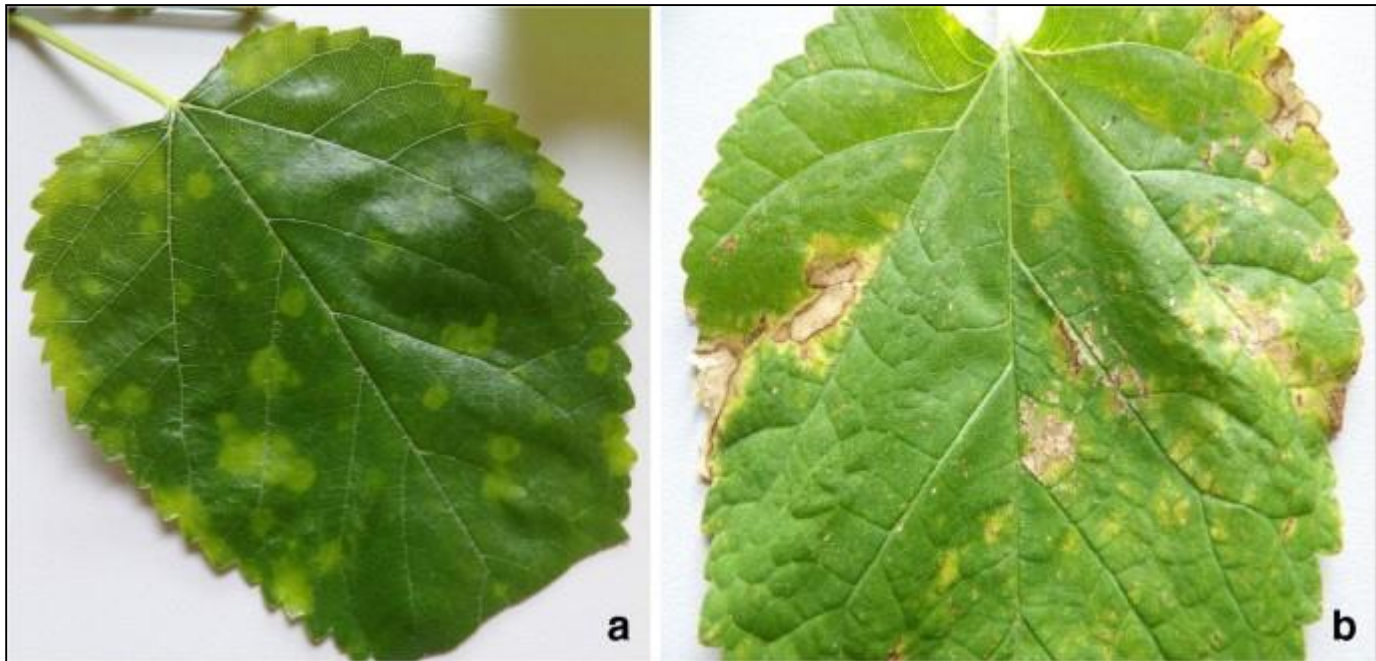


Note: Watermelons are immune to this disease.

# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *mori*

- Leaves of the symptomatic mulberry plants.
- A, whole leaf – early symptoms;
- b, close-up – late symptoms.







# Bacterial mushroom diseases

<b>Brown blotch disease</b>	<b><i>Pseudomonas tolaasii</i></b>
<b>Drippy gill</b>	<b><i>P. agarici</i></b>
<b>Ginger (yellow-brown) blotch disease</b>	<b><i>P. gingeri</i></b>
<b>Typical brown blotch disease</b>	<b><i>P. costantinii</i></b>
<b>Mummy disease</b>	<b><i>Pseudomonas</i> spp.</b> <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> Biotype G (=Biovar V)
<b>Soft rot of mushrooms</b>	<b><i>Burkholderia gladioli</i> pv. <i>agaricicola</i></b>
<b>Soft rot disease</b>	<b><i>Janthinobacterium agaricidamnorum</i></b>
<b>Internal stipe necrosis</b>	<b><i>Ewingella americana</i></b>





# Bacterial mushroom diseases

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1. *Pseudomonas reactans* (so called white line reacting organisms): Saprophytic fluorescent pseudomonads, including a diverse group of fluorescent pseudomonads referred to as *P. reactans*. Causes yellowing on oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus eryngii*).
2. Heterogenic fluorescent pseudomonads belonging to the *P. fluorescens* biovars I, II, III, or V seem to act as pathogens or as saprophytes in the bacterial community associated to cultivated mushrooms.

# Bacterial Blotch (Bacteriosis)

## *Pseudomonas tolaasii*

- *Pseudomonas tolaasii* is a Gram negative soil bacteria that is the causal agent of bacterial blotch on cultivated mushrooms.



Wikipedia, 2008



# Bacterial Blotch (Bacteriosis)

*Pseudomonas gingeri*

- Ginger blotch symptoms caused by *Pseudomonas gingeri*.



# *Janthinobacterium agaricidamnorum*

## Soft rot disease of *Agaricus bisporus*

- Severe rotting of button mushroom (*Agaricus bisporus*), caused by *Janthinobacterium agaricidamnorum*, stimulated by very a high (relative) humidity (88-91%) that is necessary during cultivation of the mushroom.
- The bacterium is easily spread by water and contact.



# Mummy disease of mushroom

## *Pseudomonas* spp.

- It is a serious mushroom bacterial disease caused by *Pseudomonas* spp. e.g.
  1. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
  2. *Pseudomonas fluorescens* Biotype G (=Biovar V).
- The characteristics of the diseased mushroom include the classic curved stems, tilted caps, profuse spawn growth at the base of mushrooms.

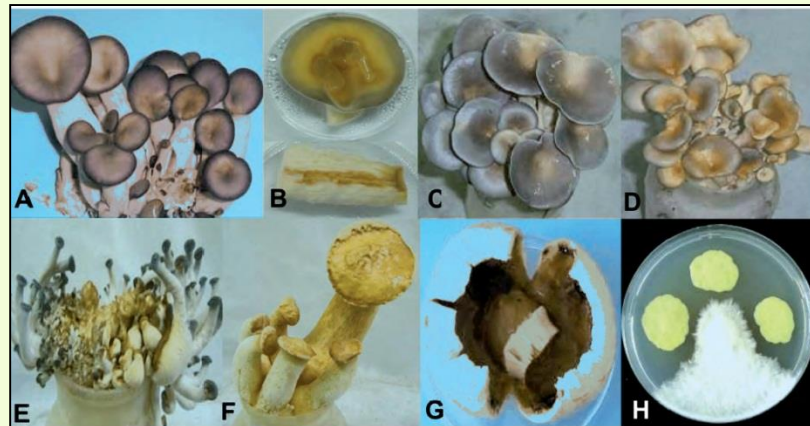




# Soft rot of mushroom

## *Burkholderia gladioli* pv. *agaricicola*

- **A.** Typical natural symptoms of bacterial soft rot on mushroom as observed in a mushroom cultivation farm.
- **B.** Tissue soft rot of mushroom inoculated by dropping a bacterial suspension on the sporocarp.
- **C, D, E, F.** Symptoms of bacterial soft rot on oyster and king oyster mushroom inoculated by spraying.
- **G.** Tissue soft rot on button mushroom injected with *B. gladioli* pv. *agaricicola*.
- **H.** Inhibition of oyster mushroom mycelium by *B. gladioli* pv. *agaricicola*.



See also the genus  
*Burkholderia*

# Bacterial brown blotch disease

## Mixed infections

- Major pathogen is *Pseudomonas tolaasii*.
- Bacterial brown blotch has various symptoms:
- The most typical symptom is a brown spot on the caps and stipes.
- The brown spots enlarge and coalesce with other spots, and the affected areas are sunken and covered with sticky material.
- At this stage a rotten fish smell is evident.
- *Pseudomonas tolaasii* is isolated in all these diseased mushrooms, but it is still possible that mixed infections cause these various symptoms.



# Bacterial Canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*



Pitting and gumming on nectarine fruit.



Spotting on nectarine fruit.

# Bacterial decline and canker

*P. syringae* pv. *persicae*





# Leaf spot & blight

*Pseudomonas meliae*





# Bacterial diseases of Oak

Bacterial Gall (or burl)	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
Bark canker and drippy nuts	<i>Lonsdalea (Brenneria) quercina</i>
Slime flux of wetwood	<i>Enterobacter (Erwinia) nimipressuralis</i>
Bacterial leaf scorch	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>
Acute oak decline (AOD)	<i>Gibbsiella quercinecans</i> , <i>Brenneria goodwinii</i> and <i>Rahnella victoriana</i>

# Oak

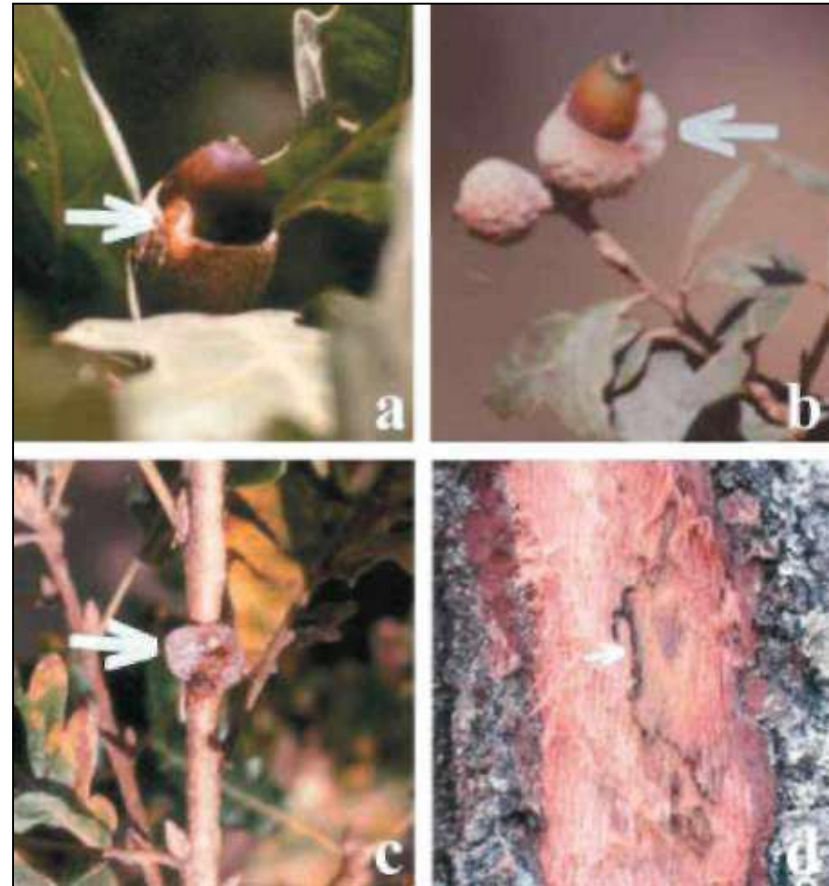
Gall (or burl) on an oak tree trunk, possibly crown  
***Agrobacterium tumefaciens***



# Bark canker and drippy nuts

## *Lonsdalea (Brenneria) quercina*

- Symptoms of drippy nut disease in naturally infected of *Quercus pyrenaica*.
- Damage and/or exudates on the tissues are indicated with arrows,
- (a and b) Acorn cup with oozing typical of the disease,
- (c) leaf bud with oozing,
- (d) detail of a 'bleeding canker'.



# Bark canker& drippy nuts

*Lonsdalea (Brenneria) quercina*



Bark canker on branch of a *Quercus ilex* tree exhibiting symptoms of *Brenneria quercina*, with necrotic lesions and dark exudates.

# Bark canker& drippy nuts

*Lonsdalea (Brenneria) quercina*

- Copious oozing of bacteria and sap from growing acorns of a *Quercus ilex* tree (the arrows indicate two acorns with ooze).





# Slime flux of wetwood

*Enterobacter (Erwinia) nimipressuralis*



# Bacterial wetwood on post oak

*Enterobacter (Erwinia) nimipressuralis*



# Bacterial leaf scorch

*Xylella fastidiosa*

- Leaf margins scorch, often beginning in early summer, but typically occur late in the season.
- Usually first appears on upper and outer branches, becoming more severe each year over several years.
- Appears first on oldest leaves of a shoot.
- Affected leaves usually retained until fall.
- Sapwood never streaked as with oak wilt.





# Bacterial Leaf Scorch

*Xylella fastidiosa*



**Typical marginal leaf scorch symptoms on oak.**

# Leaf scorch of oak

*Xylella fastidiosa*

## Symptoms leaf scorch and scald



*Quercus imbricaria* with leaf scorch symptoms

Source: AH Purcell

*Xylella fastidiosa* – an emerging threat. J.D. Janse  
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Oak(red oak)- *Quercus rubra*

# Bacterial leaf scorch

*Xylella fastidiosa*



# Bacterial leaf scorch

*Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex*

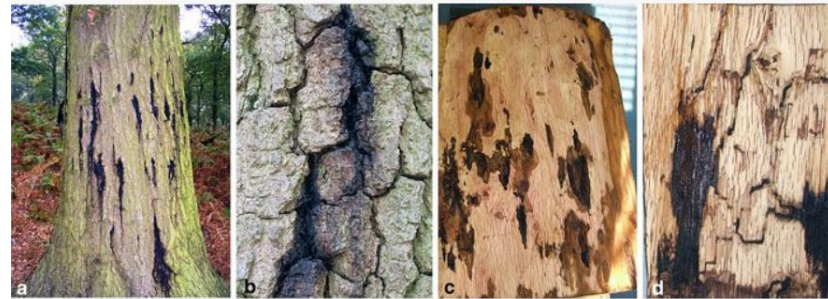
- Symptomatic native hosts of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex* in the United States.
- A, Oak (*Quercus* sp.) tree with large amount of defoliation.



# Acute oak decline (AOD)

*Gibbsiella quercinecans*, *Brenneria goodwinii* and *Rahnella victoriana*

- A relatively newly described disorder affecting native oak species in Britain.
- The most frequently isolated species from symptomatic oak are members of family *Enterobacteriaceae* including:
  1. *Gibbsiella quercinecans*
  2. *Brenneria goodwinii* and
  3. *Rahnella victoriana*.



Symptoms of acute oak decline **a** external symptoms of weeping stem bleeds **b** cracked bark plates caused by necrotic underlying tissue **c** lesions in the inner bark **d** *Agrilus biguttatus* larval galleries in close proximity to necrotic lesions.



# Bacterial diseases of Oats

Bacterial blight (halo blight)	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>coronafaciens</i>
Bacterial stripe blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>striaefaciens</i>
Black chaff and bacterial streak (stripe)	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>translucens</i>



# Bacterial Blight (Halo Blight)

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *coronafaciens*

- Symptoms: Small, water-soaked spots, surrounded by a light yellow halo, on leaves.
- Spots are green at first but change to light brown.
- Lesions may run together.
- Heavily infected leaves may dry out and die.
- Occasionally, tiny spots may be found on the hulls.



Note the necrotic spots on these leaves.

# Bacterial Blight (Halo Blight)

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *coronafaciens*

- A range of symptoms of stripe blight caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *striaefaciens*.
- Stripe blight forms long, brown stripes on leaves during winter, which join into blotches that cause leaf collapse (blight).



**Oleander-** *Nerium oleander*



# Oleander stem gall

*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*



**Bacterial galls on oleander stem and leaves.**

# Oleander stem gall

*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*





# Leaf scorch of oleander

Severely infected oleander plant

*Xylella fastidiosa*

## Symptoms leaf scorch and scald



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*Nerium oleander* with OLS symptoms

Source: <http://www.biocontrol.ucr.edu/gwssbiocontrol.html>

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# Leaf scorch of oleander

Mottling and leaf tips necrosis

*Xylella fastidiosa*



**Chlorotic mottling of leaves.**



**Necrosis of leaf tips and margins.**

# Disease symptoms on olive

## *Pseudomonas savastanoi*

- A. Hyperplasia outgrowths (knots) on olive stems caused by *Pseudomonas savastanoi*, and
- B. Extensive knot production on an older olive tree.



# Disease symptoms on olive

## *Pseudomonas savastanoi*

- Progressive dissection of an olive knot showing external necrosis and necrosis associated with infection of the stem.





# Olive Knot

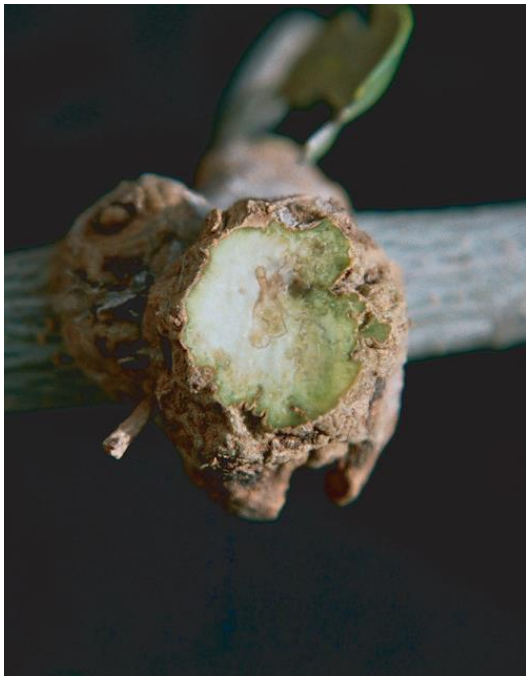
*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*

- Mature, developing and young galls (right to left on bottom branch) on a naturally infected oil branch (cv. Barnea).



# Olive Knot

*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*



**Glassy water-soaked area** in a young gall. **These areas produce bacterial ooze.**



**Necrotic areas in more mature galls**, surrounded by glassy tissue.

# Olive Knot

*Pseudomonas savastanoi* pv. *savastanoi*



# Leaf scorch of olive

## Olive quick decline syndrome (OQDS)

*Xylella fastidiosa*

- In October 2013 the bacterium was found to be infecting olive trees in the region of [Apulia in southern Italy](#).
- The disease was causing a **rapid decline in olive plantations** and by April 2015 it was affecting the [whole Province of Lecce and other zones of Apulia](#).



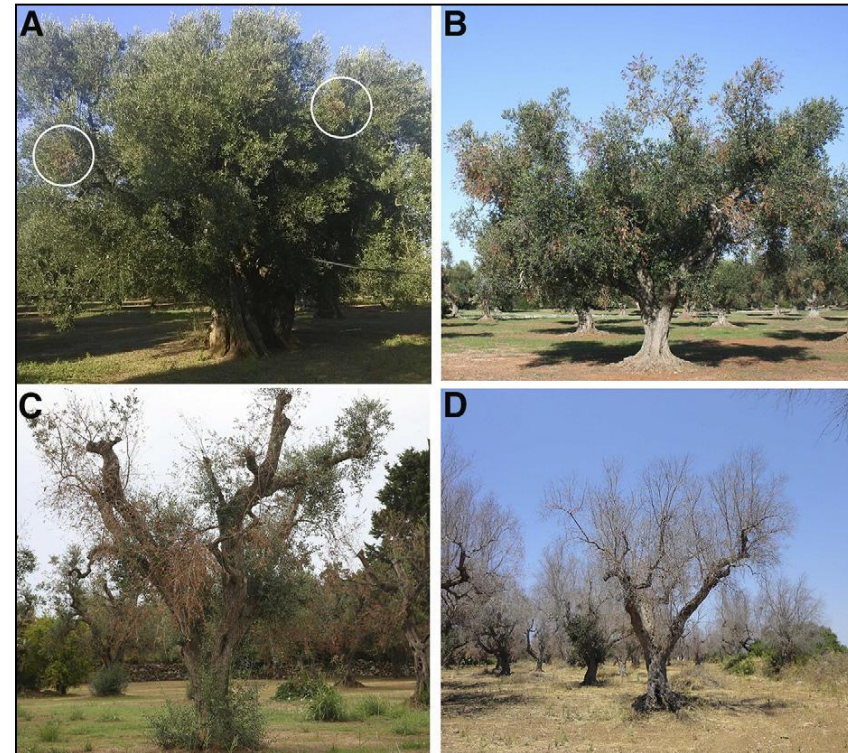


# Leaf scorch of olive

## Olive quick decline syndrome (OQDS)

Scale of symptoms in olive trees in southern Italy associated with *Xylella fastidiosa*

- **A**, Early symptoms limited to isolated branches, likely due to independent infection events.
- **B**, Larger number of symptomatic branches, leading to **C**, heavily symptomatic plants with severe pruning used as an unsuccessful cultural practice to eliminate infections.
- **D**, Dead trees, which are often cut to stumps and/or uprooted.
- Koch's postulates were not yet fulfilled for the *X. fastidiosa*-olive association in Italy; therefore, the etiological agent(s) of this olive disease remained to be conclusively identified.



# Bacterial diseases of onion/garlic

Sour skin (soft rot)	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>
Slippery skin of onion	<i>Burkholderia gladioli</i> subsp. <i>alliicola</i>
Sour skin	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>
Bacterial Soft Rot	<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i> <i>Pantoea ananatis</i>
Yellow bud	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
Bacterial leaf spot of onions	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>alliifistulosi</i>
Bacterial Soft Rot	<i>Erwinia carotovorum</i> ssp. <i>carotovorum</i> , <i>D. chrysanthemi</i> , <i>B. gladioli</i> , and <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>

# Sour skin (soft rot) on onion

## *Burkholderia cepacia*



**Mature onion bulb infected with sour skin**  
David B. Langston, University of Georgia, Bugwood.org

# Slippery skin of onion

*Burkholderia gladioli* subsp. *alliicola*



**Internal bulb rot caused by slippery skin**  
(*Burkholderia gladioli* subsp. *alliicola*).

Howard F. Schwartz, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org



# Bacterial Soft Rot

*Pantoea agglomerans* and *P. ananatis*



Bulb symptoms characteristic of onion **surface rot**.



**Center rot** is characterized by a single or a few discolored scales (**left**). **Mature onion plant** with several bleached and wilted inner leaves, characteristic of center rot (**right**).



# Yellow bud

*Pseudomonas syringae*

- Emerging leaves display intense chlorosis and older leaves exhibit extensive leaf blight.
- Yield reductions can be severe due to stand loss and reduced bulb size.
- Symptomatic plants are also more prone to freeze damage.



# Bacterial leaf spot of onions

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *alliifistulosi*

- *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *alliifistulosi* pv. nov., the causal agent of bacterial leaf spot of onions.



# Sour skin

*Burkholderia cepacia*



**Onion scales affected by sour skin turn soft and tan.**

**Photo by Ronald E. Voss**



# Bacterial Soft Rot

*Erwinia carotovorum* ssp. *carotovorum*, *D. chrysanthemi*, *B. gladioli*, and *Enterobacter cloacae*



Bacterial soft rot of onion bulb

# Bacterial diseases of orchids

Bacterial leaf spot/rot	<i>Burkholderia gladioli</i> pv. <i>gladioli</i>
Bacterial black spot	<i>Robbsia</i> (ex. <i>Burkholderia</i> ) <i>andropogonis</i>
Brown rot of cypripedium (lady's slipper orchid) and other orchids	<i>Pantoea cypripedii</i> (ex. <i>Pectobacterium cypripedii</i> )
Bacterial leaf spot	<i>Bacillus</i> sp.
Bacterial leaf spot	<i>Acidovorax avenea</i> subsp. <i>cattlyae</i>
Bacterial soft rot	<i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i>

*Burkholderia andropogonis* was replaced by a new genus described herein as *Robbsia andropogonis* gen. nov., comb. nov. (Lopes-Santos *et al.*, 2017).

# Bacterial diseases

## *Erwinia* and *Pseudomonas*




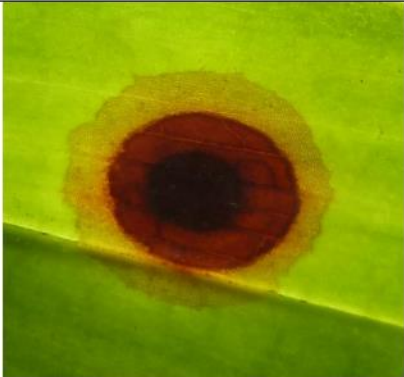



**Erwinia**  
(bacterial rot)



**Pseudomonas**  
(bacterial brown spot)

# Bacterial diseases

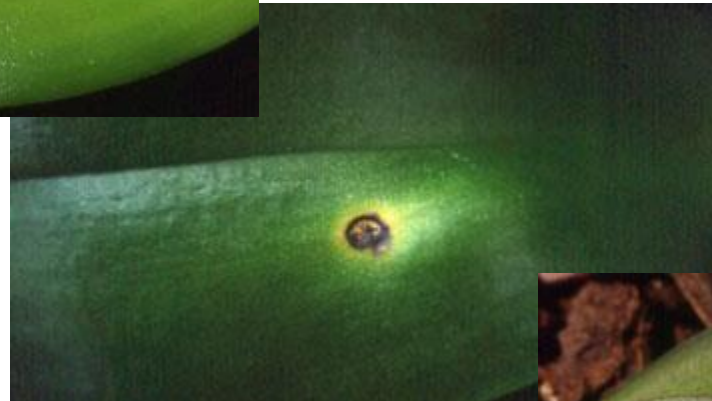
		
Early stage: Translucent Lesion	Advanced Stage: Brown/Black Lesion.	Advanced Rot
		





# Bacterial leaf spot

*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *cattleyae*



# Bacterial brown spot

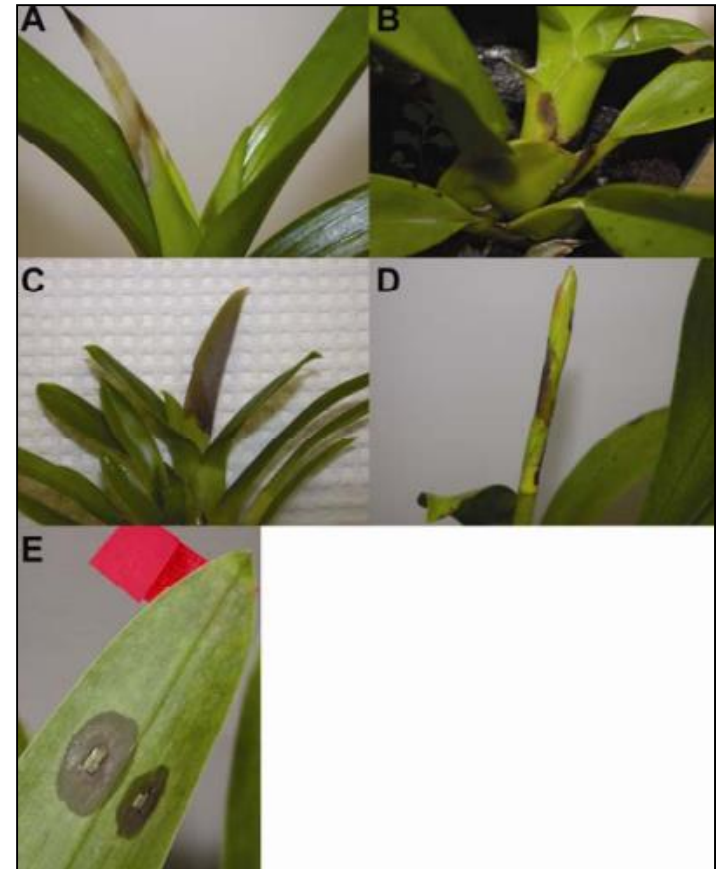
*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *cattleyae*



# Bacterial leaf rot

*Burkholderia gladioli*

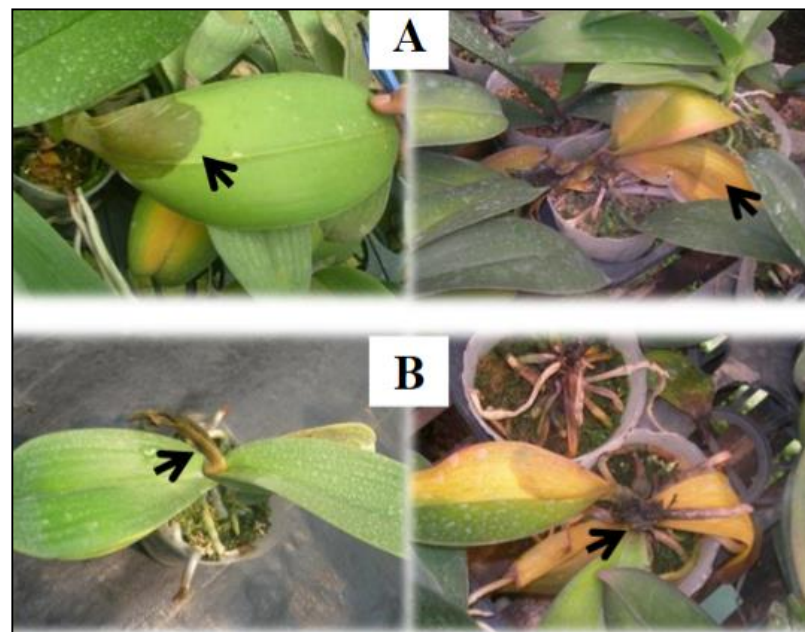
- Natural symptoms of bacterial leaf rot caused by *Burkholderia gladioli*.
- A. *Dendrobium* sp. leaf.
- B. *Oncidium* sp. pseudobulb.
- C. *Oncidium* sp. plantlet.
- D. *Oncidium* sp. spike.
- E. Symptoms of an artificially inoculated *Miltonia* sp. sample.



# Bacterial soft-rot

*Dickeya* sp. and *Pseudomonas* sp.

- The symptoms of soft rot disease of *Phalaenopsis* orchids on leaf (A) and shoot (B).
- Small water-soaked lesion enlarged to either the whole leaf or plant.





# Lethal yellows of palm

*'Candidatus Phytoplasma palmae'*

- These are all symptoms of palms infected with **palm lethal yellowing strain A**.
- The **top left** photo shows the spear leaf of **silver date palm**. Collapsed leaf is hanging down (right side of the trunk).
- The **top right** photo shows lethal yellowing *Cocos nucifera* in various stages. **Healthy plants in the back**.
- Palms in the front are in the early-mid stages.
- Palms to the left and right are dead and the trunk bare.
- The **bottom left** photo shows different leaf shades on **Canary Island date palm**.

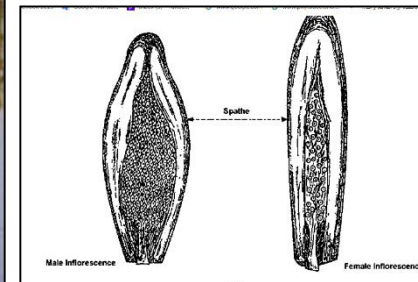


# Pink Rot of Inflorescence

## *Serratia marcescens*



- The symptoms of this disease were **dark brown spots on the spathe cover**.
- Inside these spadices affected flowers, scattered over the inflorescence, acquired **pink coloration** which at later stages was surrounded **by pink mucous**.



# Bacterial leaf blight of fishtail palm

## *Acidovorax avenae* pv. *avenae*



Initial symptoms of bacterial leaf blight of fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*) are small, water-soaked, translucent to light yellow banded areas running along leaf veins.



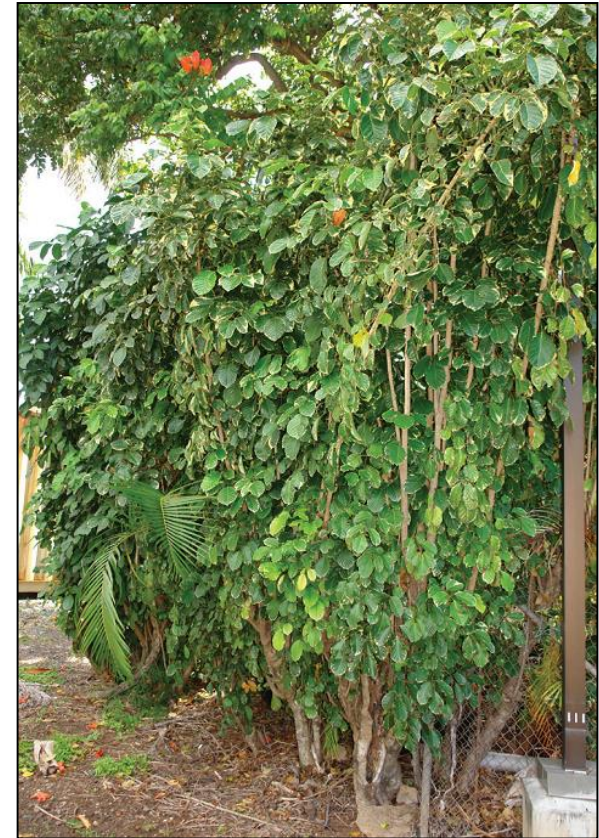
Older lesions may coalesce and develop tan to light-colored central regions that become colonized by fungi that are not necessarily pathogenic to *C. mitis*, especially under wet conditions for leaves.



# Bacterial leaf blight of panax

## *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *hederae*

- Commonly known as **wild coffee**.
- Although the disease is **not fatal**, the lesions are unsightly, cause **defoliation**, and **reduce plant vigor**.
- This bacterial pathogen also **produces leaf spot and blight diseases of English ivy** (*Hedera helix*).





# Bacterial leaf blight of panax

## *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *hederae*



The darkly colored, **water-soaked**, and **irregularly shaped lesions** often **exude** droplets of an amber-colored exudate from the lower leaf surface.



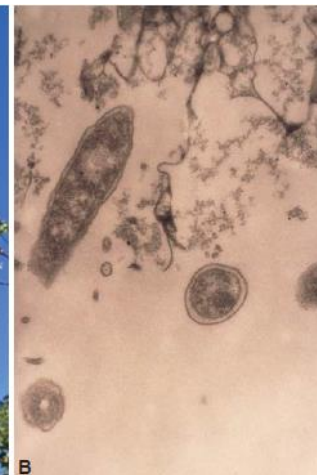
Severe blight causes leaves to curl, turn yellow, and fall prematurely. A **purplish-red tinge surrounds the lesions** as the infection expands within the leaf tissues.

# Papaya bunchy top

**BLO**



**Bunchy top of papaya caused by a rickettsia-like organism.**

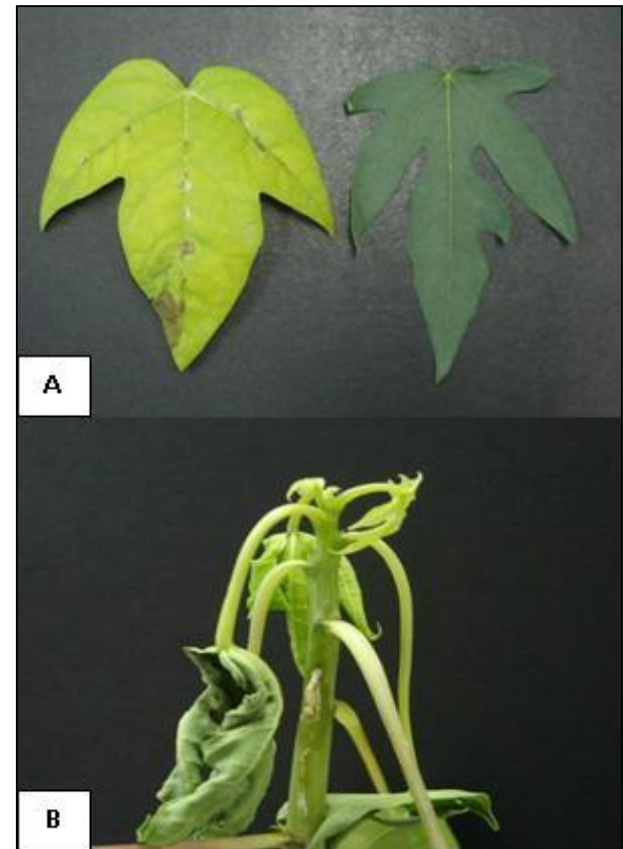


**(A)** Papaya plants showing severe bunchy top symptoms. **(B)** The rickettsia-like phloem inhabiting bacterium causing the papaya bunchy top disease.

# Papaya dieback

*Erwinia mallotivora*

- Papaya dieback symptoms caused by *E. mallotivora*.
  - A. Leaf spots formed along the main vein of infected leaf (left) compared to a healthy leaf (negative control: right);
  - B. Greasy and water-soaked lesions leading to the destruction of papaya tree (Arrow).



# Bacterial leaf stripe on bird of paradise *Burkholderia* sp.





# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lisi*



Young, water-soaked lesions, caused by bacterial blight on the undersides of pea leaves. (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lisi*).

# Bacterial blight

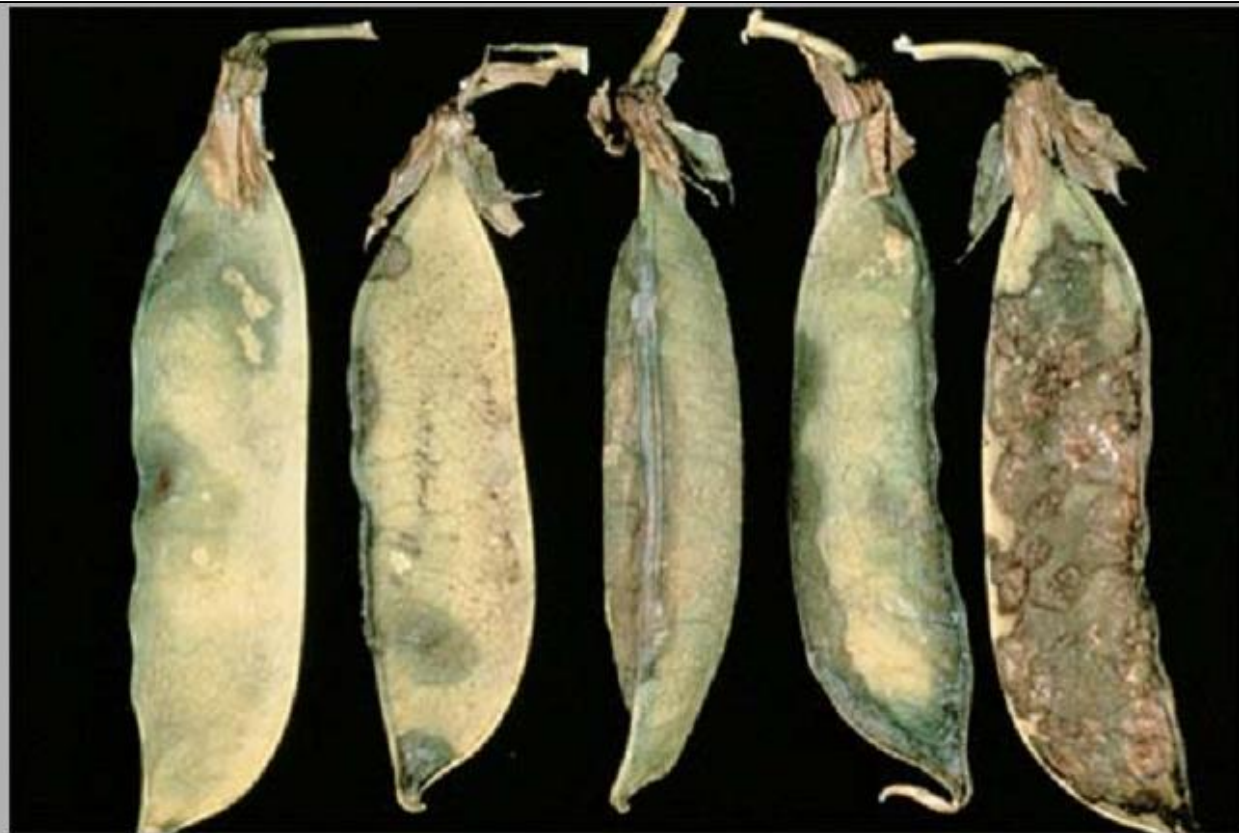
*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *psa*



Translucent lesions on pea leaves, caused by bacterial blight (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *psa*).

# Bacterial blight

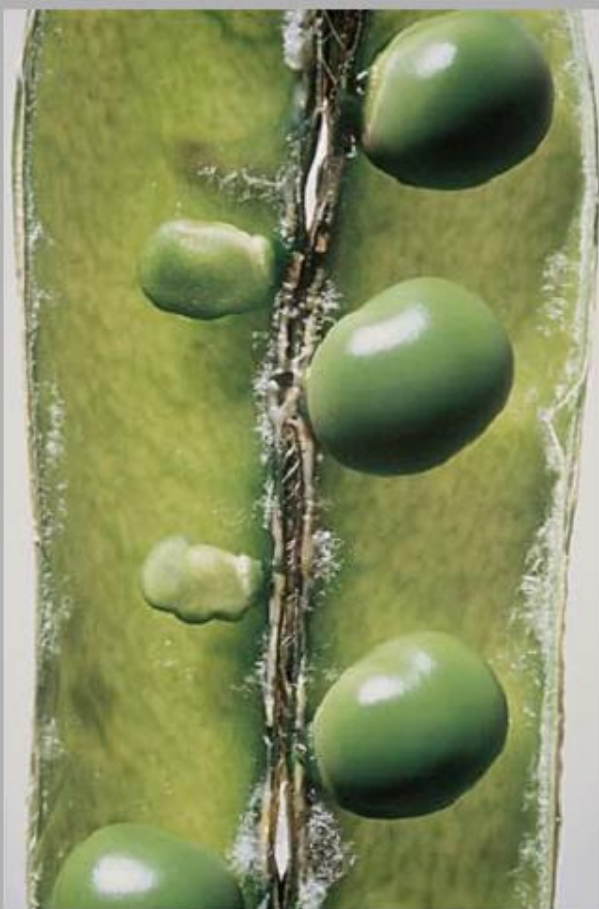
*P. syringae* pv. *psii*



Bacterial blight lesions on the surfaces of pea pods, caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *psii*.

# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *psii*



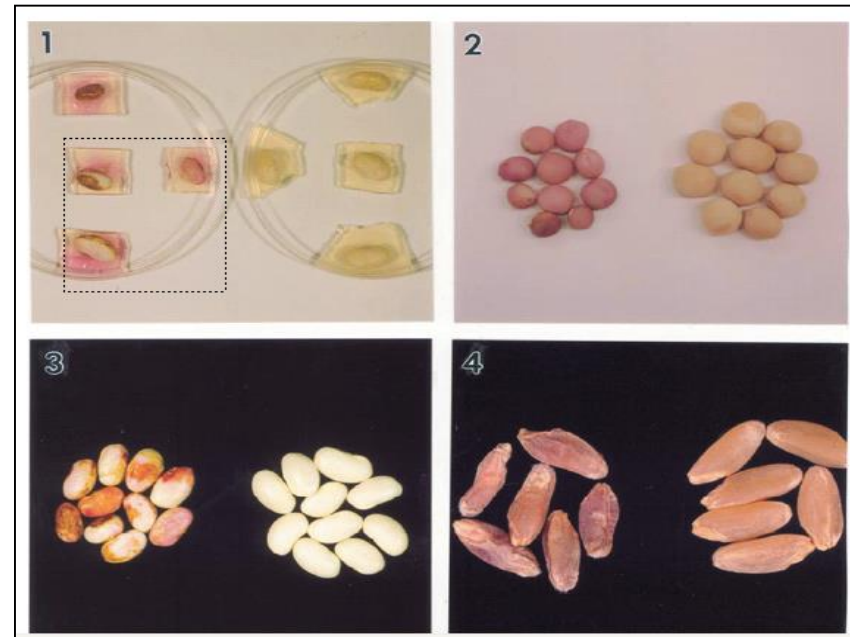
Symptoms of bacterial blight of pea along the suture and infected, shriveled seed (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *psii*).



# Pink seed

## *Erwinia rhapontici*

- Pink seed of pea, bean and wheat caused by *Erwinia rhapontici*.
- Each figure show diseased seeds (left) and healthy seeds (right).



# Bacterial leaf spot

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*

- Bacterial leaf spot and shot-holing symptoms on cherry laurel caused by *X. arboricola* pv. *pruni*.
- Small wet spots on lower leaf surfaces develop into brown or black angular spots, often with yellow-tinged edges.
- Leaves become chlorotic and fall prematurely.
- Penetration occurs through stomata or lenticels.



# Bacterial leaf spot

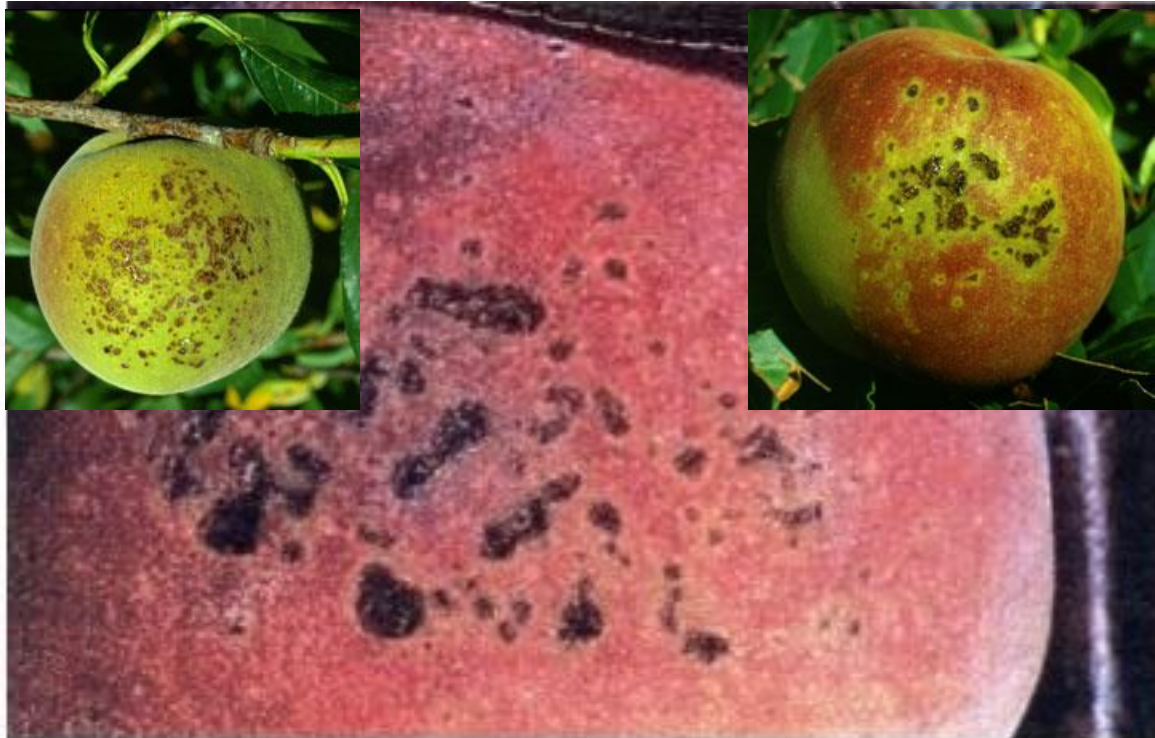
*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*



Spots on two peach leaves cv. Elegant Lady.

# Bacterial spot

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*



Notice close resemblance to scab symptoms.



# Bacterial spot

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*



**Bacterial spot on peach leaf.**  
Note the "shot-holes" where infected tissue has dropped out.



**Bacterial spot on peach fruit.**  
Note the merging and cracking of spot.

# Bacterial Canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*



Cankers on peach twigs at bud break in spring.

# Bacterial canker

## *Pseudomonas syringae*



Cytospora canker

**Bacterial canker on cherry.** Note discolouration of wood and gumming.  
**Bacterial canker** is similar in appearance to **Cytospora canker**.

# Bacterial canker or blast

*Pseudomonas syringae*

Bacterial canker is also known as "gummosis", "blossom blast"





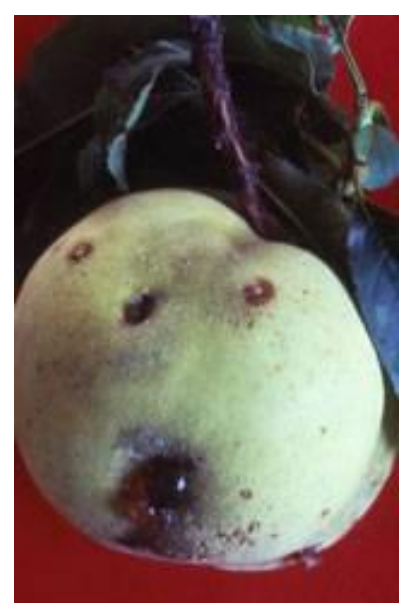
# Bacterial canker

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*



# Bacterial dieback

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae*



# Canker

*Pseudomonas viridiflava*



# Gall

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*





# Phony peach

## *Xylella fastidiosa*

Symptoms PD



Peach tree with typical leaf symptoms of PD

Source: EPPO

Symptoms PD



Left: peach tree with symptoms of PPD

Source: <http://www.aces.edu/mt/peachipm/archives/001409.php>

# Phony peach

*Xylella fastidiosa*



A compact growth habit and flat canopy

# Peach X-disease

## Phytoplasma

### Peach X-disease





# Bacterial canker and Bacterial spot canker

*Pseudomonas syringae* and *Xanthomonas arborigicola*

- Bacterial canker associated with gummosis on stone fruit caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* (left);
- Bacterial spot canker on a young stone fruit shoot caused by *Xanthomonas arborigicola* (right).





# Black stem blight of pear

*Erwinia pyrifoliae*



Necrotic symptoms caused by *Erwinia pyrifoliae*.



*Erwinia pyrifoliae* pathogenicity on immature pear.

*Enterobacter pyrinus* (formerly *Erwinia pirina*) was also reported to be associated with brown leaf spot disease of pear trees (Chung *et al.*, 1993).

# Fire Blight

*E. amylovora*



**Leaves showing typical Fireblight symptoms.**



**Shepherd's Crook, a classic symptom of fireblight.**

# Blossom Blast

*P. syringae*



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***Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*** the pathogen of pear blast - causes leaf spots and shoot necrosis on pear trees. Blossom blast infects fruit and leaves resulting depressed black spots.

# Pear decline

*'Candidatus Phytoplasma pyri'*

- A. Young pear tree showing symptoms of pear decline caused by a phytoplasma.
- B. Disruption of phloem at and below the graft union as a result of pear decline infection is responsible for decline symptoms.





# leaf scorch on pecan tree

*Xylella fastidiosa*

## Symptoms leaf scorch and scald



Leaf scorch on pecan tree

Source: AH Purcell

# Bacterial diseases of pepper

Leaf spot	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> <i>Xanthomonas euvesicatoria</i> <i>Xanthomonas perforans</i> = [ <i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> (syn. <i>campestris</i> ) pv. <i>vesicatoria</i> ] <i>Xanthomonas vesicatoria</i> <i>Xanthomonas gardneri</i>
Pith necrosis	<i>Pseudomonas mediterranea</i> (ex. <i>Pseudomonas corrugata</i> )
Bacterial blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
Bacterial soft rot	<i>Erwinia carotovorum</i> ssp. <i>carotovorum</i> , <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>
Bacterial wilt	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>
Chlorotic leaves, spiky appearance, leaf cupping and shortened internodes and flower abortion	' <i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i> '

# Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas vesicatoria*



- A) Common leaf spots with necrotic center and yellow halo on infected pepper cultivar, Aristotle.**
- B) Devastating field infection with severe defoliation of lower leaves.**



# Leaf spot of pepper

*Xanthomonas vesicatoria*



Corky spots and scabs, water soaking margins, black necrotic lesions on the leaves with yellow haloes.





# Leaf/fruit spot of pepper

## *Xanthomonas vesicatoria*



Bacterial spot symptoms  
on pepper fruit.

# Soft rot of pepper

*P. carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum*



# Soft rot of pepper

*Pseudomonas viridiflava*

- Fluorescent soil borne pathogen infects:
  1. **tomato** (stem necrosis, dark blotches on pruning sites of the stem),
  2. **soft rot on sweet pepper**,
  3. the **runner beans** etc.



# Soft rot of sweet pepper

*Pseudomonas viridiflava*





# Pith necrosis

*Pseudomonas mediterranea* (ex. *Pseudomonas corrugata*)



# Bacterial blight

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*



# Bacterial Wilt of Pepper

*Ralstonia solanacearum*



**Browning of  
vascular tissues**

# Bacterial Wilt of Pepper

*Ralstonia solanacearum*



Bacterial wilt symptoms in  
pepper field



Bacterial ooze from  
infected pepper stem



## Pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) and Chilli (*Capsicum* sp.)

Chlorotic leaves, spiky appearance, leaf cupping and shortened internodes and flower abortion

**'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum'**

- Similar tomato symptoms were reported in glasshouse capsicum:
- Chlorotic or pale green leaves
- Sharp tapering of leaf apex (spiky appearance)
- Leaf cupping and shortened internodes
- Flower abortion.



**Periwinkle showing flower virescence from  
Colombia infected with 16SrIX-C phytoplasmas**



# Bacterial leaf spot

## *Xanthomonas campestris*

- Four bacterial diseases on four host plants:
  1. **Philodendron** Bacterial leaf spot (*Xanthomonas campestris*) on **philodendron** showing small, water soaked spots that become large,
  2. Bacterial leaf blight (*Xanthomonas* sp.) on **syngonium** showing angular, water-soaked areas on leaves that become yellow, then brown dry and papery (top right);
  3. Bacterial leaf spot of **bougainvillea** showing orange, angular spots with pale centres (middle right);
  4. Bacterial leaf blight on **ZZ Plant** ('zanzibar gem') (bottom right).



Pine ( Monterey pine)- *Pinus radiata*

# Canker

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*





# Fire blight in *Photinia*

## *Erwinia amylovora*

- Symptoms of fire blight in *Photinia* (*Stranvaesia*) *daurica* caused by *Erwinia amylovora*.
- Water-soaked spots along veins and leaf margins, phloem necrosis and bacterial exudates.





Pineapple flowering

# Bacterial diseases of pineapple

- Pineapple is one of the five most important fruit of international trade.
- In 2002, approximately 14.8 million metric tons (MMT) were produced and 1.3 MMT traded as fresh fruit, worldwide (Contreras, 2004).
- Bacteria from the genera *Azospirillum*, *Burkholderia*,
- *Erwinia*, *Gluconacetobacter*, *Herbaspirillum* and *Pantoea* have been found associated with pineapple plants.
- Some of these bacteria have shown beneficial effects on pineapple, but other bacterial species are harmful.
- Pink disease can severely diminish the quality of processed pineapple.

## Bacterial diseases of pineapple

Acetic souring	<b>Acetic acid bacteria</b>
Bacterial fruitlet brown rot	<b><i>Pantoea ananatis</i> (ex. <i>Erwinia ananas</i>)</b>
Heart rot and fruit collapse	<b><i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i></b>
Marbled fruit	<b><i>Acetobacter</i> spp. <i>A. peroxydans</i> <i>Pantoea ananatis</i></b>
Pink fruit	<b><i>Tatumella morbirosei</i> (formerly <i>Pantoea citrea</i>) <i>Tatumella ptyseos</i> (formerly <i>Pantoea citrea</i>)</b>
Soft rot	<b><i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i></b>

The **new species** of *Tatumella morbirosei* and *Tatumella ptyseos* are reported to cause **pink disease in pineapple** (Bull *et al.*,2012).



# Bacterial diseases of pineapple

- The pineapple plant is threatened by **several phytopathogenic bacteria** that are responsible for diseases like **fruit collapse**, **marbling disease**, **fruit brown rot**, **anomalous proliferations** and **pink disease**.

Disease	Causal agent	Reference
Bacterial heart rot	<i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i>	Johnston 1957
Bacterial fruit collapse	<i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i>	Lim and Lowings 1979
	<i>Klebsiella</i> sp. plus yeasts	Korres et al. 2010
Marbling disease	<i>Acetobacter peroxydans</i> and	Rohrbach and Johnson 2003
	<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i>	
Fruit brown rot	<i>Pantoea ananatis</i>	Serrano 1928
Shoot proliferation	Ca. <i>Phytoplasma asteris</i>	Davis et al. 2005
Proliferation of axillary buds	Ca. <i>Phytoplasma solani</i>	Davis et al. 2006
Pink disease	<i>Tatumella morbirosei</i> , <i>T. ptyseos</i>	Lyon 1915; Brady et al. 2008; 2010; Marin-Cevada et al. 2010



# Pink disease of pineapple

*Tatumella morbirosei* and *Tatumella ptyseos* (formerly *Pantoea citrea*)



Pink disease symptoms on pineapple fruit slices originating from a canned product. **Healthy fruit (top), Diseased fruit (bottom).**



Example of an immature pineapple fruit bearing blossoms that are commonly visited by flying insects.

Pink disease symptoms are difficult to observe in the field since outward symptoms are not apparent. Infections of the foliage are not usually found. Under severe invasion of the fruit by *P. citrea*, a translucent appearance of the sub-dermal fruit tissue occasionally can be observed.

# Marbling disease of pineapple

*Pantoea ananatis* and *Acetobacter* spp.

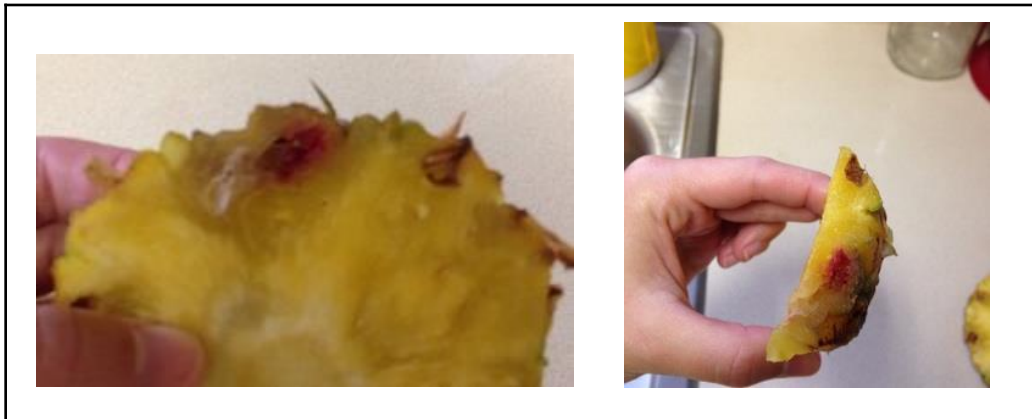
- Yellow to red or very dark brown discoloration of fruit flesh; infected tissues develop a granular texture with woody consistency and speckled color; single or multiple fruitlets may be affected; vascular system may appear speckled right down to core of fruit; symptoms develop during the last month of fruit maturation.
- *Erwinia* (*Pantoea*) is a very common bacteria in our environment and is not a disease that produces problematic toxins.

# Marbling disease of pineapple

*Pantoea ananatis* and *Acetobacter* spp.



Pineapple marbling disease showing red-brown granular flesh with woody consistency



# Fruitlet rot of pineapple

*Pantoea ananatis*



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# Bacterial heart rot and fruit collapse

## Pineapple strain, *Dickeya* sp.)

### *Dickeya* (ex. *Erwinia*) *chrysanthemi*

- Water-soaked lesions on the white basal sections of leaves in the central whorl which may spread to all leaves in the central whorl;
- Midportions of leaves become olive green in color with a bloated appearance; infected fruits exude juices and the shell becomes olive green; cavities form within the fruit.
- *Erwinia chrysanthemi* often forms latent infections in pineapple, as well as numerous other crops.
- *E. chrysanthemi* strains from pineapple will either be placed into a previously described or a new *Dickeya* species causing heart rot of pineapple.

# Bacterial heart rot and fruit collapse

Pineapple strain, *Dickeya* sp.)

*Dickeya* (ex. *Erwinia*) *chrysanthemi*

- Characteristic watersoaking originating from the heart with a gas-filled blister (arrow) caused by *Erwinia chrysanthemi*.



# Bacterial diseases of pistachio

<b>Dieback or decline of pistachio</b>	<i><b>Xanthomonas translucens pv. pistaciae</b></i>
<b>Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome (PBTS)</b>	<i><b>Rhodococcus fascians</b></i>

# Dieback or decline of pistachio

## *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *pistaciae*

### *Xanthomonas translucens* - Pistachio dieback or decline

- Described from Australia in 2001 from pistachio
- Dieback of twigs, internal staining of tissues, lesions on trunk, limbs and branches, resin exudation and tree death. No fruit infection.



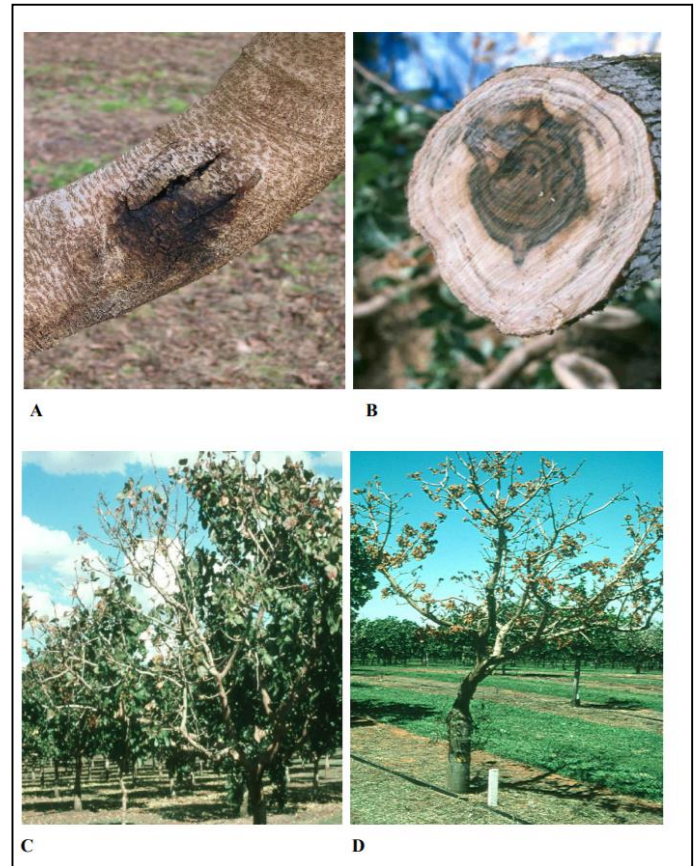
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# Dieback or decline of pistachio

## *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *pistaciae*

- Major limbs of the diseased tree showing black sooty patches with sunken bark.
- Discoloration of woody tissue which varies in cross-section from small, dark pin-pricks to thick and dark rings.
- The diseased tree showing dieback.
- Dead pistachio tree infected by the disease.



# Dieback or decline of pistachio

## *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *pistaciae*

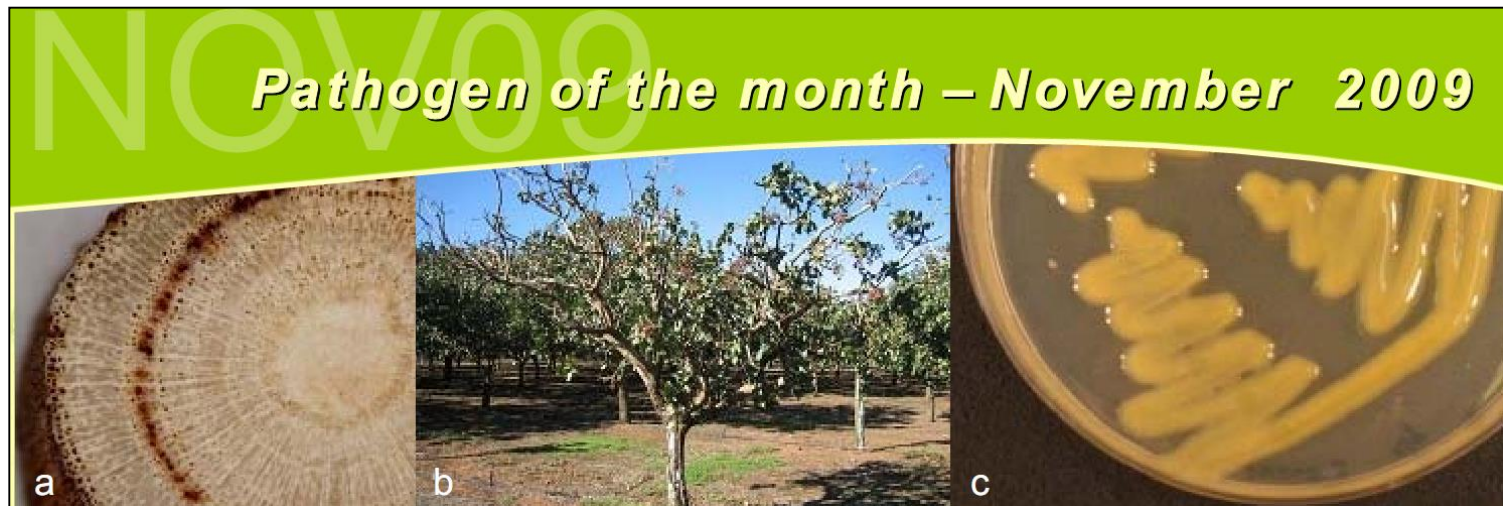


Fig. 1. Typical xylem staining (a) and dieback (b) associated with *X. translucens* pv. *pistaciae* infection in Pistachio; *X. translucens* pv. *pistaciae* on Sucrose Peptone Agar (c). Photo credits C. Taylor (a, b) and A. Salowi (c).

# Dieback or decline of pistachio

## *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *pistaciae*

- Typical xylem staining and dieback associated with *X. translucens* pv. *pistaciae* infection in Pistachio.
- The disease is endemic to Australia and is characterized by trunk and limb lesions, excessive resin exudates, discolouration of mature xylem, stunted growth and shoot dieback.
- Affected trees gradually decline, fail to produce marketable nuts and eventually die.
- Photo credits C. Taylor.



# Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome (PBTS)

## *Rhodococcus fascians* (Rf)

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- A new pistachio disease, Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome (PBTS) has been describe.
- PBTS is caused by the infection of a bacterium, *Rhodococcus fascians* (Rf).
- Two strains have been identified and, while each is pathogenic, they act synergistically to cause more severe disease symptoms.
- Bacteria exchange DNA frequently so it is likely that new strains, probably derived from the initial two, will be found.



# Bacterial canker

*Pss* and *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *morsprunorum* race1

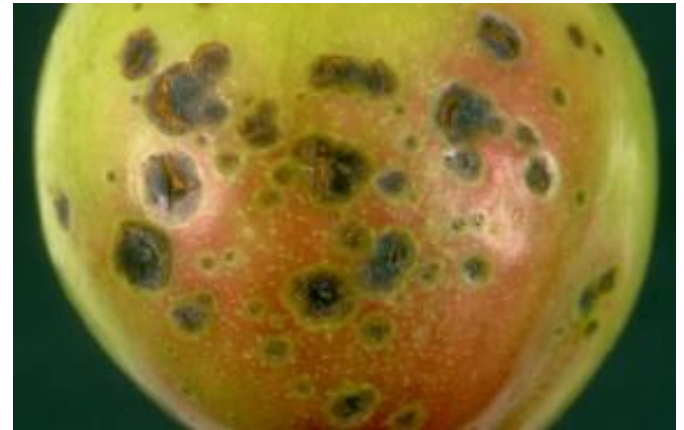
- In Belgium *Pss*, *Psm* race 1 and 2, and other sour cherry and plum *P. syringae* strains were frequently found in cherry and plum orchards (Bultreys and Gheysen, 2003; Gilbert *et al.*, 2009).
- *Psm* race 1 was especially damaging to dwarf trees.



# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *pruni*

- Leaf spots on plum.
- Courtesy of U. Mazzucchi – Università degli Studi, Bologna (IT)



# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *pruni*



Symptoms on Stanley plum fruit

# Plum leaf scald

*Xylella fastidiosa*

## Symptoms leaf scorch and scald

Plum leaf scald



Source: Mizell et al., 2008  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/IN/IN17400.pdf>



83. Marginal necrosis and leaf roll symptomatic of plum leaf scald. (Courtesy A. J. Latham)



Plum

# Plum gall

*A. tumefaceins*



**Crown gall on plum branch**



# Angular leaf spot

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *poinsetticola*





# Bacterial leaf spot

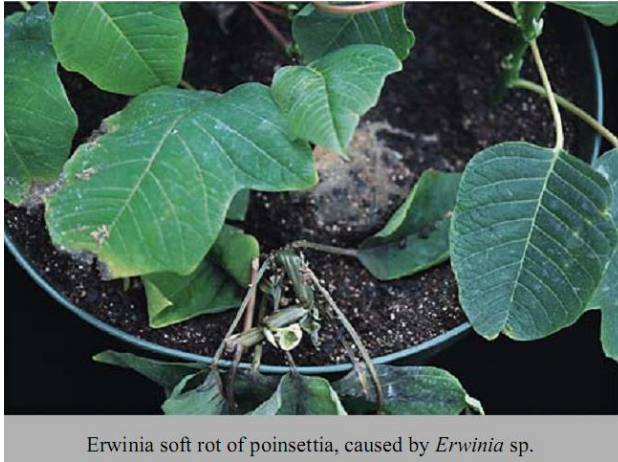
*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *poinsetticola*

- The symptoms first appeared on the leaves as **small spots**, which quickly turned **brown** and were surrounded by **pale yellow haloes**.
- The **brown spots** and haloes enlarged rapidly and **coalesced into irregular, yellow or brown, dry, dead areas** on the leaf.



# Soft rot

*Pectobacterium carotovorum*



Erwinia soft rot of poinsettia, caused by *Erwinia* sp.



*Erwinia* soft rot of poinsettia cuttings

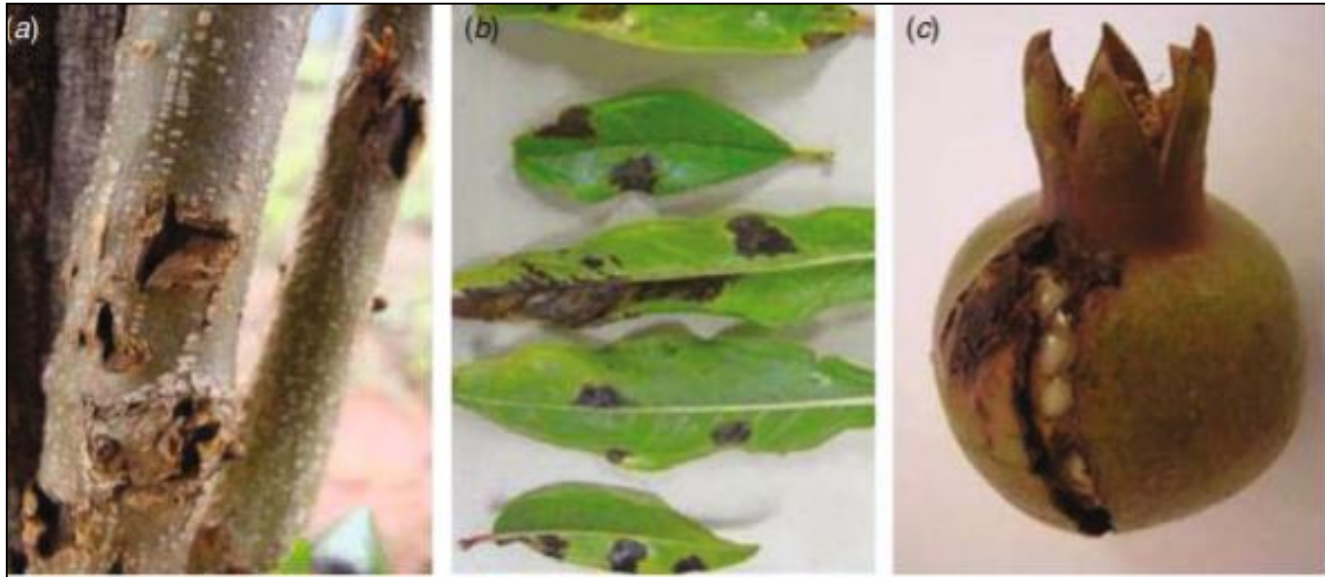






# Bacterial Blight of Pomegranate

## *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *punicae*

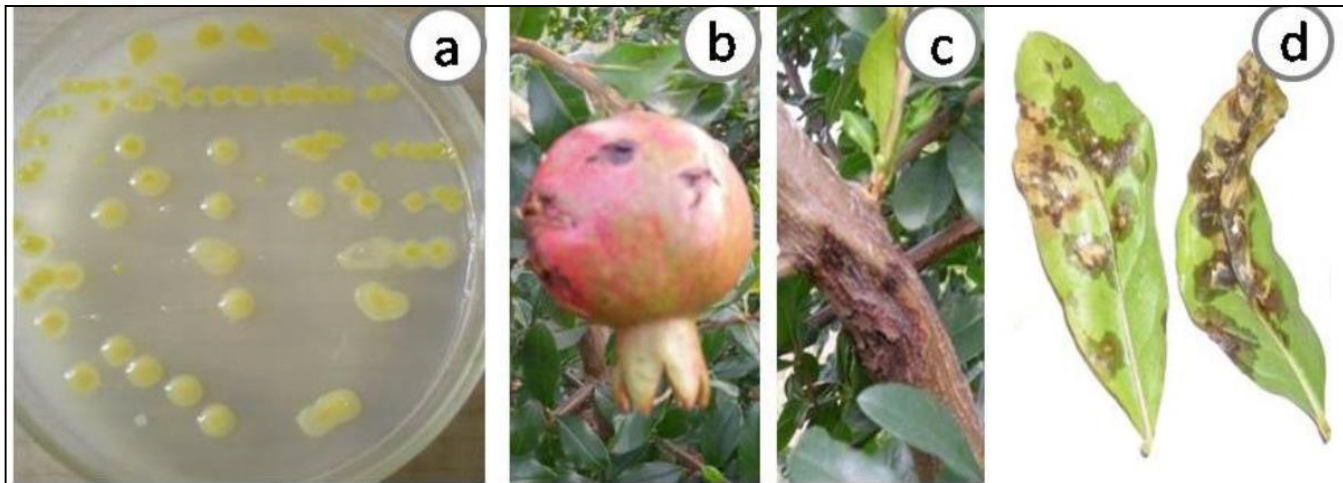


Symptoms on naturally infected pomegranate: **a)** stem cankers, **b)** included leaf/fruit spots, and **c)** burst fruit.

# Bacterial Blight of Pomegranate

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *punicae*

- a) *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *punicae* colonies. Symptom may be produced:
- b) on fruit
- c) on stem, and
- d) on leaves.



# Bacterial Blight of Pomegranate

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *punicae*

- Symptoms of bacterial blight on young and developing pomegranate fruits.
- Initially, spots are black and round and surrounded by bacterial ooze.
- Under favorable conditions, spots enlarge to become raised, dark brown lesions with indefinite margins that cause the fruit to crack.
- The disease may cause up to 90% yield reduction.



# Bacterial Blight of Pomegranate

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *punicae*

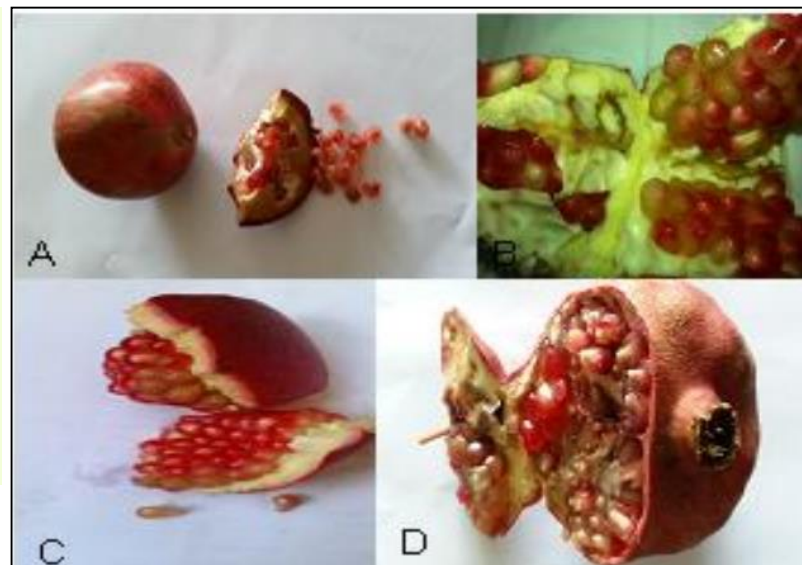




# Inner fruit decay of Pomegranate

## *Gluconobacter oxydans*

- A, B, and C: natural infection at autumn 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively,
- D: Artificial infection.



# Poplar bacterial diseases

<i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>populi</i>	Bacterial canker
<i>Lonsdalea populi</i> subsp. <i>populi</i>	Symptomatic bark tissue of <i>Populus</i> x <i>euramericana</i> canker
<i>B. populi</i> subsp. <i>brevivirga</i>	Symptomatic bark tissue of <i>Populus</i> x <i>euramericana</i> canker
<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>	Crown gall

# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *populi*

- Initial symptom is small cracks in bark of one-year-old shoots, which ooze creamy slime in spring.
- Cankers may expand to girdle smaller shoots.
- On larger stems, irregular-shaped lesions break through the bark.
- Infected leaves may blacken.



Leaf scar canker caused by *X. populi* on young stem of poplar.

# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *populi*

- Canker, girdling stem of a highly susceptible *Populus tremula* tree.





# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *populi*



Artificially inoculated stem



# Bacterial canker

*Lonsdalea populi* subsp. *populi*

- In the end of spring or in early summer white foamy mucus bleeds out from wounds of the stem.



# Bacterial canker

*Lonsdalea populi* subsp. *populi*

- The wounds can be on various heights of the stem.





# Bacterial canker

*Lonsdalea populi* subsp. *populi*

- The bark dies under the mucus, and the tissues under the bark also starts to rot. White and stinky mucus develops under the bark.





# Bacterial canker

*Lonsdalea populi* subsp. *populi*

- The bark becomes discoloured, with brownish-purple or black areas, and with blisters.



# Bacterial canker

*Lonsdalea populi* subsp. *populi*

In the next year the margins of the wound heals in, but the centre of the wound remains usually uncovered, so the degradation of the timber may start here, which leads to the death of the tree.



# Bacterial canker

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *populi*



Infected trees in northern France



# Bacterial wetwood on poplar

## *Enterobacter nimipressuralis*





# Crown gall

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*



# Potato bacterial diseases

Bacterial wilt = brown rot	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>
Blackleg and bacterial soft rot	<i>Pectobacterium atrosepticum</i> <i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i> subsp. <i>carotovorum</i> <i>P. carotovorum</i> subsp. <i>brasiliensis</i> <i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i> <i>Dickeya solani</i>
Pink eye	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i>
Ring rot	<i>Clavibacter sepedonicus</i>
Common scab	<i>Streptomyces scabiei</i> (ex. <i>S. scabies</i> ) <i>Streptomyces acidiscabies</i> <i>Streptomyces turgidiscabies</i>
Zebra chip disease of potato	' <i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i> '
Aerial bulbs on Stolbur phytoplasma infected potato	<i>Candidatus phytoplasma solani</i>

# Potato ring rot

## *Clavibacter sepedonicus*

- Internal symptoms of *Clavibacter sepedonicus* on potato.
- Note the destruction of the vascular tissue and the surrounding creamy to brown coloured lesions.



# Ring rot

*Clavibacter sepedonicus*

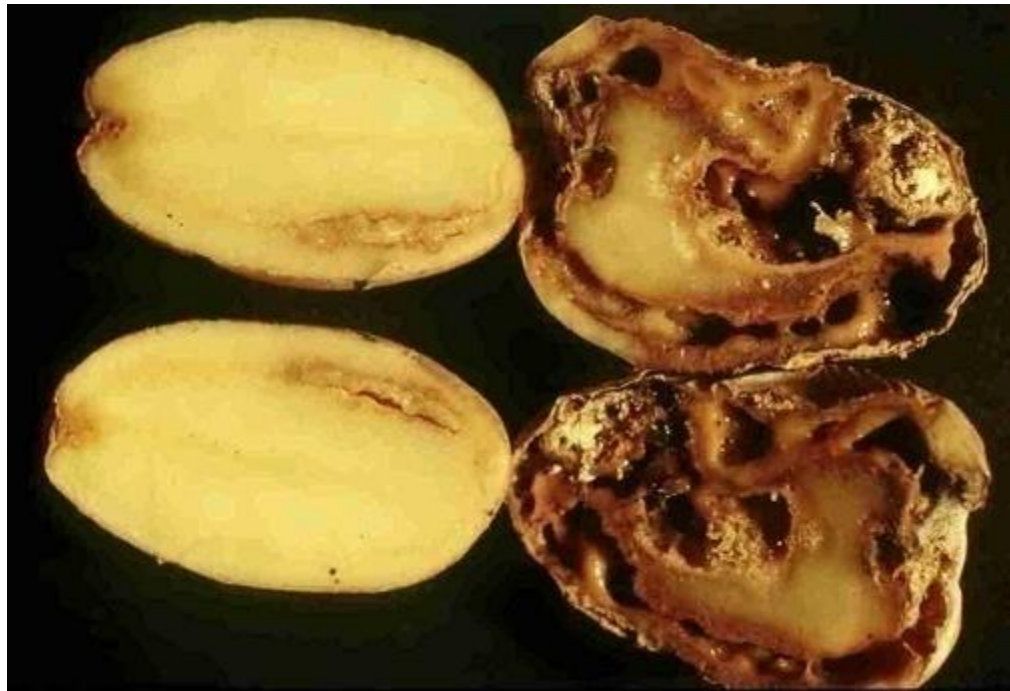


Cracks in the surface of a tuber with bacterial ring rot.



# Ring rot

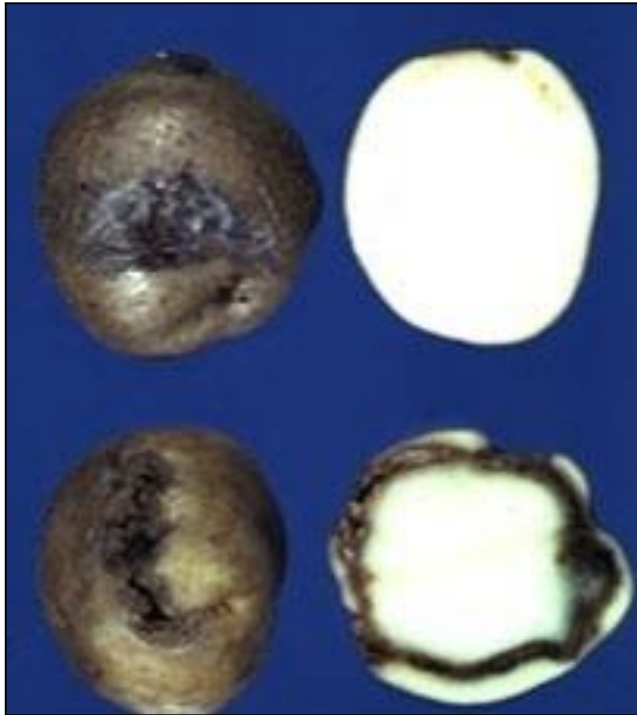
*Clavibacter sepedonicus*



**Bacterial ring rot symptoms in an early(left) and an advanced stage(right).**

# Bacterial ring rot

*Clavibacter sepedonicus*



# Ring rot

*Clavibacter sepedonicus*

- Ring rot causes interveinal tissue of potato leaflets to turn yellow then brown.



# Bacterial Wilt (Brown rot)

*Ralstonia solanacearum*

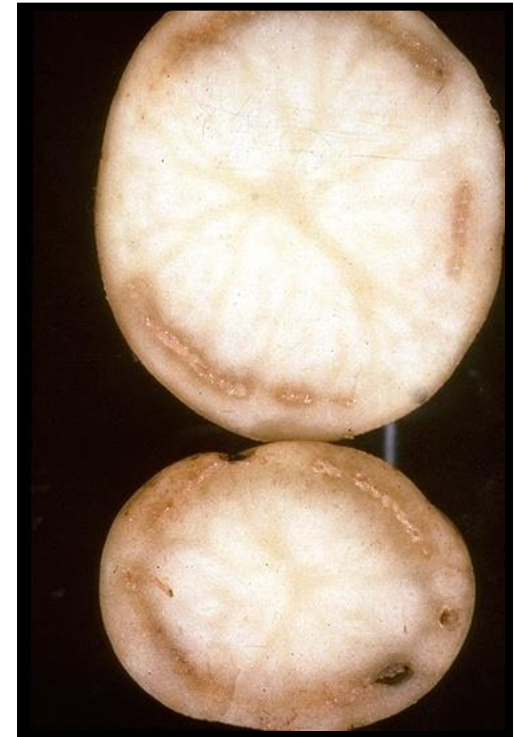
- Bacterial ooze exuding from eyes of potato tuber infected by *R. solanacearum*.





# Bacterial Wilt (Brown rot)

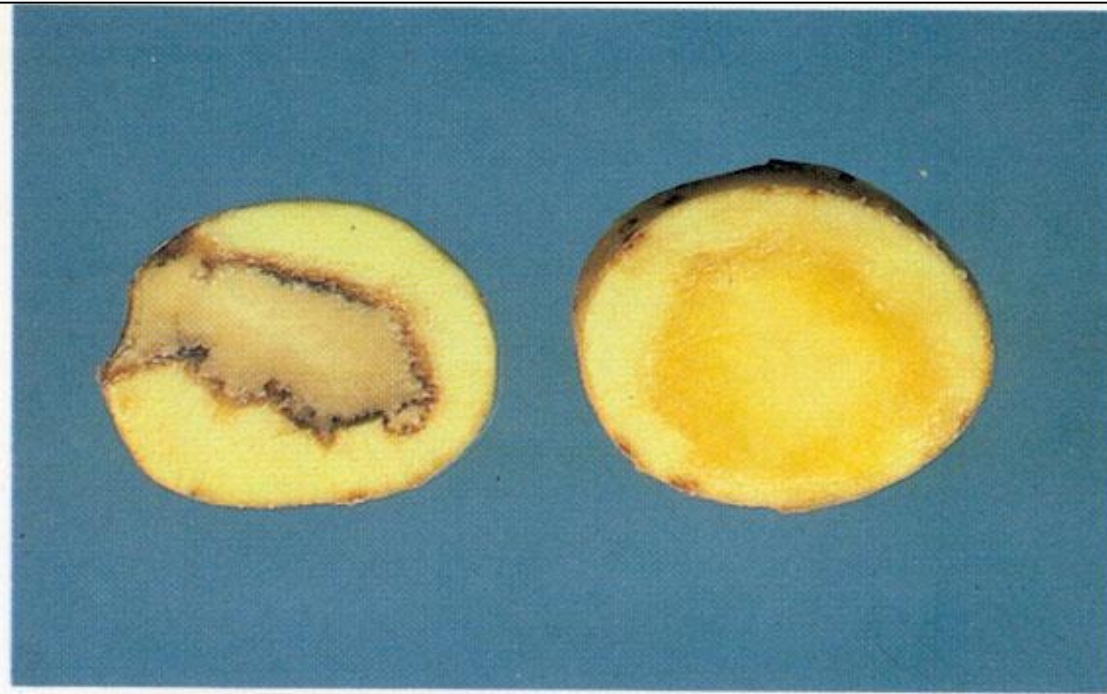
*Ralstonia solanacearum*



Serious threat to potato production in Europe and U.S.

# Soft Rot of Potato

## Soft rot bacteria



E. carotovora  
subsp. atroseptica

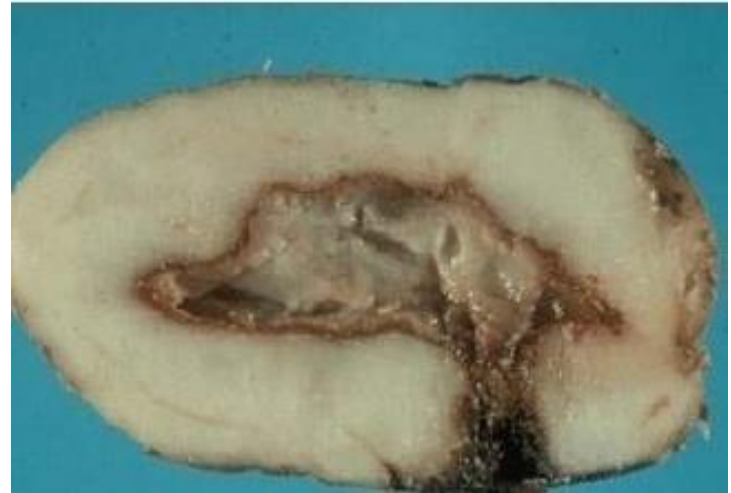
Pseudomonas  
marginalis

# Potato soft rots

## Pectobacteria



Early stage of bacterial soft rot on potato tubers. **Note skin discoloration at points of infection.**



Advanced decay of blackleg, soft rot entering thru wound.

# Soft rot of potato

*Pectobacterium* spp.





# Blackleg of Potato

*Pectobacterium atrosepticum*



# Blackleg of Potato

*Pectobacterium atrosepticum*



# Bacterial stem and root rot

*Dickeya chrysanthemi*



# Blackleg-like rotting (a) and internal necrosis of the stem (b)

Two *Dickeya* sp. strains

*Dickeya dianthicola* is normally associated with a slow wilt with internal stem necrosis.



Fig. 6 Blackleg-like rotting (a) and internal necrosis of the stem (b) caused by *Dickeya* sp. strains D w0443 and D w04K, respectively



# Blackleg-like rotting/internal necrosis of the stem/cheesy rot

## *Dickeya solani*

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- The new emerging strains of biovar 3, with the proposed name *D. solani* cause typical blackleg symptoms on potato.
- Although disease symptoms are often indistinguishable from those of the more established blackleg pathogen *Pectobacterium* spp., *Dickeya* spp. can:
  1. Initiate disease from lower inoculum levels;
  2. Have a greater ability to spread through the plant's vascular tissue, are considerably more aggressive, and
  3. Have higher optimal temperatures for disease development.

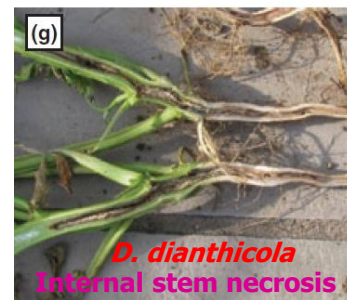
# Blackleg-like rotting/internal necrosis of the stem/cheesy rot

## *Dickeya* spp.

- Disease symptoms in potato tubers and stems caused by *Dickeya* species:
  - a) Typical blackleg symptoms caused by '*Dickeya solani*';
  - b) '*Dickeya solani*' soft rot of developing progeny tuber extending from the stolon;
  - c) Soft rot of daughter tubers developing from the stolon;
  - d) Initial wilt in upper leaves;
  - e) Increased levels of necrosis in the upper leaves and wilt and desiccation in the lower leaves;
  - f) *D. dianthicola* rotting mother tuber;
  - g) Internal stem necrosis or rotting extending from the stem base, but with the stem base appearing externally healthy;
  - h) *Dickeya solani* on imported potato causing cheesy rot and break down of the vascular ring similar to ring rot or brown rot.

# Blackleg-like rotting/internal necrosis of the stem/cheesy rot

## *Dickeya* spp.



# Potato scab

*Streptomyces* spp.

- Scab is a disease of potato tubers that results in lowered tuber quality due to scab-like surface lesions.
- There are **no above-ground symptoms**.
- Two forms of scab occur:
  1. **Common scab** occurs in all production areas and is most severe in soils with a **pH above 5.5**.
  2. Another less common form, called **acid scab**, is important in acidic soils (**below pH 5.5**).



**Raised, tan to brown, corky lesions of potato scab.**



# Potato scab

## *Streptomyces* spp.

- Lesions start out as **small, brownish spots**, which enlarge into water-soaked circular lesions within a few weeks of infection (**Fig. 1**).
- **These** circular lesions may coalesce **forming large scabby areas** (**Fig. 3**)
- **Scab is most severe** when tubers develop under warm, dry soil conditions with a soil pH above 5.2 (**Fig. 4**).



# Zebra chip disease of potato

*'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum'*



Foliar symptoms of **zebra chip(ZC) disease** in field-grown potato in Pearsall, TX showing. **A, chlorosis and deformation,** and **B, leaf curling and scorch.**



Characteristic symptom of **zebra chip disease** in field-grown tubers showing **necrotic browning in medullary ray tissue throughout the tuber.**

# Zebra chip disease of potato

## '*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*'

- A new disease of potatoes, tentatively named zebra chip (ZC) because of the intermittent dark and light symptom pattern in affected tubers which is enhanced by frying, was first found in Mexico in 1994 and in the southwestern United States in 2000.
- The disease can cause severe economic losses in all market classes of potatoes.



# Aerial bulbs on Stolbur phytoplasma infected potato *Candidatus phytoplasma solani*





**Primula-** *Primula hibrid*

# Leaf spot

*Pseudomonas cichorii*



# Bacterial stem fasciation

*Rhodococcus fascians*

- Fasciation (flattened growth) of a pumpkin stem, which may be due to disease, a genetic condition, or injury.



Pumpkin is a gourd-like squash of the genus *Cucurbita* and the family *Cucurbitaceae* (which also includes gourds).

# Bacterial leaf spot of pumpkin

## *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *cucurbitae*

- Water-soaked areas.
- Droplets of white exudate.



**Pyracantha (firthorn)- *Pyracantha* spp.**

# Fire blight

***Erwinia amylovora***





# Bacterial blight

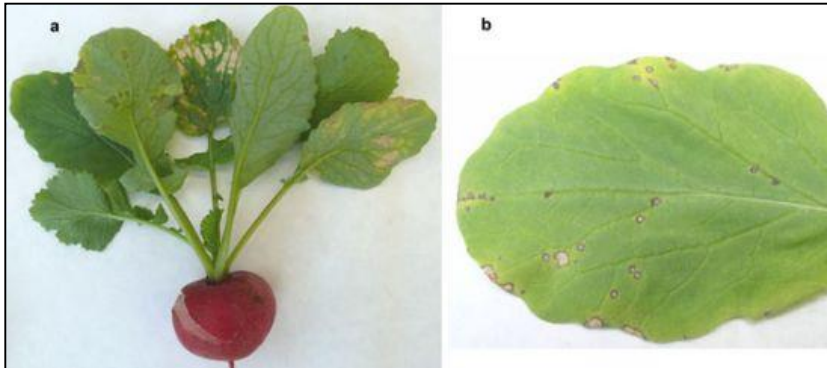
*Burkholderia gladioli*



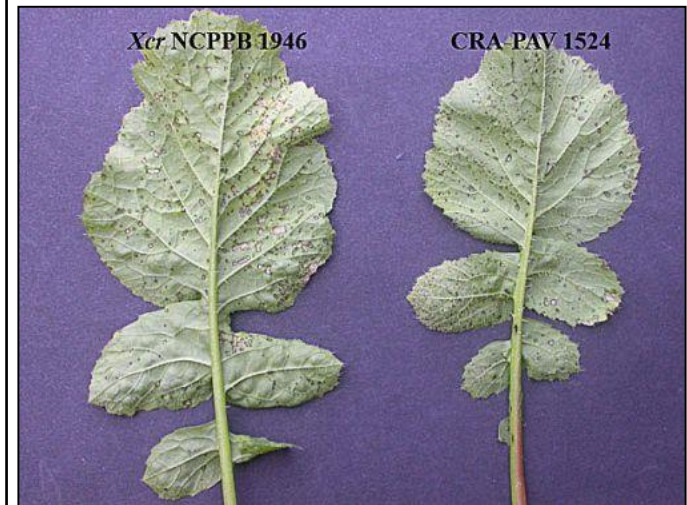
Bacterial blight of *Davallia fejeensis*, a moderately susceptible host of *Pseudomonas gladioli*.

# Leaf spot

*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *raphani*



Radish plant (a) and an individual leaf (b) naturally infected with *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *raphani*.



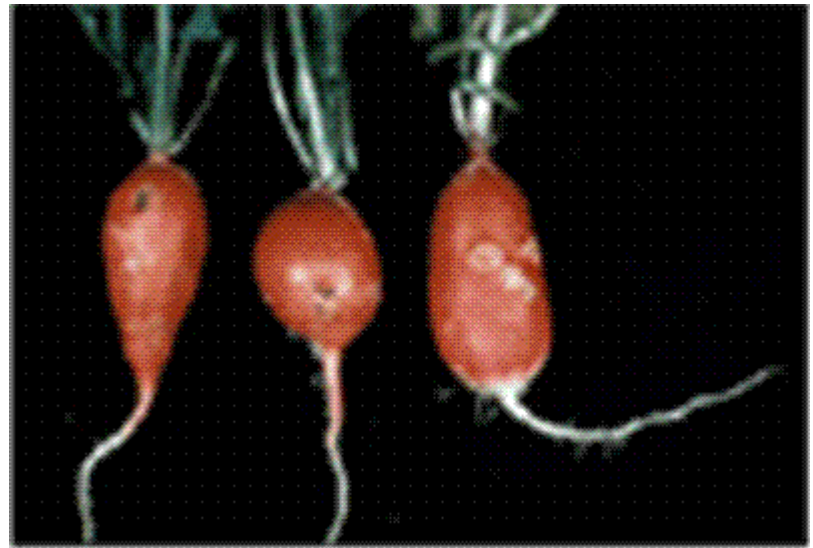
Leaf spot symptoms of radish artificially inoculated by *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *raphani* NCPPB 1946 and CRA-PAV1524 (2 weeks after inoculation).

# Radish scab symptoms

*Streptomyces scabies*



**Radish scab (K. Callow)**



**Scab on Radish (Univ. of Illinois)**

# Crown gall of raspberry

*A. tumefaciens*



Crown gall on black raspberry cane; young, fleshy galls caused by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.



# Fireblight of raspberry

*E. amylovora*



# Bacterial diseases of rice

Bacterial leaf blight of rice (BLB)	<i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzae</i>
Bacterial leaf streak of rice (BLS)	<i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzicola</i>
Bacterial blight/Brown stripe	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> subsp. <i>avenae</i>
Bacterial panicle blight	<i>Burkholderia glumae</i>
Sheath brown rot, grain discoloration, grain sterility	<i>Pseudomonas fuscovaginae</i>
Foot rot	<i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i>

- *X. oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and *X. oryzae* pv. *oryzicola* can be clearly distinguished by symptoms, which reflect the differences in their modes of infection.
- The transparent streaks of BLS disease (*X.o.* pv. *oryzicola*) differentiate leaf streak lesions from those of *X. oryzae* pv. *oryzae* that are opaque against the light.

# Bacterial leaf blight of rice (BLB)

*Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*

- The symptoms of the BLB disease include leaf blight, wilting (kresek) and pale yellow leaves. Leaf blight is characterized by wavy elongated lesions, which develop along the leaf margins.



# Bacterial leaf blight

*Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*



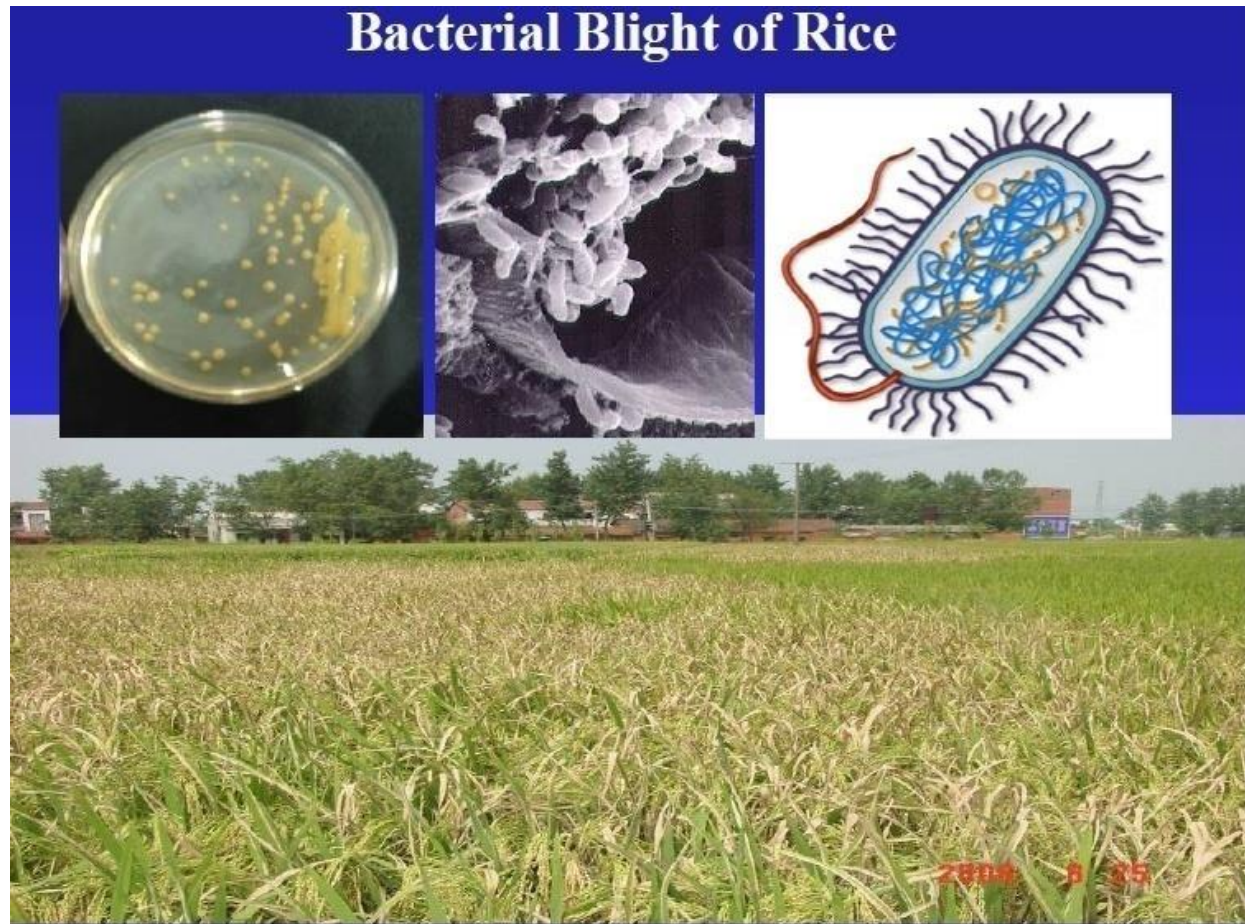
- Droplets of bacterial exudate on young lesions observed during early morning with high dew formation.





# Bacterial leaf blight

*Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*



# Bacterial leaf blight

*Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*

- Rice seedlings infected with *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*.
- Infected leaves wilt and roll up, turning grayish-green to yellow, until the whole seedling dies.
- Plants which have survived the disease are stunted and yellowish.



# Bacterial leaf streak of rice (BLS)

*X. oryzae* pv. *oryzicola*

- Initial symptoms of the BLS disease are small water-soaked, transparent interveinal streaks which may elongate and darken.



# Bacterial leaf streak

*Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzicola*

- Lesion begins as small, interveinal, **water-soaked (dark green)**, streaks which later become translucent.
- Numerous **tiny yellow beads of exudate** are commonly found on the lesions.





# Bacterial panicle blight

*Burkholderia glumae*



# Flag leaf sheath rot

*Burkholderia glumae*

Flag leaf sheath rot,  
caused by  
*Burkholderia glumae*  
on inoculated  
Cypress rice.

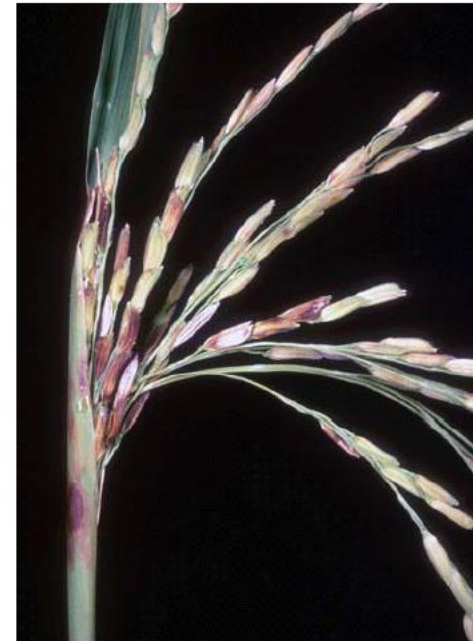


# Sheath rot and grain discoloration

## *Burkholderia glumae*

Ecological diversity within the genus *Burkholderia*

- ◆ *B. glumae*: sheath rot and grain discoloration



Cottyn, 2003



# Sheath brown rot, grain discoloration and grain sterility

*Pseudomonas fuscovaginae*



*Pseudomonas fuscovaginae*: its rise not nice for Australian rice.



**Rose-** *Rosa* spp.

# Crown gall of roses

## *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*



Rose plants showing crown gall at the crown and on young stems.

# Crown gall of roses

Rose plants showing crown gall at the crown and on young stems

*A. tumefaciens*





# Crown Gall

*Agrobacterium radiobacter* (ex. *A. tumefaciens*)





# Bacterial Blight

*Xanthomonas translucens*

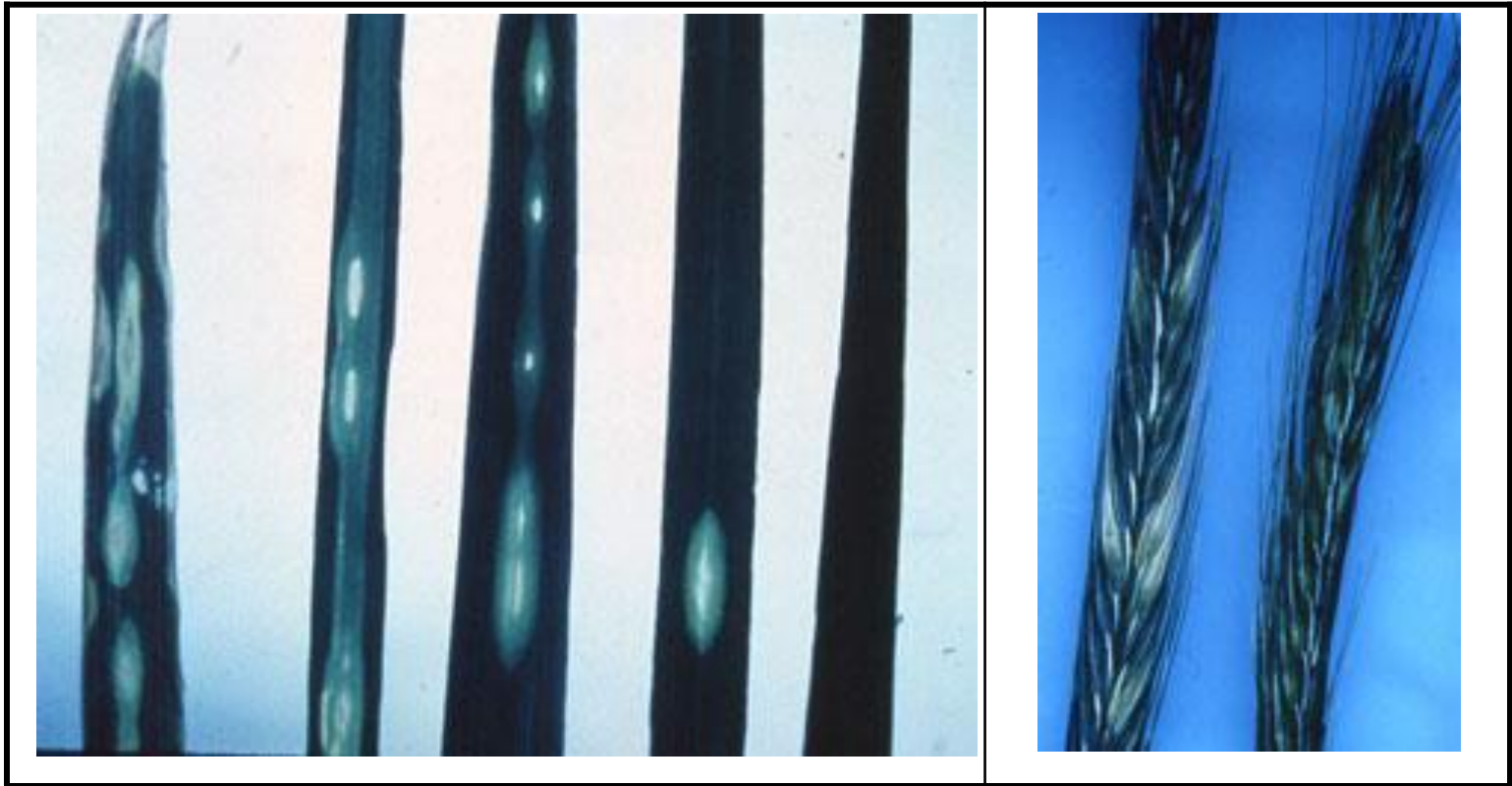
- Mow infected wild grass along headlands before sowing winter rye.





# Bacterial Blight or chocolate spot

*Pseudomonas coronafaciens*



# Bacterial soft rot

*Bacillus croci* and *Burkholderia gladioli* were recognized as potential saffron pathogens

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- The characteristic symptoms of the disease on saffron plants were rot of emerging shoots and leaves and spots on leaves and corms.
- In the field, the disease was destructive and reduced flowering by about 80%.

# Bacterial soft rot

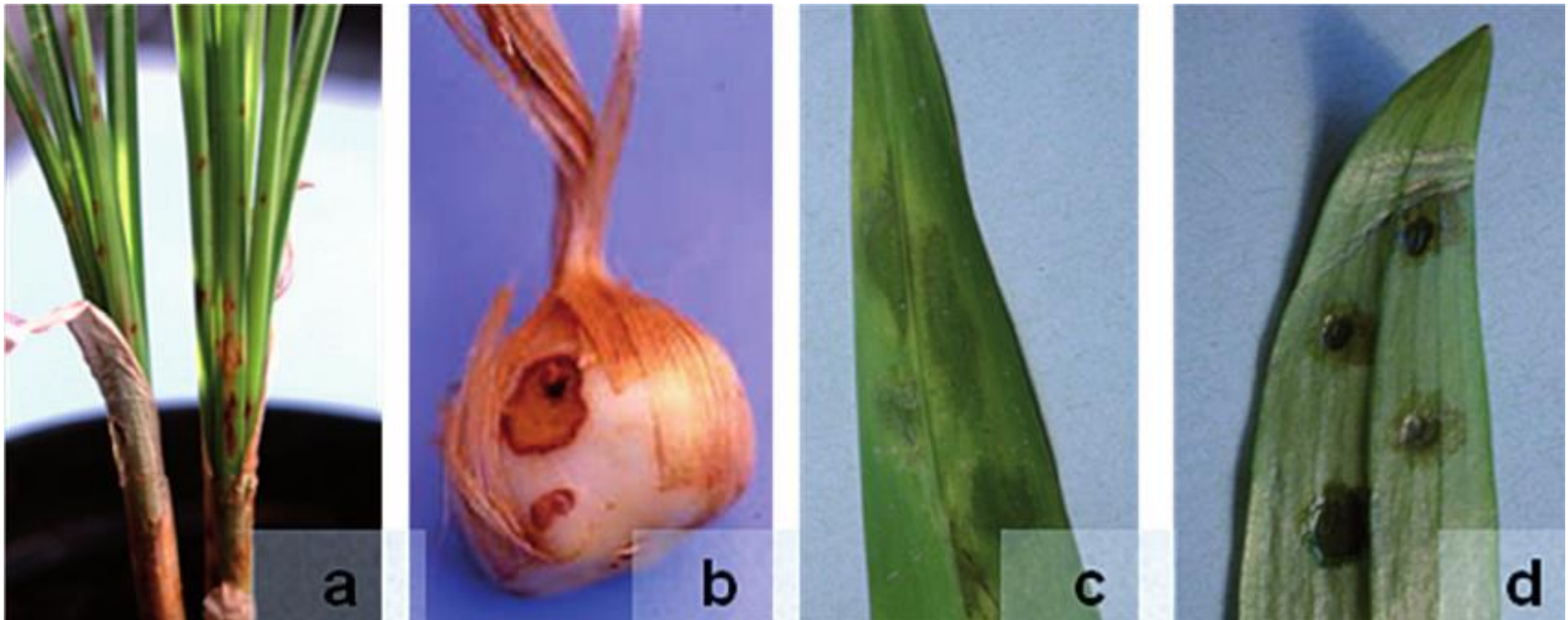
***Bacillus croci* and *Burkholderia gladioli* were recognized as potential saffron pathogens**

- Symptoms of bacterial soft rot in naturally infected saffron plants and corms: rot on emerging shoots, leaves and flowers (a, b and c); spots on leaves (d and e); brown marks surrounded by reddish brown halos on corm (f).



# Bacterial soft rot

*Bacillus croci* and *Burkholderia gladioli* and *B. gladioli* pv. *gladioli* were recognized as potential saffron pathogens



Symptoms of bacterial soft rot in an experimentally infected saffron plant and corm (a and b), and on gladiolus (c) and lily (d) leaves.



# Leaf spot

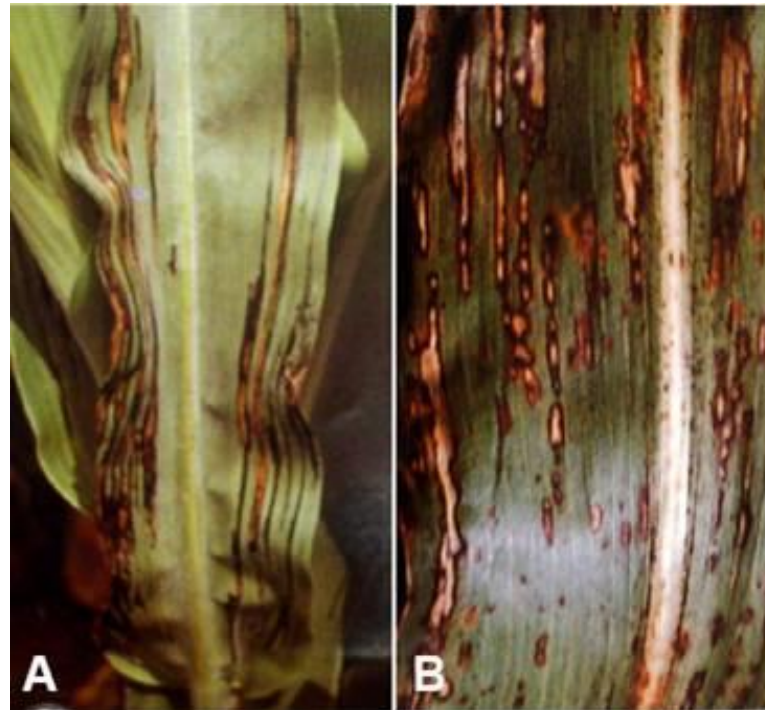
*P. syringae* pv. *syringae*



Bacterial leaf spot on sorghum, caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*.

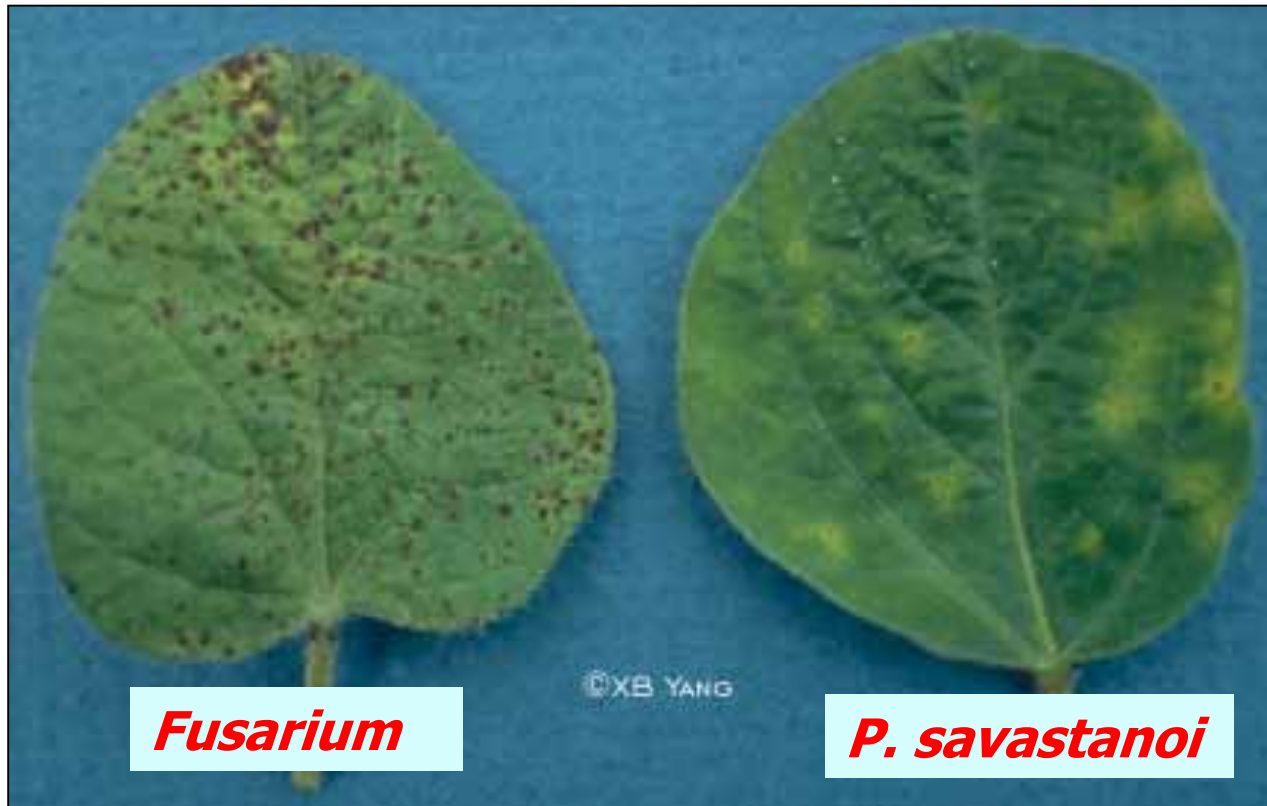
# Bacterial leaf streak

*Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *holcicola*



A. leaf streak and B. oval spots.  
(photo: ICRISAT)

# Comparison of brown spot caused by *Fusarium* and bacterial blight



# Bacterial blight on soybean

*P. savastanoi* pv. *glycinea*



Phot. 1. Symptoms on soybean leaf (photo by M. Ignjatov)



Phot. 2. Bacterium colonies on nutrient agar (photo by M. Ignjatov)



# Bacterial pustules on soybean

## *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *glycines*



# Bacterial pustules on soybean

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *glycines*





# Bacterial Leaf Spot

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *spinaciae*



Angular, dark lesions of bacterial leaf spot caused  
by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *spinacea*.

Photo by Steven T. Koike.

# Cucurbit yellow vine disease

**BLO**





# Yellowing Phytoplasma



Aster yellows of squash, caused by the aster yellows phytoplasma.



# Bacterial diseases of Strawberry

<b>Bacterial leaf blight of strawberry</b>	<b><i>X. arboricola</i> pv.<i>fragariae</i></b>
<b>Angular leaf spot of strawberry</b>	<b><i>X. fragariae</i> strains</b>
<b>Strawberry marginal chlorosis</b>	<b>"<i>Candidatus</i> Phlomobacter <i>fragariae</i>"</b>
<b>Fruit distortion and phyllody</b>	<b>Phytoplasma</b>

# Bacterial diseases of strawberry

## Two *Xanthomonas*-caused diseases

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1. *X. arboricola* pv. *fragariae* (bacterial leaf blight of strawberry):
  - Only on some cases, induce water-soaked areas along the midribs.
  - The presence of bacterial exudate was never observed.
2. *X. fragariae* strains (angular leaf spot of strawberry):
  - All induce water-soaked symptoms.
  - Samples with young lesions should be examined for the presence of bacterial ooze as this is the best indicator that the cause is bacterial.

# Angular Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas fragariae*



**Angular leaf spot lesions develop on the upper leaf as the disease progresses.**

Photo by Jack Kelly Clark.



# Angular Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas fragariae*



# Angular Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas fragariae*



Bacterial ooze from *Xanthomonas fragariae* on lower leaf surface. Photo courtesy W. W. Turecheck.

# Angular Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas fragariae*



Angular leaf spot symptoms on strawberry calyx. Note the **brown to black discoloration and drying**. Photo by Michael **A. Ellis**.



# Angular Leaf Spot

*Xanthomonas fragariae*



Undesirable lesions on the fruit, making it unmarketable.



# Bacterial leaf blight

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *fragariae*

- On the lower leaf surface, small, reddish-brown lesions, which were **neither watersoaked nor translucent**, were observed as the initial stage of the disease (Fig. 1).
- On the upper leaf surface, such lesions appeared as reddish spots.
- The presence of bacterial exudate was never observed.
- After some time the lesions enlarged and became surrounded by a chlorotic halo.
- In some cases along the leaf margin, large brown **V-shaped lesions** surrounded by a chlorotic halo were also observed (Fig. 2).
- **Water soaking**, as found with infections of *X. fragariae* (Fig. 3).



# Strawberry marginal chlorosis

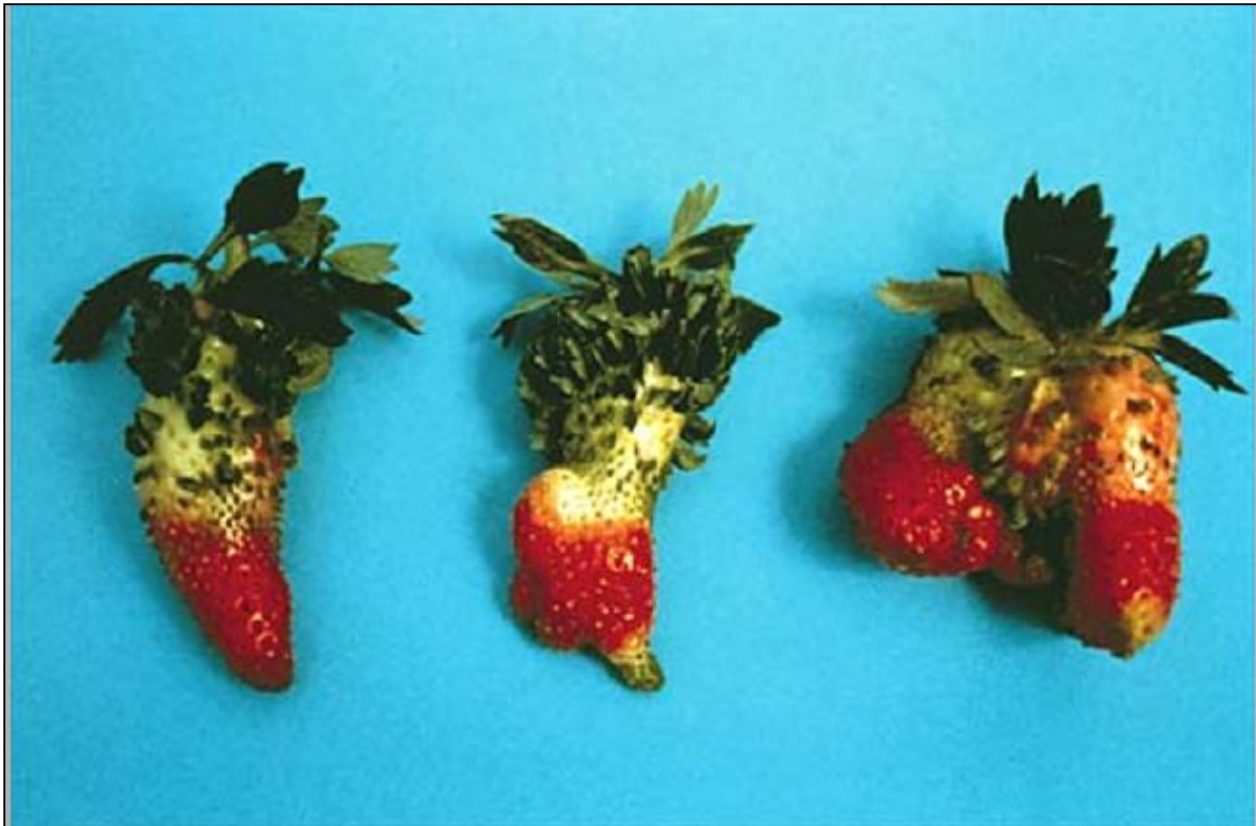
## *"Candidatus Phlomobacter fragariae"*

Little-leaf,  
proliferation,  
malformation of  
fruits, and  
marginal chlorosis  
of leaves.



# Fruit distortion and phyllody

## Phytoplasma



Fruit distortion and phyllody of achenes in 'Marmolada', caused by strawberry aster yellows phytoplasma.



# Chlorosis and stunting Phytoplasma



General chlorosis and stunting of leaves in 'Redlands Crimson' strawberry, caused by phytoplasma yellows.



# Bacterial diseases of sugarbeet

Bacterial vascular necrosis and rots	<i>Pectobacterium betavasculorum</i>
Bacterial root rots	<i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i>
Field decay of sugar beet	<i>P. carotovorum</i> subsp. <i>brasiliense</i>
Root gall on table beet	<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i> pv. <i>betae</i>
Bacterial blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>aptata</i>
Beet scab	<i>Streptomyces scabies</i>
Tumors on sugar beet roots	<i>Bradyrhizobium betae</i> (proposed name)
Wet rot of roots	Bacteria and yeasts
Tubercle disease/tuberculosis/ pocket disease	<i>Xanthomonas beticola</i>
Crown gall	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
Silvering disease	<i>Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens</i> pv. <i>betae</i>
Syndrome "basses richesses" (SBR)	SBR bacterium or SBR BLO identified as <i>'Candidatus Arsenophonus phytopathogenicus</i>

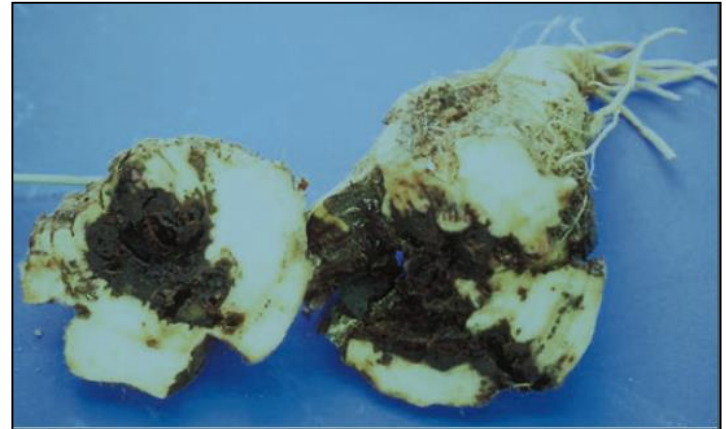
# Bacterial vascular necrosis and rots (root rot) *Pectobacterium betavascularum*

- The disease is not easy to detect until the rot is well advanced.
- The vascular tissue of the root becomes discolored and a pinkish to red brown rot develops.
- Root symptoms vary from a soft rot to a dry rot; the root may become hollow without dying.
- As the disease progresses, plants wilt.
- Occasionally brown, oozing lesions occur on petioles and crown.



# Bacterial vascular necrosis and rots (root rot) *Pectobacterium betavascularum*

- Top picture: Typical root rot symptoms of beet vascular necrosis and rot.
- Below picture: Root rot symptom and pink discoloration caused by beet vascular necrosis and rot.



# Bacterial vascular necrosis and rots (root rot) *Pectobacterium betavascularum*



A



B





# Bacterial blight/leaf spot

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *aptata*



# Tubercle disease/tuberculosis/ pocket disease Xanthomonas gall disease *Xanthomonas beticola*

- Big galls observed on sugar beet roots, right- cross cut of the gall (Kłodawa, Poland).



The disease symptoms take the form of multiple nodules grown on the upper surface of the roots. In extreme cases, roots with a large number of tumors are strongly deformed. Occasionally the disease can be confused with the tuberosity of the roots caused by *Agrobacterium radiobacter* (syn. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*).

# Crown gall

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

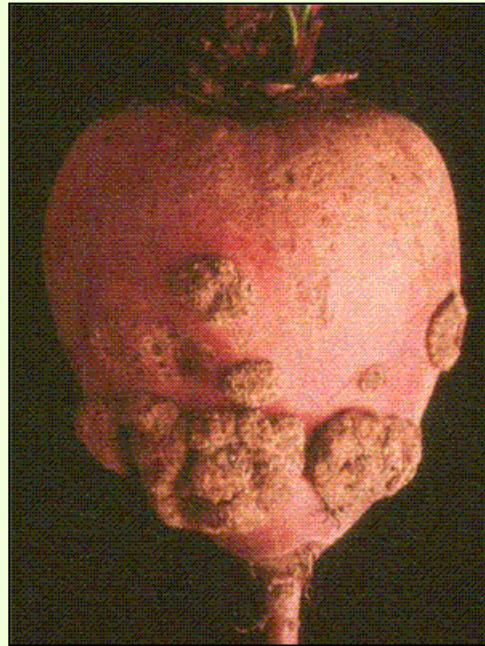
- Globular outgrowth on the upper part of the beet.



# Beet scab

*Streptomyces scabies*

- Beet scab symptoms (Washington State Univ.).





# Bacterial leaf spot

*Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *betae*

- Symptoms of sugar beet bacterial leaf spot caused by the new pathovar, *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *betae*.
- A, Field symptoms; B, symptoms on leaves.



# Wet rot of roots

**Bacteria and yeast associated with sugar beet root rot at harvest**

- **Bacteria:**
- *Lactobacillus, Leuconostoc, Acetobacter, Gluconobacter, Enterobacter, Escherichia, Pectobacterium, Serratia, Pseudomonas*
- **Yeast:**
  1. *Pichia*
  2. *Candida*
- isolated from harvested sugar beet.



# The Syndrome

## “Basses Richesses” of Sugar (SBR)beet

**SBR BLO or *Ca. Arsenophonus phytopathogenicus***

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- The disease of **sugar beet** known as the **syndrome** “basses richesses” (SBR).
- It mainly is **associated with** an uncultivable phloem-restricted bacterium-like organism (BLO) called **SBR BLO** or **SBR bacterium** and identified as ‘*Candidatus Arsenophonus phytopathogenicus*’.
- SBR symptoms appear in late summer.
- **SBR causes a loss of taproot sugar content.**
- A **brownish discoloration of vascular tissues**, seen **after cutting the tap root**, is the **most characteristic symptom** of plants affected by SBR.

# Bacterial diseases of sugarcane

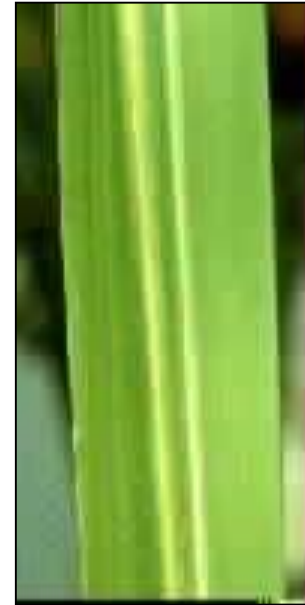
Bacterial mottle	<i>Dickeya chrysanthemi</i>
False red stripe	<i>Xanthomonas</i> sp.
Gumming (Yellow slime)	<i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> pv. <i>vasculorum</i>
Leaf scald	<i>Xanthomonas albilineans</i>
Mottled stripe	<i>Herbaspirillum rubrisubalbicans</i>
Ratoon stunt or ratoon stunting disease (RSD)	<i>Leifsonia xyli</i> subsp. <i>xyli</i>
Red streak	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>
Red stripe (Top rot)	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> subsp. <i>avenae</i>
White leaf	Phytoplasma



# Leaf scald

*X. albilineans*

- Leaf scald was first recognized as a bacterial disease of sugarcane in the 1920s.
- It is a vascular disease caused by *Xanthomonas albilineans*.
- The disease has been found in at least 55 countries.



Pencil-line mark on sugarcane leaf caused by leaf scald disease.

# Leaf scald

*Xanthomonas albilineans*



Withered top leaves of a sugarcane stalk with leaf scald disease (*Xanthomonas albilineans*).

# Leaf scald

*Xanthomonas albilineans*



Characteristic **white pencil lines** and extensive **chlorosis** of emerging leaves in the chronic form of sugarcane leaf scald disease, and side shoots on a more severely diseased plant.



Acute **leaf scald** symptoms, including wilting, in-arching and death of leaves in sugarcane.

# Sugarcane Red stripe

*Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *avenae* = *P. rubrilineans*

- The stripes appear as water soaked, long, narrow chlorotic streaks and become reddish brown in few days.
- These stripes run parallel to the midrib.
- Yellowish stripes develop, which later turn reddish brown.
- The rotting may commence from the tip of the shoot and spreads downwards.





# Gumming (Yellow slime)

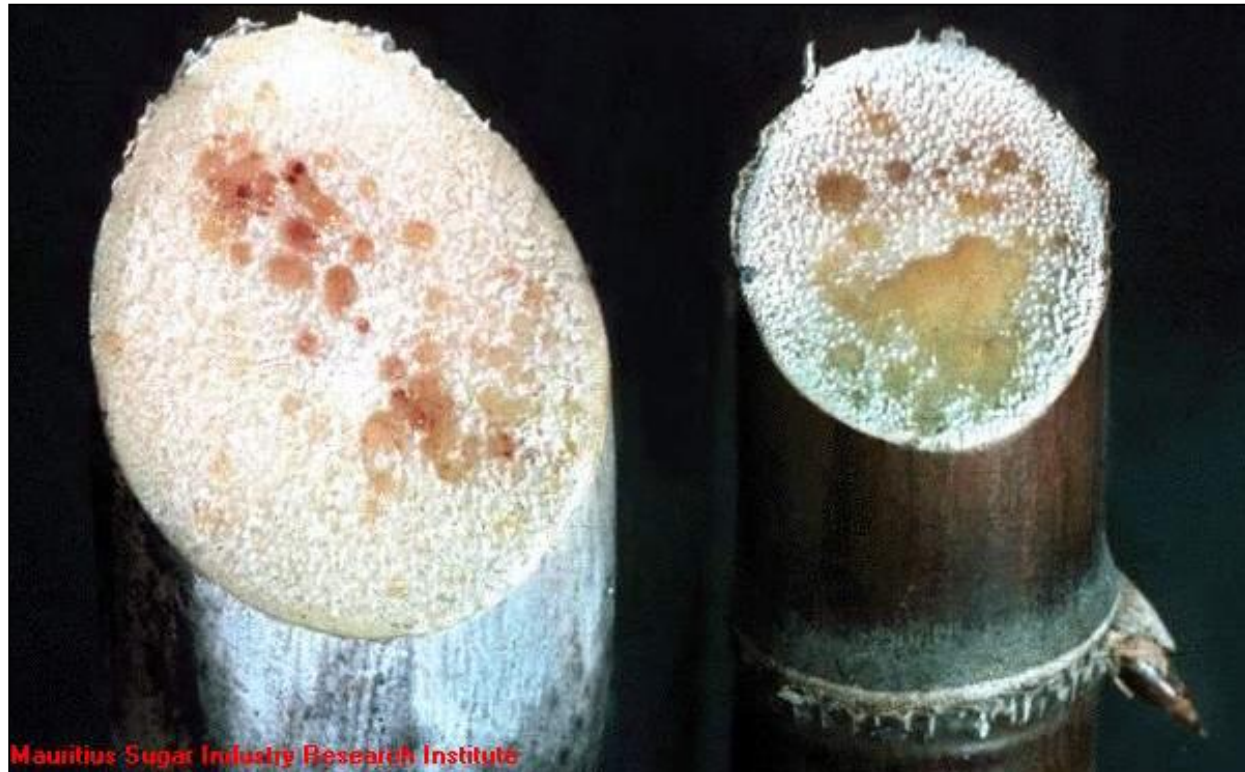
*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum*



Symptoms of **gumming disease** on sugarcane leaf: Foliar symptoms of gumming disease.

# Gumming (Yellow slime)

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum*



Symptoms on stalks: Yellow bacterial slime exuding from sugarcane stalks infected with *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum*.

# Ratoon stunting of sugarcane

## RSD

*Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*

- Sugarcane plants issued from disease-free seed cane (left) versus sugarcane plants with reduced growth that are issued from seed cane infected by the RSD pathogen (right).



# Sugarcane ratoon stunt disease

*Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*

- RSD produces no visible symptoms other than **stunting**.
- The only other visible symptoms are **red-orange dots** or **commas** in the vascular traces in the **nodal tissue** (which can be seen when stalks are sliced with a sharp knife).





# Bacterial blight of sunflower

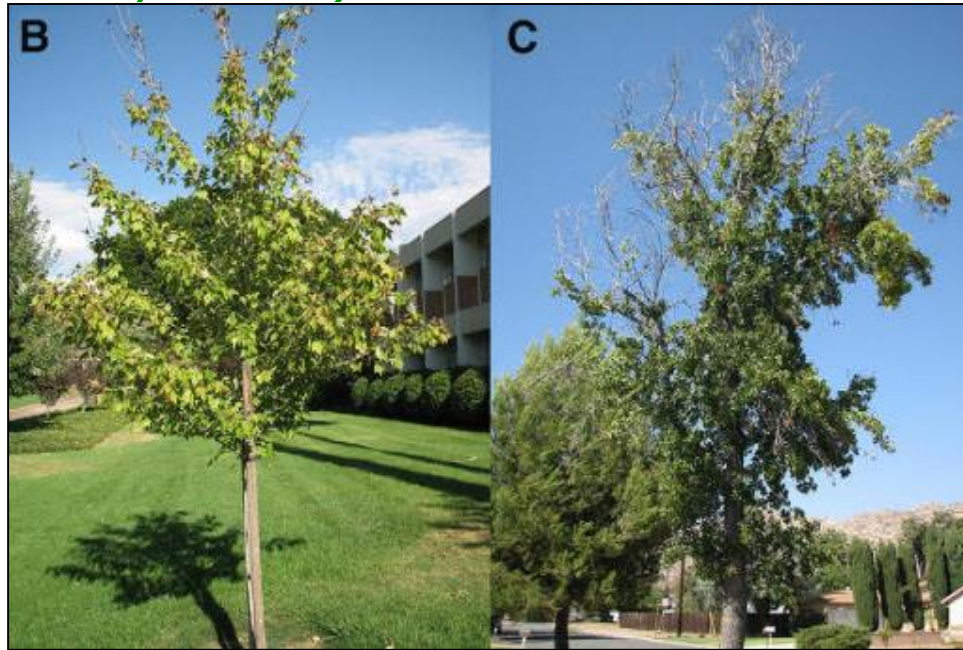
*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *silvia*



# Bacterial leaf scorch

## *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex*

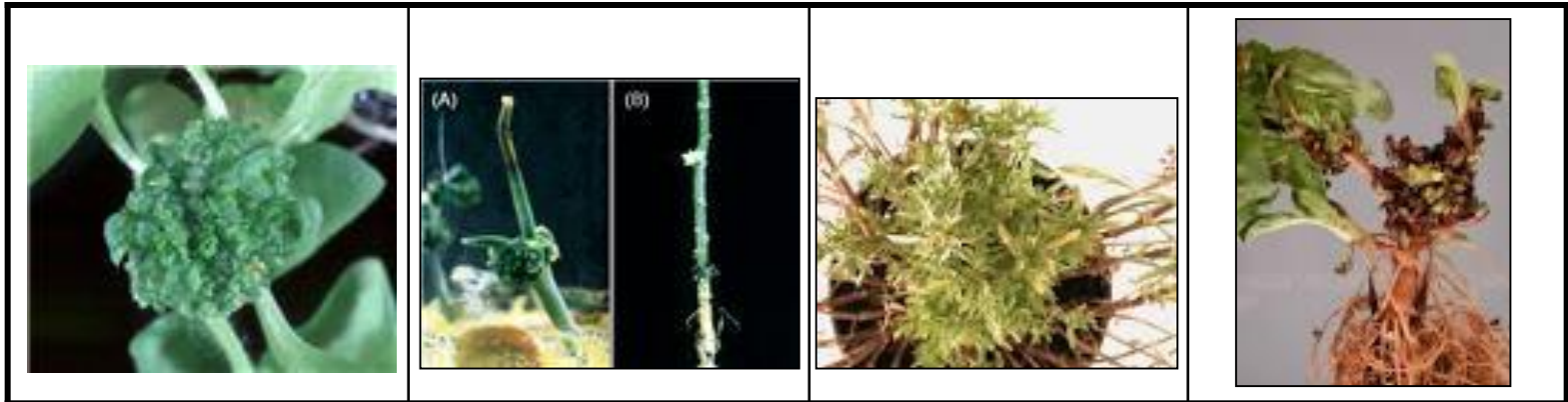
- Symptomatic native hosts of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex* in the United States.
- B and C show symptomatic young and established sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) trees.





# Leafy gall of sweet pea

*Rhodococcus fascians*



# Sycamore with leaf scorch symptoms

## *Xylella fastidiosa*

- *Platanus* spp. are often known in English as **planes** or **plane trees**.
- Some **North American species** are called **sycamores** (especially *Platanus occidentalis*).
- Although the term sycamore also refers to the **fig** (*Ficus sycomorus*), and **maple** (*Acer pseudoplatanus*).

### Symptoms leaf scorch and scald



Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) plantation with leaf scorch symptoms

Source: AH Purcell

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## Sycamore with leaf scorch symptoms

### *Xylella fastidiosa*

- On **sycamore leaves**, the areas between the larger veins turn brown but **veins themselves remain green**. Scorched leaves often curl upward from the edge.
- On oak and sycamore, the leaves stay on the tree until fall.
- The development of **scorch symptoms on the leaves** is often intensified by drought and other environmental conditions.
- Over a period of several years, **symptoms gradually develop on other branches of a diseased tree**.
- Growth of leaf scorch-damaged trees slows and **diseased limbs start to dieback**.
- The decline of diseased oak and sycamore is particularly rapid.

Symptoms leaf scorch and scald



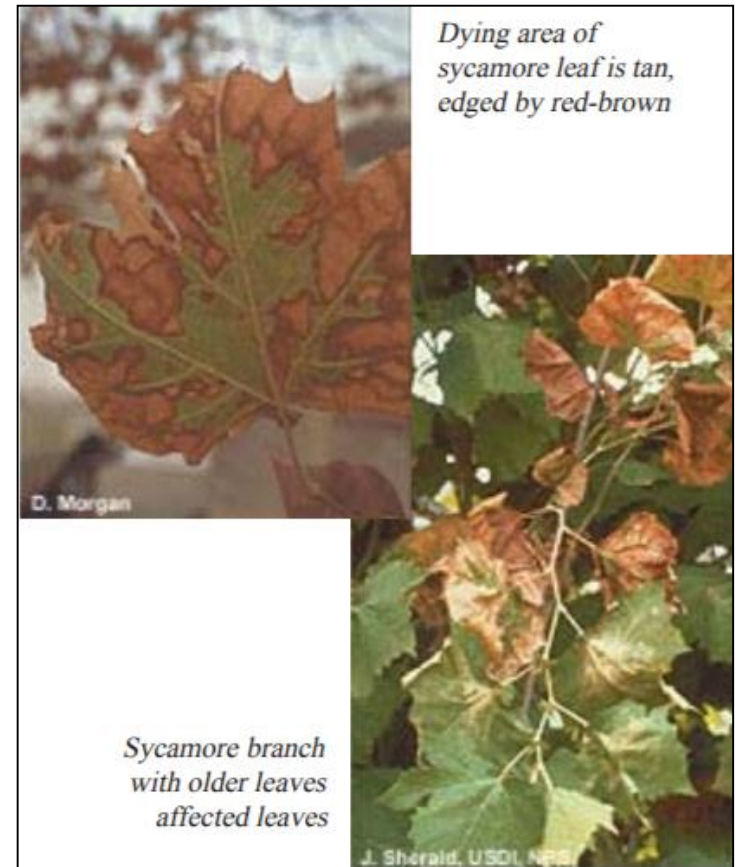
Source: AH Purcell

Sycamore with leaf scorch symptoms

## Sycamore with leaf scorch symptoms

### *Xylella fastidiosa*

- Initially, leaves on only one or a few branches may be affected.
- With time, symptoms may appear on other branches of the tree.
- Symptoms tend to begin with older leaves on a branch and then develop in younger leaves.
- As a result, younger leaves at the ends of sycamore branches may appear healthy.
- Over several years, entire branches may die. The resulting tree decline may require removal of the infected tree.





# Bacterial blight

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *dieffenbachiae*



Bacterial leaf blight (*Xanthomonas* sp.) on **syngonium** showing angular, water-soaked areas on leaves that become yellow, then brown dry and papery.





# Bacterial blight

*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *dieffenbachiae*



Host: Syngonium  
Disease: Bacterial leaf blight  
Pathogen: *Xanthomonas* sp. (bacterium)



# White shoots of Canada thistle

## *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tagetis*

- The causal agent of this pathogen is a soil borne bacteria called *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tagetis* (Pst).
- It causes apical chlorosis (white or bleached-out in appearance) in Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and certain other composite weeds due to the production of tagetitoxin, a RNA polymerase III inhibitor that blocks chloroplast biogenesis.

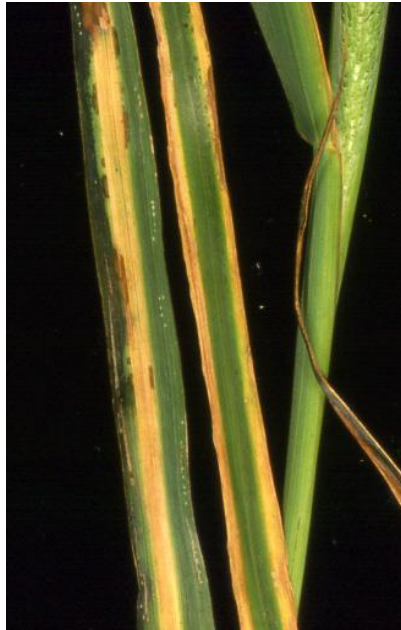


Timoty grass- *Phleum pratense*



# Leaf spot

*Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *graminis*





# Tobacco bacterial diseases

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<b>Wild fire</b>	<b><i>P. syringae</i> pv. <i>tabaci</i></b>
<b>Granville wilt</b>	<b><i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>, race 1</b>
<b>Stolbur phytoplasma disease</b>	<b><i>Candidatus</i> phytoplasma solani</b>

# Wild fire

***P. syringae* pv. *tabaci***



Light brown, necrotic spots surrounded by yellow halos, caused by bacterial wildfire (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tabaci*).





# Wild fire

*P. syringae* pv. *tabaci*



# Granville wilt

*Ralstonia solanacearum*, race 1



**Stem pith with typical Granville wilt symptoms.**



**Stem pith with typical Granville wilt symptoms.**

# Stolbur phytoplasma on tobacco

## *Candidatus phytoplasma solani*





# Tomato Diseases

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<b>Bacterial leaf spot</b>	<i>Xanthomonas euvesicatoria; X. vesicatoria; X. perforans ;X. gardneri</i>
<b>Bacterial speck</b>	<i>P. syringae</i> pv. <i>tomato</i>
<b>Bacterial canker</b>	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i>
<b>Bacterial wilt</b>	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>
<b>Crown gall</b>	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
<b>Pith necrosis</b>	<i>Pseudomonas mediterranea/ P. corrugata</i>
<b>Rot</b>	<i>P. carotovorum; D. chrysanthemi</i>
<b>Tomato stolbur and tomato big-bud</b>	<b>Phytoplasma diseases</b>



# Tomato leaf spot

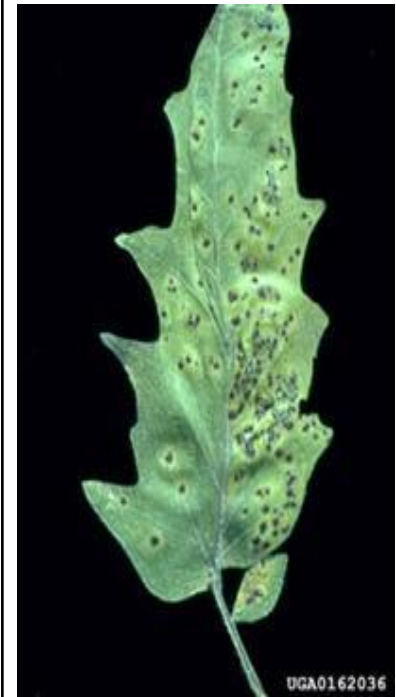
*Xanthomonas perforans*, *X. vesicatoria*,  
and *X. euvesicatoria*



**Bacterial Spot – affects Tomato and Pepper**  
(*Xanthomonas perforans*, *X. vesicatoria*, and *X. euvesicatoria*)

# Tomato leaf spot

*Xanthomonas perforans*, *X. vesicatoria*,  
and *X. euvesicatoria*



- Bacterial spot of tomato caused by *Xanthomonas vesicatoria*.
- The bacterium affects all above-ground plant parts.
- On the leaves, spots are generally brown and circular.

# Tomato leaf spot

*Xanthomonas perforans*, *X. vesicatoria*,  
and *X. euvesicatoria*





Tomato

# Tomato bacterial spot

*Xanthomonas perforans*





# Bacterial leaf speck

*P. syringae* pv. *tomato*



**Bacterial speck lesions on tomato and fruit foliage.**

# Bacterial leaf speck

*P. syringae* pv. *tomato*



Bacterial speck lesions on tomato and fruit foliage.

# Leaf spot

*P. syringae* pv. *syringae*

- Similar leaf spots caused by a similar pathogen:
- *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* (*Pss*).





Tomato

# Leaf spot

*P. syringar* pv. *syringae*

Necrosis of the growing point





# Tomato canker

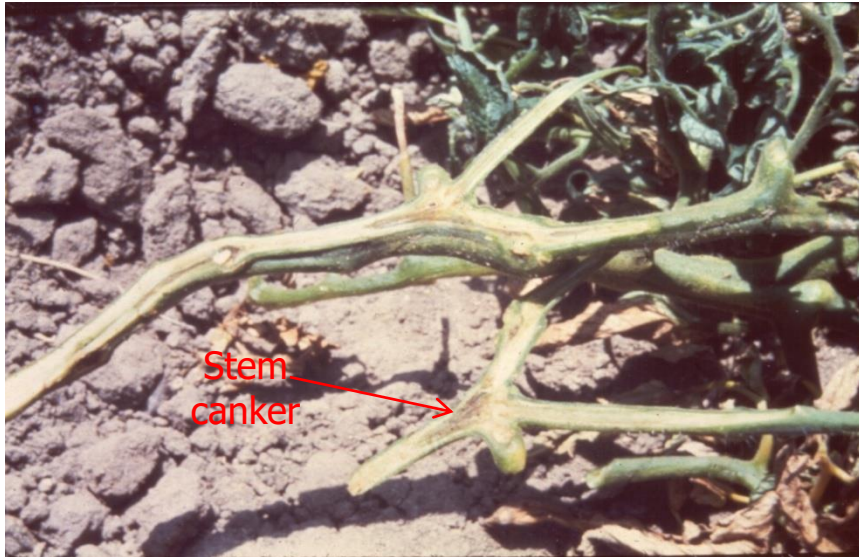
*Clavibacter michiganensis*

- Causes tomato stems to wilt and rot.
- Survives well on stems and leaves.
- Major difference between subspecies is that **Cs** has many copies of an insertion element lacking from **Cm**.



# Tomato canker

*Clavibacter michiganensis*



De La Fuente, 2009

Wilting, stunting, yield loss, death

# Tomato canker

*Clavibacter michiganensis*



**Bacterial canker lesions on tomato fruit.**



# Tomato canker

*Clavibacter michiganensis*



“Bird’s eye” spots on fruits



# Tomato canker

*Clavibacter michiganensis*

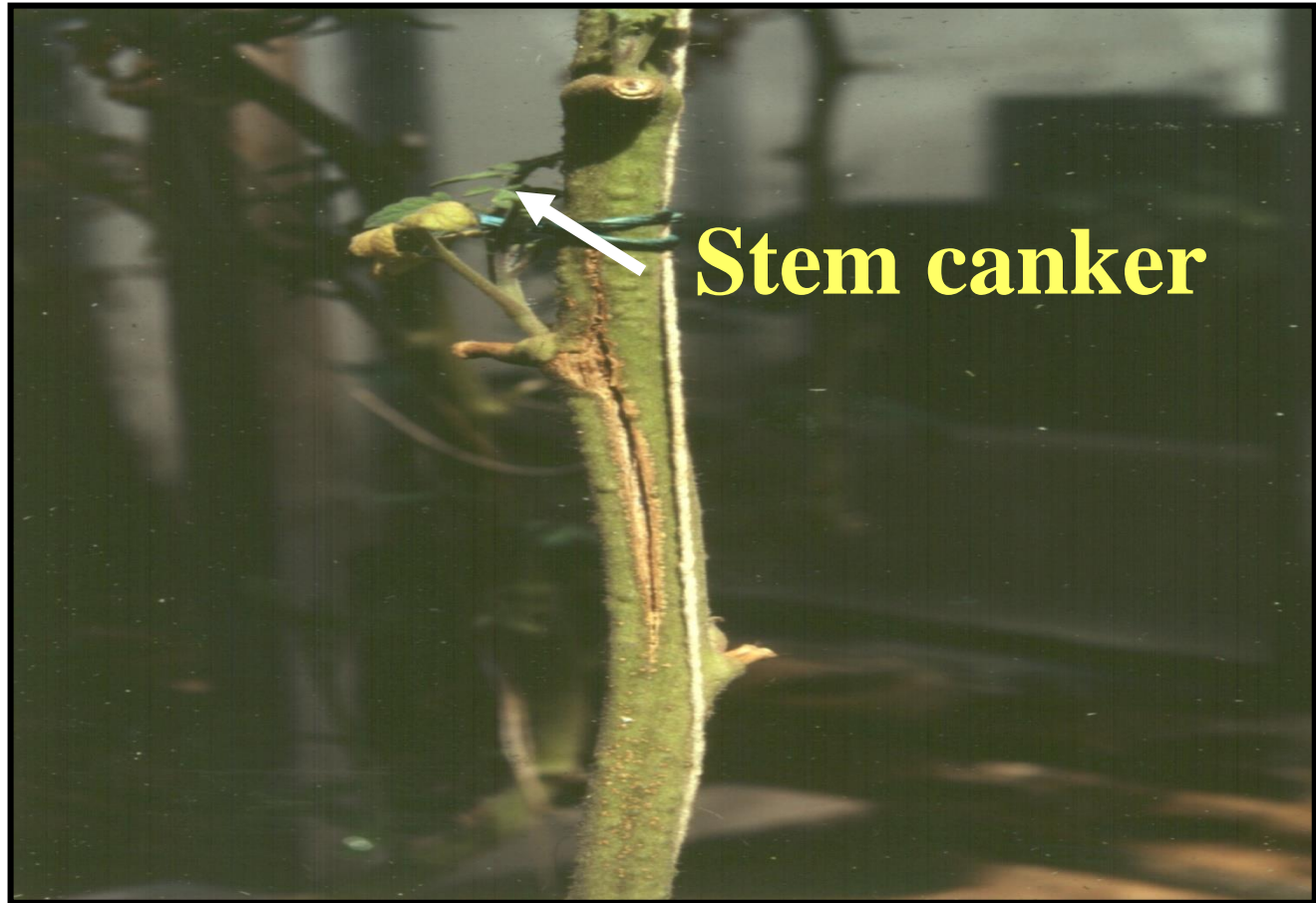
- Bacterial canker symptoms on tomato leaflet, showing yellow border between live and dead tissue.



Tomato

# Tomato canker

*Clavibacter michiganensis*



# Bacterial wilt

*Ralstonia solanacearum*

## Description of the disease

### ♦ Common symptoms

- Wilting and yellowing of foliage, stunting



- Wilting of youngest leaves

- Plant death



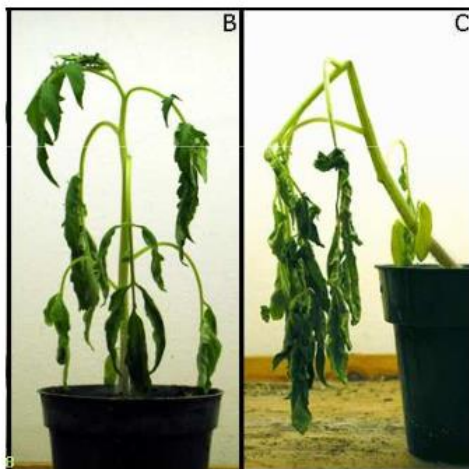
# Bacterial wilt

*Ralstonia solanacearum*

## Description of the disease

- ◆ Other symptoms

- Brown discoloration of vascular tissue



- Stem collapse (young succulent plants)

Symptoms induced by **race 3 biovar 2(R3b2)** cannot be distinguished from those induced by **race 1 strains**.



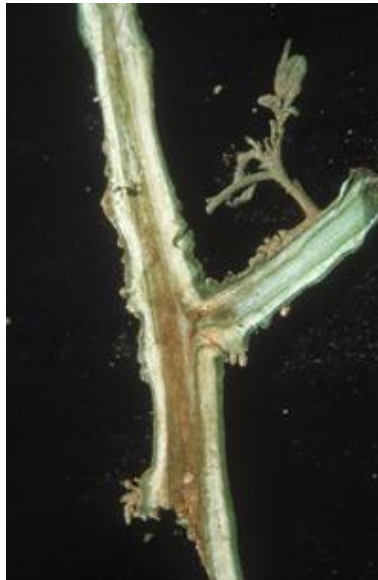
# Bacterial wilt of tomato

*Ralstonia solanacearum*

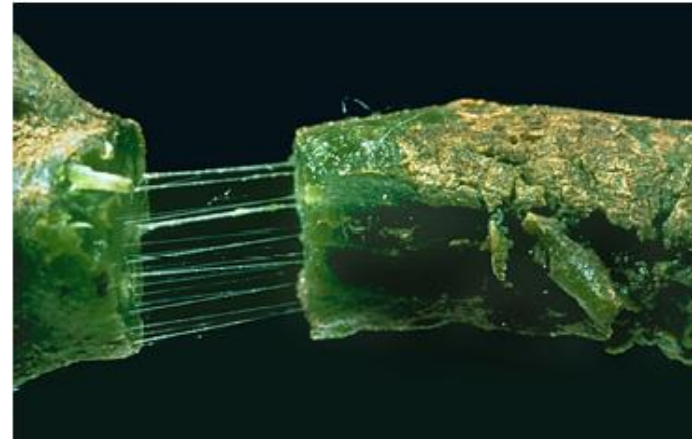


# Bacterial wilt

*Ralstonia solanacearum*



The vascular system becomes **dark brown** as the disease progresses.



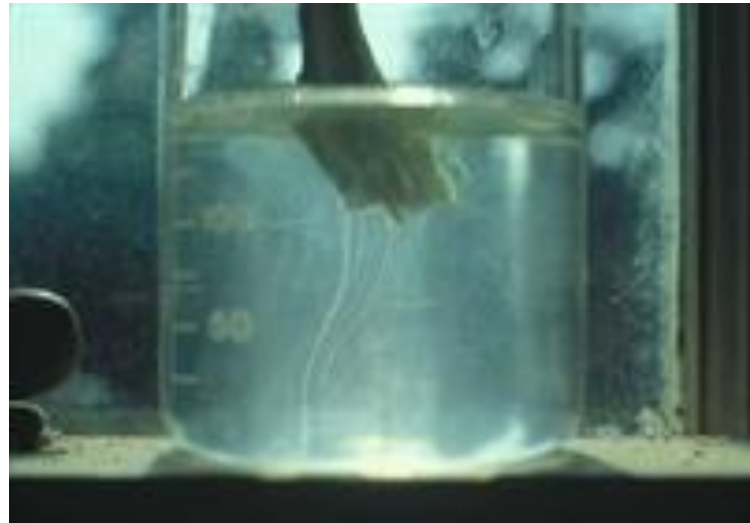
Milky white streaming of bacteria from cut tomato stem.

# Bacterial wilt

*Ralstonia solanacearum*



**Infected stem tissue.**



**White bacterial streaming from the stem indicates presence of bacteria in the plant.**



# Bacterial wilt of tomato

*Ralstonia solanacearum*





# Pith necrosis

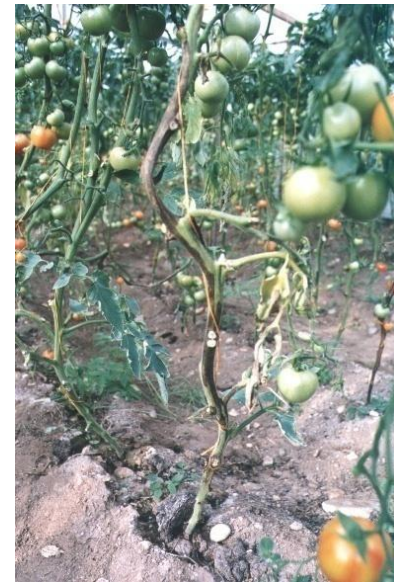
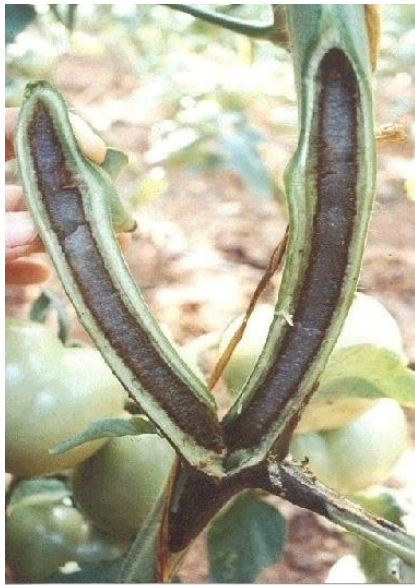
*Pseudomonas mediterranea*/*P. corrugata*

- Brown water-soaked and dry pith necrosis of the stem of tomato seedling inoculated with *Pseudomonas mediterranea*.



# Tomato pith necrosis

*P. corrugata*, *P. viridiflava* & *P. cichorii*



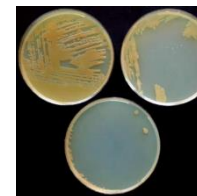
*P. viridiflava* - wide host range

*P. corrugata* - limited host range

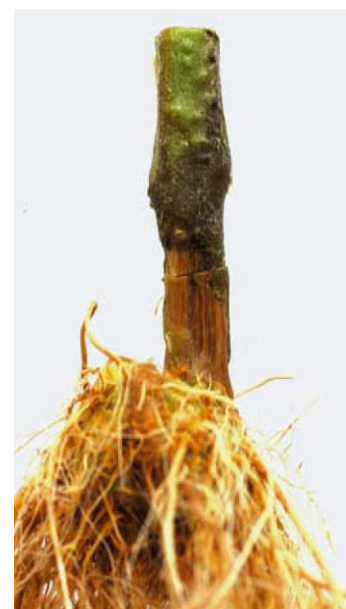
*P. cichorii* - wide host range

# Tomato pith necrosis

*Pseudomonas corrugata*



*P. corrugata*



**Left:** Wilting, drying and dying of tomato plant.

**Middle:** Brown to black streak along the length of the stem of tomato plant with symptoms of wilting and drying of leaves.

**Right:** Disintegration of the cortical tissue and its sloughing off at the base of tomato plant with symptoms of wilting and drying of leaves(Kûdela *et al.*,2010).

# Soft rot

*Pectobacterium* spp.



Bacterial soft rot of tomato, caused by *Erwinia* sp.



# Tomato big bud

## Phytoplasma



Tomato big bud causing swollen green flower buds, caused by phytoplasma.

# Tomato big bud

## Phytoplasma

- The most striking symptom of tomato big bud is the large, swollen green buds that fail to develop normally and do not set fruit.



Tomato

# Mottling of leaves, curling of midveins and stunting of tomato

***'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum'***



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Tomato plants infected with stolbur phytoplasma  
and showing sepal hypertrophy symptoms

***Candidatus phytoplasma solani***





Tulip- *Tulipa* spp.  
Family Liliaceae (Lily family)

## Tulip bacterial diseases

- Tulips are affected by **fungal, bacterial and viral diseases**.
- Many tulip diseases start right at the bulb.
- **Bacteria are the killer disease for tulips.**

<b>Yellow pustule and hellfire disease</b>	<i>Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens</i> pv. <i>oortii</i>
<b>Soft rots</b>	<i>Dikeya dadantii</i> ( <i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i> )
<b>Bacterial leaf and peduncle soft rot</b>	<i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i>
Two <b>postharvest diseases</b> of <b>tulip bulbs</b> : <b>Black rot</b> <b>Brown rot</b>	<i>Burkholderia andropogonis</i> <i>B. gladioli</i> pv. <i>gladioli</i>

# Yellow pustule and hellfire

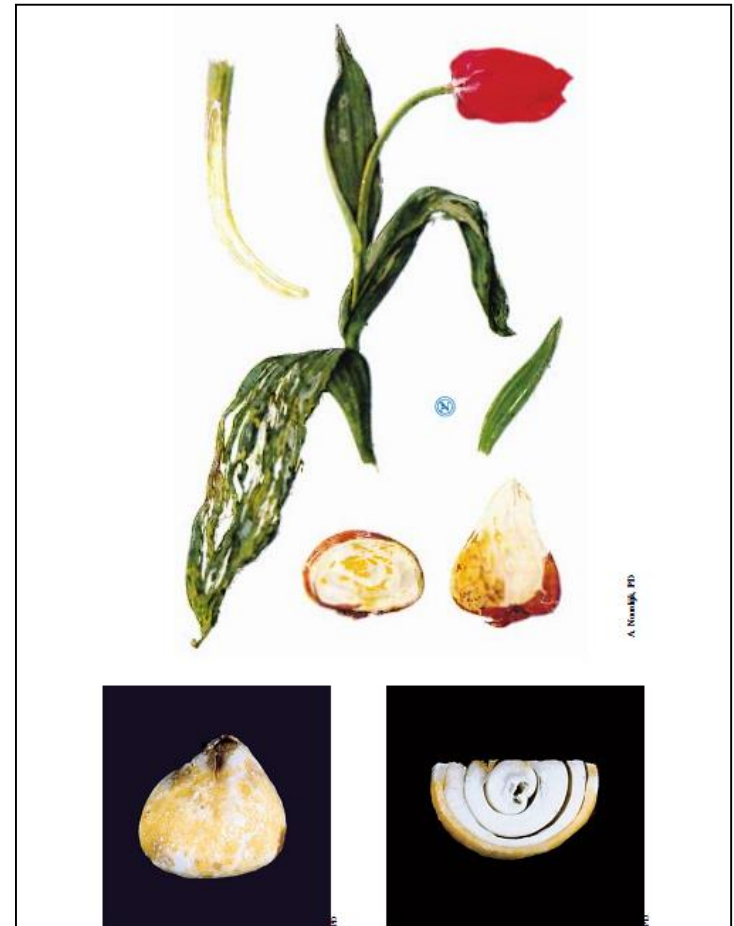
*Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *oortii*

- Symptoms of the disease included 5mm long grey-white streaks along the vascular tissue of leaves and flower stems.
- The leaves turned dull grey-green, could have raised pustules, and eventually became torn.
- The leaf infection is called "tulip fire."
- Infected roots had white pustules beneath a brown covering.

# Yellow pustule and hellfire

*Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *oortii*

- Top: Leaf symptoms: silver grey stripes and cracks along the main vein (called hell fire) and yellow pustules on the outer white scales of the bulbs. Yellow discoloration of the vascular tissue in stems and bulbs. Colour drawing.
- Bottom: Natural infection. Pustules on outer scale (left) and yellow discoloration of vascular and surrounding tissue of outer scale (right).

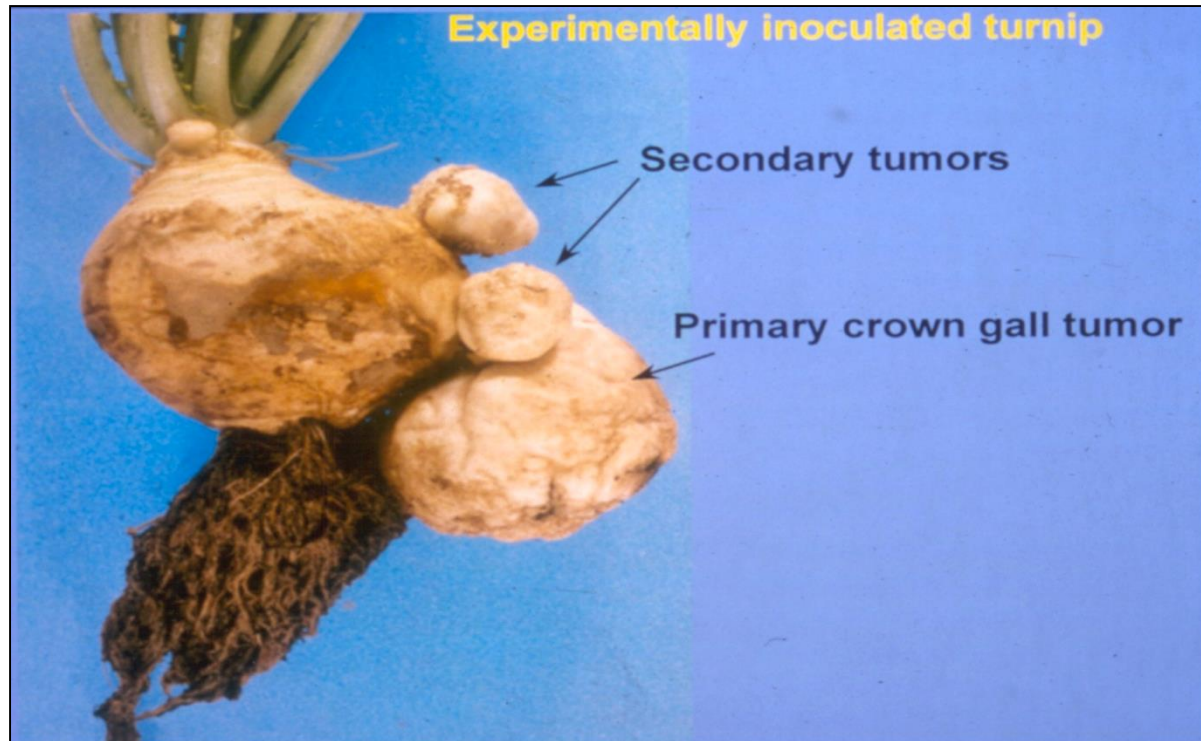




Turnip, turnip or white turnip - *Brassica subsp. rapa*

# Crown gall

*A. tumefaciens*



**Vinca- Vinca**

# Aster yellows

## Phytoplasma



**Aster yellows symptoms on *Catharanthus* (Vinca).**

# Leafy gall

*Rhodococcus fascians*



- Leafy gall at the base of *Erysimum* inoculated with *Rhodococcus fascians*.



# Walnut bacterial diseases

Walnut blight (vertical oozing canker, OVC)	<i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>juglandis</i>
Deep bark canker	<i>Brenneria rubrifaciens</i>
Shallow bark canker	<i>Brenneria nigrifluens</i>
Crown gall	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
Walnut witches' broom phytoplasma	Phytoplasma
Nursery stock only	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>

- Brown Apical Necrosis of Walnut (BAN) causes premature fruit drop and yield losses.
- A number of organisms have been associated with BAN on walnut: *Xanthomonas juglandis*, *Fusarium* spp., *Alternaria* spp., and *Pantoea agglomerans*.



# Walnut blight

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis*

## Symptoms of the disease

Photos M. Ménard, INRA-Angers



Flat and deformation  
of trunk



Vertical canker oozing (with  
outflow) on the trunk

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# Walnut blight

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis*

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# Walnut blight

*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis*



**Sunken spots on new fruits.**



**Transverse section of fruit showing necrosis.**

# Deep bark canker

*Brenneria rubrifaciens*

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# Shallow bark canker

## *Brenneria rubrifaciens*

1. Pits in the wood and streaks in the inner bark of a walnut tree with deep bark canker, caused by *Brenneria rubrifaciens* (left).
  2. Reddish brown exudate flowing from cracks in a branch of a walnut tree with deep bark canker, caused by *Brenneria rubrifaciens* (right).
- Both images courtesy of J.K. Clark, University of California, USA.



# Shallow bark canker

## *Brenneria rubrifaciens*

- Necrosis of the outer bark of a walnut tree infected with shallow bark canker (left).
- Scattered blotches of dark brown exudate on the bark of a walnut tree infected with shallow bark canker (right).
- Both images courtesy of J.K. Clark, University of California, USA).



# Shallow bark canker

*Brenneria nigrifluens*



# Crown gall

## *Agrobacterium*

- Crown gall appears as rough, abnormal galls at or below the soil surface on roots or trunk.
- Live galls are not hard but soft and spongy.
- The centers of older galls decay.
- Young trees become stunted.
- Older trees often develop secondary wood rots.





Walnut

# Crown gall

## *Agrobacterium*



Stead, 2008

## Brown Apical Necrosis of Walnut (BAN) Mixed infections(Bacterial and fungal)

- Brown Apical Necrosis of Walnut (BAN) causes premature fruit drop and yield losses.
- Reported from Europe, Turkey and China.
- A number of organisms have been associated with BAN on walnut:
  1. *Xanthomonas juglandis* (main pathogen),
  2. *Fusarium* spp.,
  3. *Alternaria* spp., and
  4. *Pantoea agglomerans* (reported from China).

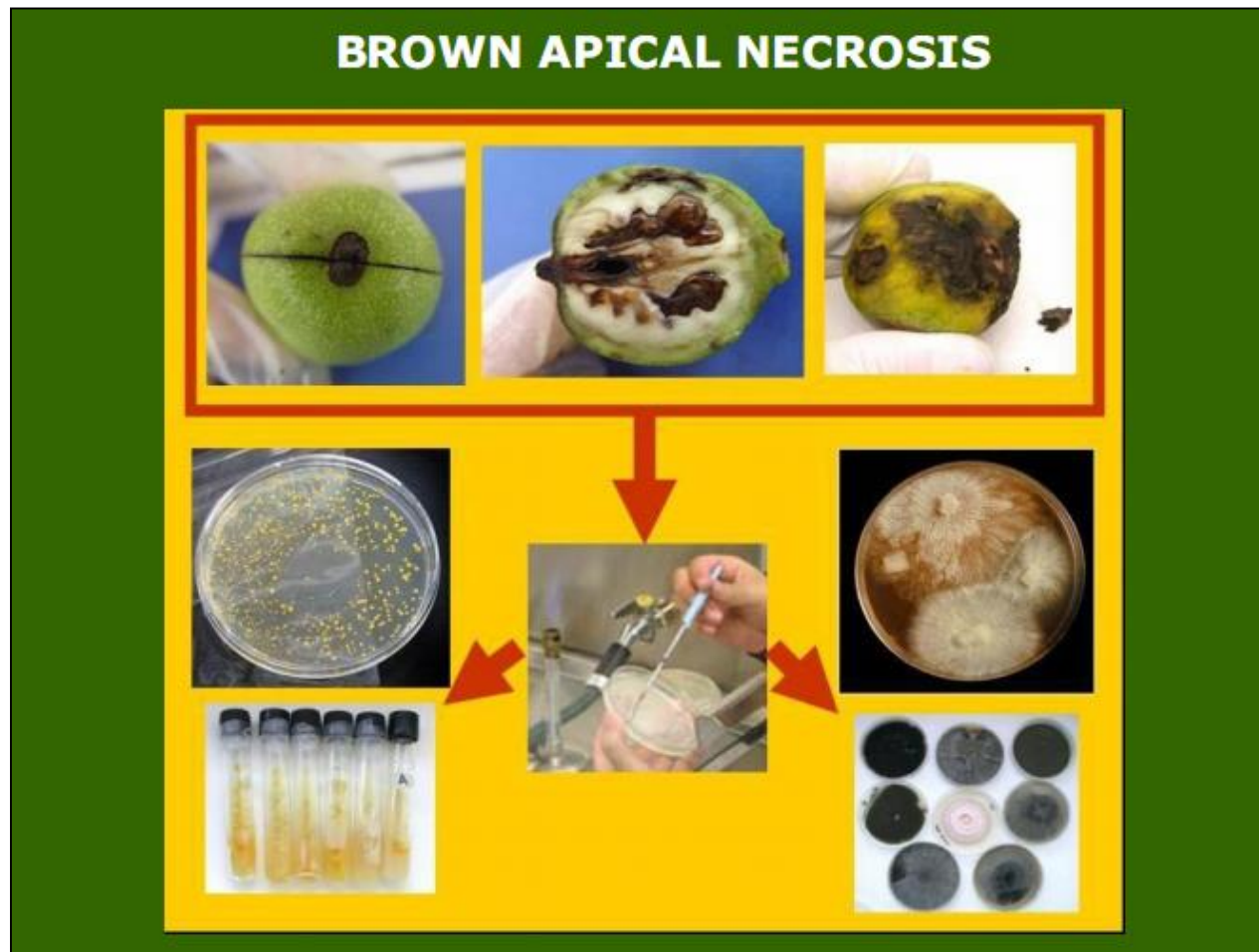


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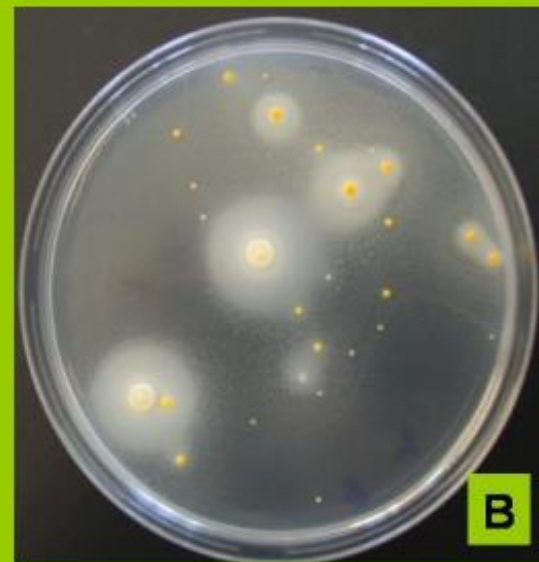
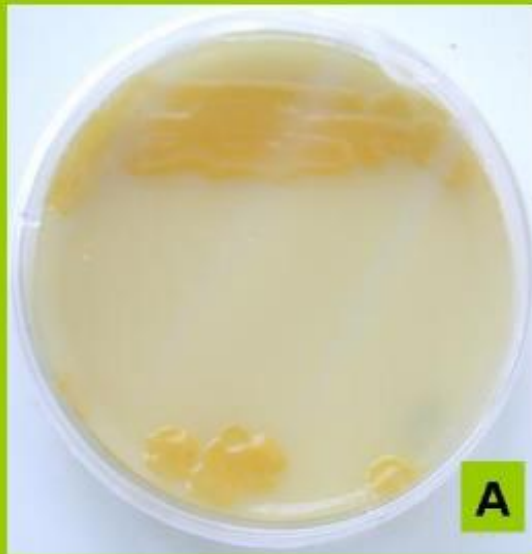
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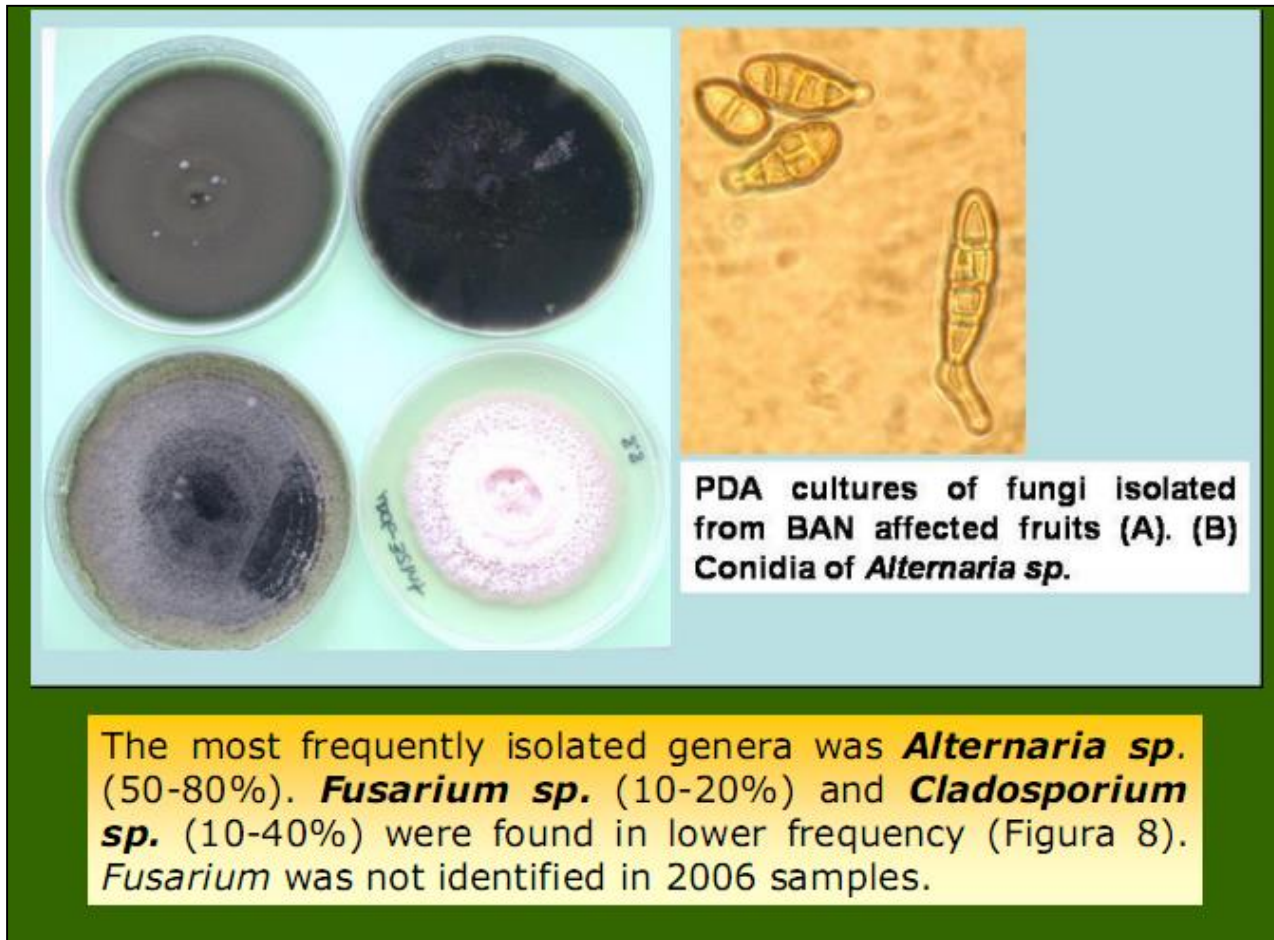
## Mixed infections(Bacterial and fungal)



*Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *juglandis* YDC (A) and modified Tween (B).

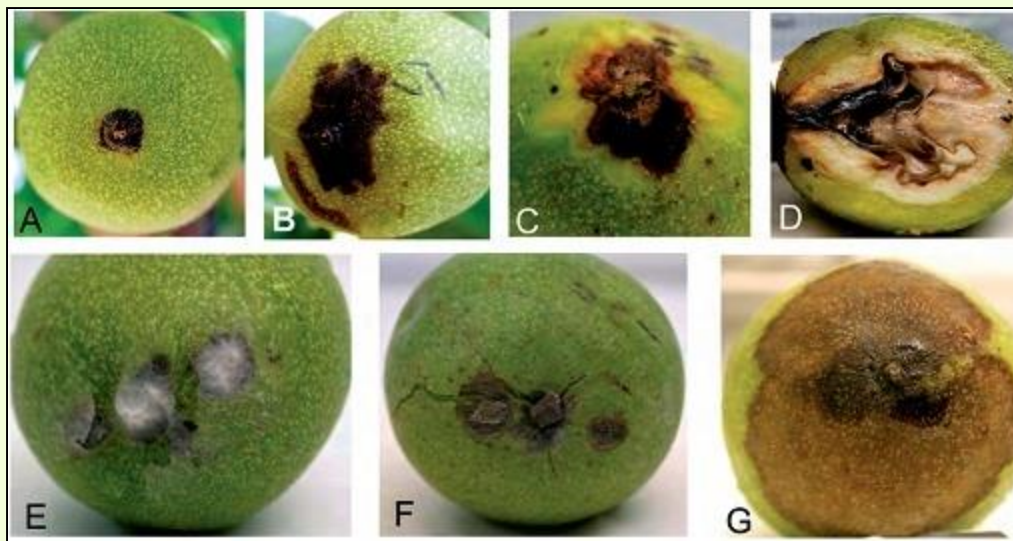
*X. a. pv. juglandis* was isolated in more than 80% of evaluated fruits

## Brown Apical Necrosis of Walnut (BAN) Mixed infections(Bacterial and fungal)



## Brown Apical Necrosis of Walnut (BAN) Mixed infections(Bacterial and fungal)

- External (A, B) and internal (C, D) symptoms of "apical necrosis" on cv. Hartley fruits.
- External symptoms on young cv. Chandler fruits inoculated with *Alternaria* spp. (E), *Fusarium* spp. (F) and *X. a. pv. juglandis* (G) isolated from "apical necrosis"affected fruits.



# Witches' broom of Walnut

## Walnut witches' broom phytoplasma

- Witches' broom symptoms on a walnut tree infected with **walnut witches' broom phytoplasma**.
- (Courtesy C.J. Chang, University of Georgia, USA).





# Wheat bacterial diseases

Black chaff = bacterial leaf streak of cereals such as wheat, barley,.. The diseases are called black chaff when on the glumes (spikes). i.e. Due to the darkening of the glumes, infection of the heads is often referred to as black chaff disease.	<i>Xanthomonas translucens</i> pvs. <i>undulosa</i> and <i>cerealis</i> . The causal agent was named Bacterium translucens because of the translucent lesions on symptomatic leaves.
Bacterial mosaic	<i>Clavibacter tessellarius</i>
Bacterial leaf blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> subsp. <i>syringae</i>
Bacterial sheath rot	<i>Pseudomonas fuscovaginae</i>
Basal glume rot	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>atrofaciens</i>
Pink seed	<i>Erwinia rhapontici</i>
Spike blight = gummosis	<i>Rathayibacter tritici</i>

# Bacterial Leaf Streak and Black Chaff

## *Xanthomonas translucens*

- Wheat spike showing typical **black chaff symptoms**:
- Discoloration of the peduncle, and
- Alternating bands of healthy, and
- diseased tissue on the awns.



# Bacterial Leaf Streak and Black Chaff

## *Xanthomonas translucens*



Early stage infection of wheat leaf with water-soaked lesions.



Late stage infection of wheat leaves with interveinal brown streaks and blotches.



Wheat glume with brownish black streaks and blotches (Black chaff).

## Bacterial Leaf Streak and Black Chaff *Xanthomonas translucens*



Figure 2.3 a. Fresh milky exudates of *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *undulosa* and water-soaking observed in the morning on a triticale leaf. b. Spreading exudates cause flakes to form on triticale leaves with bacterial leaf streak lesions.



# Bacterial Leaf Streak and Black Chaff

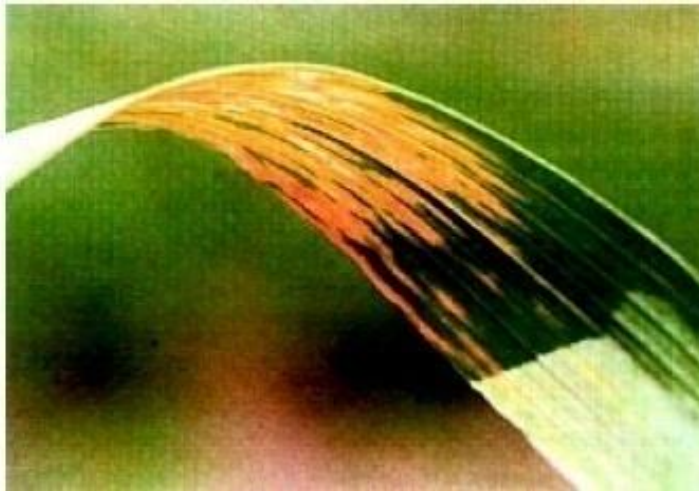
## *Xanthomonas translucens*



Triricate spike infection showing moist gray lesions on the glumes.

# Bacterial Leaf Streak and Black Chaff

## *Xanthomonas translucens*



Translucent lesion in the middle of a durum wheat leaf where it remains longer in the morning.



Inconspicuous blotches caused by *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *undulosa* on wheat leaves.

# Leaf Streaks

*X. translucens* pv. *undulosa*

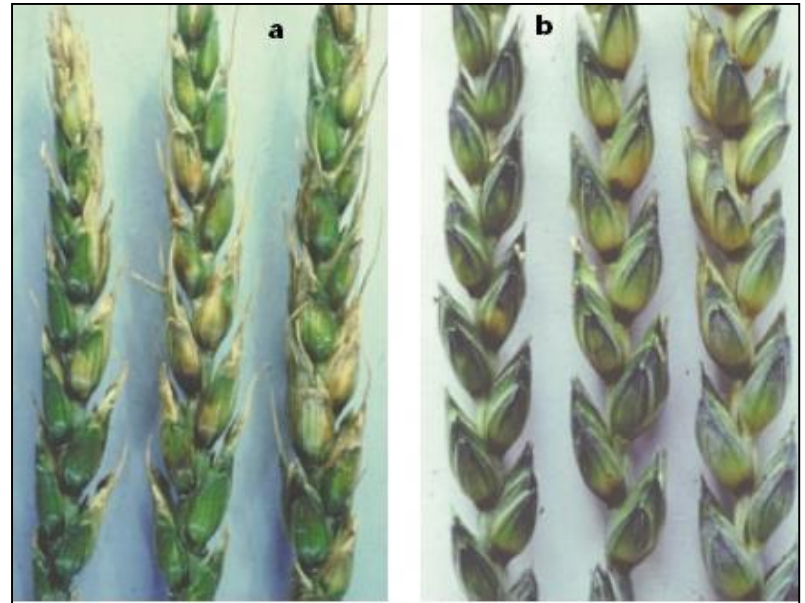
- Streaks caused by *Xanthomonas translucens* pv. *undulosa* can be found on other Gramineae such as canarygrass.



# Basal glume rot

## *Pseudomonas syringae* pathovars

- a. Basal glume rot caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *atrofaciens* on wheat spikes;
  - Natural infection.
- b. Of basal glume rot caused by *P. s.* pv. *atrofaciens* on wheat spikes;
  - Artificial inoculation.





# Basal glume rot

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *atrofaciens*



Figure 3.2. Symptoms of basal glume rot caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *atrofaciens* on wheat grains. (Photo: K. Rudolph.)

**Discoloration starting at the base of the glume that turns dark brown to black is typical of basal glume rot. Photo: CIMMYT.**

# Leaf necrosis

*P. syringae* pv. *syringae*



# Bacterial disease on wheat and other plants of the family Gramineae

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *atropurpurea*



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# Bacterial spike blight

*Rathayibacter tritici*

- A deformed culm and sticky exudate on the spike are symptoms typical of infection by *Rathayibacter* (*Clavibacter*) *tritici*, a bacterium associated with bacterial spike blight.





# Spike gummosis

*Rathayibacter tritici*



**Note Yellow slime on upper parts.**

# Bacterial mosaic

*Clavibacter tessellarius*



# Bacterial sheath rot

*Pseudomonas fuscovaginae*

- The sheath brown rot disease reduce spike exertion.



# Bacterial sheath rot

*Pseudomonas fuscovaginae*



Sheath brown rot symptoms on seedling.



Early infection at the booting stage.



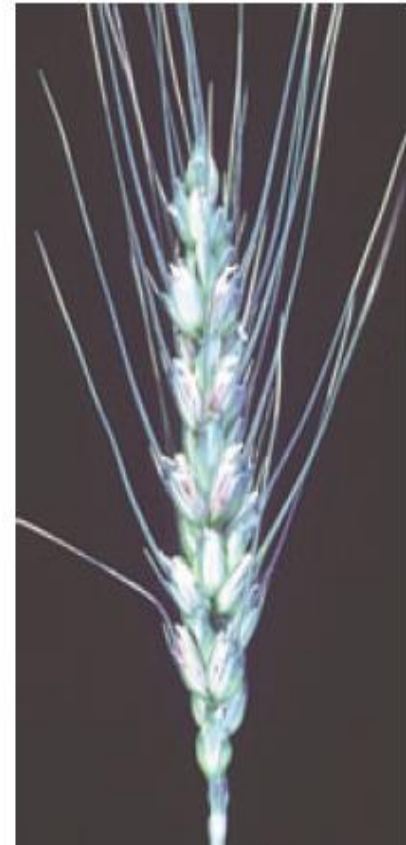
Late infection at the booting stage.



# Pink Kernels on a wheat spike

## *Erwinia rhapontici*

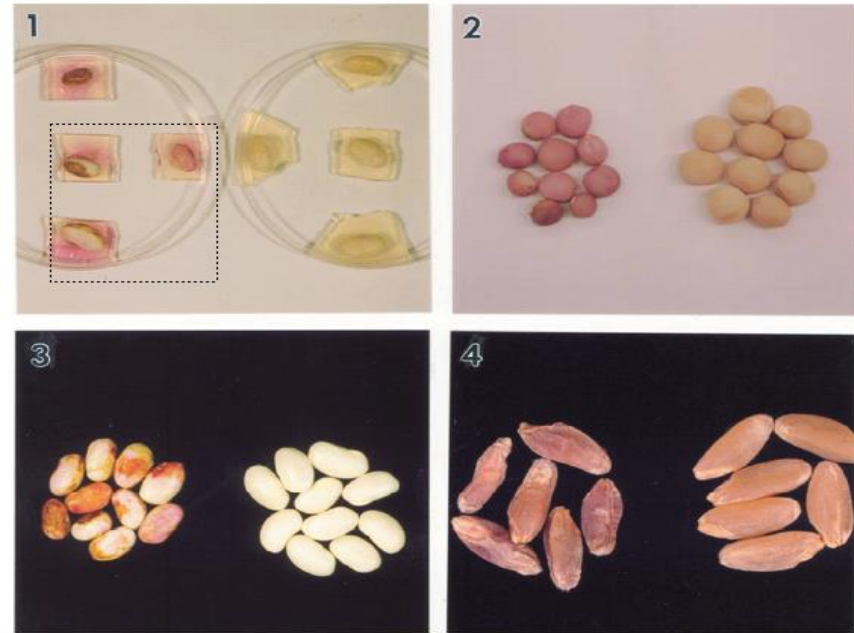
- Symptoms are distinct **light pink kernels**, slightly shrunk when compared to healthy grains.
- Pink seeds do not germinate well.
- **Growth inhibition** in wheat depends upon **proferrosamine A** Concentration.



# Pink seed

## *Erwinia rhapontici*

- Pink seed of pea, bean and wheat caused by *Erwinia rhapontici*.
- Each figure show diseased seeds (left ) and healthy seeds (right).



Willow - *Salix* spp.

# Blight

*P. syringae* pv. *syringae*



Dieback of new shoots  
due to *Pseudomonas*.



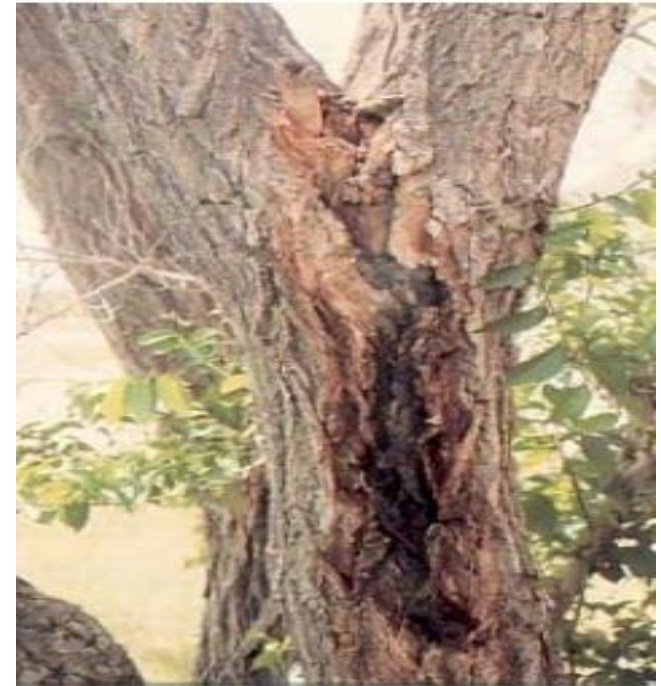
Note dark, black areas on these twig.

# Watermark disease

## *Brenneria salicis*



- The watermark disease is a vascular wilting disease that causes great losses among willow populations.
- The bacterium *Brenneria salicis* formerly *Erwinia salicis*, is the causal agent of this disease and occurs mainly in the xylem vessels of the host plant.
- Infected willows show wilted, dried, brown-colored leaves and a watery, transparent color of the wood.
- Infected cuttings do not show any internal or external symptoms of the watermark disease.



**Typical external wetwood symptoms. The prolonged oozing of slime has injured cambial tissue and stained the bark.**



**Wisteria** - *Wisteria* spp.

# Crown gall

*Pantoea agglomerans*



# Tumor

## *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*



- A tumor formed at the base of an *Achillea* inoculated with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.



# Bacterial leaf spot

*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *zinniae*

- Spots reddish brown to dark brown, angular and with a prominent yellow halo form on leaves.



**Zucchini-** *Cucumis melo*

# Angular leaf spot

*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lachrymans*





# Soft Rot

*Pectobacterium carotovorum* subsp. *carotovorum*



# Bacterial wilt

*Erwinia tracheiphila*





# Terminology

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- **LEAF SPOTS:** Discolored, distinct spots on leaves.
- **LEAF BLOTCHES:** Blotchy dead or discolored areas on leaves.
- **BLIGHTS:** Rapid death of plant parts or entire plant.
- **GALLS:** Tumorous tissue on plant.
- **CANKERS:** Sunken dead areas on surface of stem.
- **ROOT ROTS:** Softened, blackened or brown tissue in the roots.
- **LESIONS:** Small local area of malformed tissue.
- **NECROTIC LESIONS:** Dying and dead tissue; blackened, holes.
- **CHLOROSIS:** Yellowing of tissue.
- **WILTING/FLAGGING:** Foliage on all or part of plant wilted, dying.
- **VASCULAR STREAKING:** Discolored streaks in xylem and phloem.



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