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Anthracnose

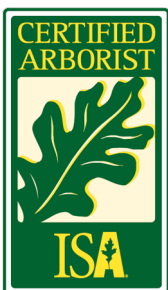
Description: Anthracnose is a disease of the flowering dogwood tree. Infection of dogwoods is favored by cool, wet spring and fall weather, but can occur throughout the growing season. Drought and winter injury weaken trees and increase disease severity. Consecutive years of heavy infection have resulted in extensive mortality in both woodland and ornamental dogwoods.



Symptoms: Initial symptoms are small purple-bordered leaf spots or larger tan blotches, especially on leaf margins. These initial symptoms can be confused with leaf spots caused by *Elsinoe corni* and *Septoria cornicola*, or other foliage diseases. Blighted leaves do not abscise in the fall and frequently remain on the twigs until spring. The fungus can spread to the twigs and, in some cases, to the trunk, causing brown, elliptical, annual cankers. Epicormic branches may develop on the trunk and larger branches, and also may become infected. Multiple cankers can girdle branches or the trunk, and may result in the death of the tree. The disease is most severe in cool moist forested areas above 1800 feet elevation. It is less of a problem in the landscape than in the forest.

Control: Control is centered around cultural practices and fungicidal sprays. Maintenance of healthy, vigorous dogwoods is recommended. Pruning and disposal of diseased twigs and branches, removing epicormic branches that develop on the trunk, and raking and disposal of leaves may be of some value. Pruning low branches on taller trees and thinning other understory plants to improve air movement may also help.

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