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Slime Flux or Wet Wood

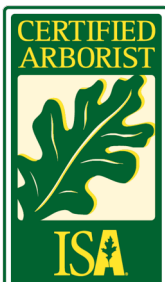
Description: Slime flux is not a serious disease of trees, but is very common and often of great concern to homeowners. Many mature trees, including elms, oak, tulip poplar, and maple, exhibit large light or dark vertical streaks on their trunks resulting from slimy liquid oozing out of crack or wounds and running down the bark. This is called 'slime flux'. Sometimes this liquid is very abundant and foul smelling. If an affected tree is cut down, the heartwood is darker in color than surrounding wood, thus the name 'wetwood'. Although the symptoms are unsightly, little damage is done to the tree in most situations. However, if affected trees are under severe stress from other factors such as soil compaction, wetwood bacteria can move into the sapwood and cause leaf yellowing, wilting, and a branch dieback.



Symptoms: Light or dark streaks on the bark originate at a crack or wound and run vertically down the trunk. Slimy, sometimes foul smelling liquid bubbles out of the tree and runs down the trunk. Slime flux is highly attractive to insects such as bees, wasps, ants, butterflies, and moths. Fluid darkens when exposed to air and may be produced so excessively as to flow or pool on the ground below. Various fungi and bacteria colonize the fluids once exposed to oxygen, and therefore the ooze may become slimy and bad smelling.

Control: Protect the tree from other stresses, especially soil compaction from vehicles or pedestrians. Avoid wounding the tree. Keep trees fertilized and watered.

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