



Pest Management News

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Fungus Gnats

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Fungus gnats are a complex of fly species that breed in rich organic soil. They don't bite and do little damage to plants, preferring to feed instead on algae and fungi in the soil. Fungus gnats can breed prolifically in potted plants, becoming an indoor nuisance.



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Walnut Bacterial Blight

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Plant Pathology Instructor, Plant Health Clinic Diagnostician

Walnut Bacterial Blight, caused by *Xanthomonas juglandis*, is a disease that mainly impacts younger trees, although entire nut crops can be lost when conditions for disease development happen during fruit set. Learn more at the link below.

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Fall and Winter to-do List for Blackberry

Aaron Cato

Assistant Professor and Horticulture IPM Specialist

Many pests of blackberry require special attention in the Fall and Winter months to achieve season long control. See below for information on what you can do in the next few months to maximize yields next year.

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Contact Fungicides for Control of Silvery Thread Moss

Wendell Hutchens

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Silvery thread moss is hard to manage in golf course putting greens, and herbicides are not the only chemistries that control this weed. We tested a variety of contact fungicides for their efficacy against silvery thread moss and the findings were fascinating.

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Name that Weed!

Hannah Wright-Smith

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Be the first to identify this parasitic weed for a prize! Be the first to email Tommy Butts (tbutts@uada.edu) and Hannah Wright-Smith (hewright@uada.edu) with the correct common name and win a prize. Good luck!



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