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PLANT HEALTH CARE FACTS

SCALE

Description: There are over 7,000 species of scale insects. While feeding on sap, the males are immobile and permanently attached to the plant they have parasited. A waxy coating is secreted for defense.

Host Plants: Wide variety of plants, Euonymous, Maple, Elm, Cotoneaster, Pines, Fir, Spruces, & Hawthorn.

Damage: Complete defoliation and even death in severe cases of heavy infestation

Control: A horticulture oil can be applied most anytime to smother scales. An insecticide can also be applied when scales are in a crawling stage, typically in May.



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