

Leaf Spot on Mountain Laurel

Mycosphaerella colorata
(Peck) Earle



OVERALL: Pigtail, 4/4/2011, R. Orr.

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Mycosphaerellaceae

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ID: Irregular silvery spots (w/ reddish borders) on mountain laurel leaves.

Habitat: Acidic soil on leaves of mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*.)

Fruiting body: "The foliage of mountain-laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) can be infected by at least 14 different species of fungi and suffers from an assortment of environmentally caused leaf disorders. Leaf spot, caused by the fungus *Mycosphaerella colorata* (*Phyllosticta kalmicola*), is characterized by round to irregular, greyish white to silvery spots, 1/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter, with reddish to purple borders. Black specks, the fruiting bodies (pycnidia) of the fungus, form in the centers of older spots. Leaf spot is most severe under crowded, shaded, and excessively moist conditions." *

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BRNBR, DANPV, DORWD, GONRA, HENPV, HIRIP, HOUCH, MURHL, NOLAP, OTHER, PATBT, PIGTL, ROBNC, ROGOR, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 100776.

Synonyms: *Phyllosticta kalmicola* .

References:

*http://web.extension.illinois.edu/forestry/publications/pdf/forest_health/UIUC_Leaf_Disease_Mnt_Laurel.pdf