

Tar Spot of Maple

*Rhytisma americanum* Hudler & Banik



SILVER MAPLE: Mount Pleasant,  
10/24/2017, J. Solem.

RED MAPLE: Daniels, PVSP,  
8/8/2016,  
J. Solem.

BLACK SPOT (on top of Silver Maple  
leaf): Mount Pleasant, 10/24/2017,  
J. Solem.

BLACK SPOT (on top of Sugar Maple  
leaf): Hammond Village,  
10/29/2017, J. Solem.

BLACK SPOT (on top of Red Maple  
leaf): Mount Pleasant, 10/24/2017,  
J. Solem.

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*Rhytisma americanum*

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**ID:** Black rough spots on maple leaves.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered, groups. On decaying Red, Silver, Sugar Maple leaves (*Acer rubrum*, *A. saccharinum* and *A. saccharum*).

**Fruiting Body:** 1/8 – 3/4" [3 – 20 mm]

Black, irregular/angular/circular, slightly raised spots. Wrinkled/furrowed/ minutely cracked.

**Spores:** White.

**Frequency:** Fairly common.

**Locations:** DANPV, GONRA, GUIPK, HAMVL, MTPLT, OTHER(2), WARP, WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 445349. According to A. E. Bessette (*pers. com.*), the black spot on the Silver Maple leaf was *R. americanum*.

**References:** BBB 406. E&S 87.

<http://www.plantpath.cornell.edu/CUPpages/TypeGall-Rhy.html>,

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/279937458\\_Rhytisma\\_americanum\\_sp\\_nov\\_a\\_previously\\_undescribed\\_species\\_of\\_Rhytisma\\_on\\_maples\\_Acer\\_spp\\_Mycotaxon](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/279937458_Rhytisma_americanum_sp_nov_a_previously_undescribed_species_of_Rhytisma_on_maples_Acer_spp_Mycotaxon)