## **Honey Fungus**



# A Guide to its Identification, Symptoms & Control

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#### **Introduction**

Honey Fungus or Armillaria is probably the most significant killer of woody plants in Guernsey.

Honey Fungus used to be considered one species, Armillaria mellea, however research has shown that there are several species varying in their pathogenicity.

The main food source for the fungus is wood, stumps, infected trees, or woody debris. It has even been known to feed on the bases of untreated fence posts and can attack herbaceous plants such as potato and strawberry. We are often asked if the Armillaria can be spread by bark chips and whilst in theory this is possible, the Arboricultural Advisory and Information Services in the UK consider it to be extremely unlikely to happen if **composted** bark chips are used. The RHS have demonstrated that infected bark chips can initiate infection but that the incidence was low. The size of the bark chip is also an important factor because larger pieces can sustain the fungus for a longer period of time which increases the risk of plant infection. It would therefore be prudent not to use fresh bark chips and only use stocks that have been well composted.

#### **Mode of Attack**

Armillaria can damage woody plants in two ways: -

- 1. By attacking and killing the conductive tissue under the bark at the base of the plant, this is a very obvious symptom of certain species of Armillaria. The effect is similar to ring barking and the plant often produces abundant fruit or cones before it dies.
- 2. By causing an internal white rot the wood is weakened by the fungus breaking down lignin. Woody tissue often becomes water-soaked initially then brittle as it dries. Whilst this may not immediately kill the plant, it seriously weakens the wood and roots making trees subject to wind throw and can therefore be dangerous.

#### **Symptoms**

The first indication that the disease is present is often the wilting of leaves followed by the rapid death of a tree or shrub. In some other plants decline in shoot growth, abnormally small leaves, a heavy crop of fruit or cones, or gradual dieback may be the first symptoms. In hedgerows a gradual progression of dead or dying plants along the hedge is a good indication of *Armillaria*. Sometimes gummy or resinous exudations can be seen on infected tree trunks as they become stressed by the infection.

Armillaria has three distinct stages, mycelial sheets, toadstools, and rhizomorphs.

#### 1. White Fan-Shaped Mycelium

A white fan-shaped 'felty' growth of fungal mycelium will be seen just under the bark, running up the stem from soil level. These soft, white sheets are about paper-thick and the fan-shaped edge contrasts sharply with the bark and wood, a strong 'mushroomy' smell is noticeable when fresh. This fan-shaped mycelium, which penetrates the bark on the roots, crown or stem grows between wood and the bark, separating them. As it extends under the

bark it eventually girdles the plant's stem and kills it. It is this separation of bark from the underlying wood, combined with toxins excreted by the fungus into the water and nutrient bearing cells of the plant, which causes the death of the plant. This white fungal sheet is the best indicator of *Armillaria*.

#### 2. Toadstools

This is the reproductive stage of the fungus, and each toadstool is capable of producing millions of spores, which may spread by wind over considerable distances. Whilst the spores are able to colonise stumps of recently felled trees, it rarely does, and the spores are of little danger to healthy trees.

The toadstools appear in autumn (October-November) and will be seen on many of the Guernsey hedgerows. They are very variable in colour, size, and shape but generally: -

Cap: 3-15cm across, honey-brown colour with fine dark scales especially in the centre.

Stem: 60-150 long x 5-15mm in diameter, tapering towards the base, or swollen, whitish becoming reddish-brown, and initially with a whitish cottony ring just below the cap.

Gills: Adnate to subdecurrent or distinctly decurrent (i.e. continue slightly down the stem), are white at first turning pale cream and may become darker and spotted with age.

Flesh: White, tastes astringent and has a strong smell.

#### 3. Rhizomorphs

These are the structures that give the fungus the name Bootlace or Shoestring fungus and they are the main means of spread. They are long, black/brown, flat or cylindrical, root-like cords which may be seen growing out from the bark or roots. Rhizomorphs are usually produced during the terminal stages of decay. They are formed by the aggregation of fungal threads, and they have a tough protective rind. Rhizomorphs are less branched than roots but grow in a similar manner from an infected stump through soil or surface litter and they may spread out several metres from the infected plant forming a web-like system.

This web-like network survives as long as a food source continues to be accessible. Rhizomorphs of some species are produced in waves, whilst others are long lived. Rhizomorphs vary in size from a millimetre in diameter to almost pencil thick. As no other British fungus is known to produce rhizomorphs, this they are a good indicator that Armillaria is present.

Research indicates the rhizomorph abundance varies with species and that rhizomorphs of the different species behave in different ways. The rhizomorphs of the more pathogenic species do not need a wound to penetrate roots as they attach themselves to roots. The tip of the rhizomorph penetrates the bark scales either by mechanical force or by production of toxic substances. These species have less abundant, more fragile rhizomorphs than those of the less parasitic species. The less virulent species need wounds to enter the roots and produce many tough rhizomorphs. These highly visible rhizomorphs are not so dangerous to healthy plants, although they will infect seriously injured ones whose damaged roots are predisposed to infection.

Rhizomorphs have been recorded as growing a metre per year, but growth rate correlated to size and type of the food source and to the substrate, with peat encouraging growth whilst sand inhibits it. Seasonal desiccation of upper soil levels can govern the vertical distribution of the fungus, but rhizomorphs can penetrate up to a metre depth in light soils.

#### **Root Transmission**

There is one other way in which *Armillaria* spreads from plant to plant; this is by root-to-root contact. When infected roots meet in the soil, the fungus is able to spread into the other plant.

#### **Control of Infection**

There is no control of this disease once it has penetrated the plant as the major problem is getting sufficient control agents to the site whilst they are still active. *Armillaria* is well protected, producing antibiotics, thick-walled fungal cells and pseudosclerotia which chemical or biological agents need to get past to control. There are no longer any approved chemicals for use in the control of Armillaria in garden & amenity situations.

#### A. Cultural Control

No woody plant is totally immune to the fungus, but some plants resist infection longer than others, some become more resistant with age and sometimes the fungus only attacks part of a plant allowing it to survive for many years.

Stress predisposes a plant to infection by *Armillaria* so it is important to ensure the trees/shrubs are given good growing conditions. Waterlogging, shading, drought, defoliation, advanced age, declining vigour, damage due to pollution or physical injury, nutrient deficiency, insects, and fungietc, all affect the plant's growth and can predispose the plant to infection.

Whilst there is no effective chemical control of *Armillaria* at the present, there are various cultural measures you can take to prevent spread and to protect any new plantings: -

#### a) Remove the source of infection

- I. As woody material is food for *Armillaria*, rhizomorphs usually radiate out from the infection. *Armillaria* may stay active for decades in very large stumps especially from hard wood stumps, so it is important that grubbing or chipping removes these sources of food.
- II. Remove as many roots as possible, especially the larger ones. But remember to be careful when removing roots from around healthy plants, as damaging these roots will leave them open to infection by the less virulent *Armillaria* species and other soil pathogens.
- III. Look for other infected plants in the area and remove these and their root systems.
- IV. In hedges remove one apparently healthy plant on either side of the dead / sick ones, as these are probably infected by root contact, even if they are not showing symptoms.
- V. As rhizomorphs need to be attached to their woody food in order to grow and spread, regular deep cultivation of the infected area for at least one year will also help control the spread of the disease. Cultivation breaks up the rhizomorphs and detaches them from their

food source causing them to die. However, remember *Armillaria* forms a web and can remain active as long as some of its rhizomorphs are attached to a woody food source, so can re-enter an area from any direction.

If the site is suitable, planting annual bedding plants or grass in the area for 1-3 years will help control the problem as non-woody annuals are unlikely to be infected by *Armillaria*. When preparing the soil for annuals, cultivate the soil to a depth of at least 30-45cm. When doing this you will break up any rhizomorphs present and detach them from their food source. Adding fertiliser and organic matter will also improve the soil structure and encourage healthy plant growth.

Several years of this treatment will greatly improve the fertility of the soil and give resistant shrubs or trees a good chance of survival when you eventually replace them.

- VI. Leaving the infected area fallow for one or two years is another possibility but as the area is left uncultivated the rhizomorphs may still be viable. Improve the soil structure and fertility before re-planting with more resistant shrubs or trees.
- VII. Some areas of the garden are not suitable for the above treatments, especially old hedge areas as here it is often essential to replace the hedging quickly.

Apart from putting in a fence or wall, the removal of contaminated soil and replacement of it with disease free soil before replanting is another possible, but expensive, alternative.

#### b) Use of Barriers

If the above measures are impractical for your situation, then it may be worth considering protecting your other trees and shrubs by putting down a physical barrier. Physical barriers however are only useful for really valuable trees and if the source of *Armillaria* is known. Remember *Armillaria* often has a web of rhizomorphs and can attack from any direction.

#### Barriers can be either: -

- I. <u>Physical barriers:</u> e.g., Heavy gauge polythene sheets set vertically in the soil to a depth of at least 45cm with a 2-3cm lip above ground to prevent re-infection at soil level. Similarly, sinking a large container such as a plastic dustbin into the soil, with the base removed or with drainage holes in, achieves the same result. In deep porous soils a deeper barrier may be required.
- II. <u>Trenches</u>. This forms an 'air' barrier to prevent the fungus moving into uninfected areas. Rhizomorphs can go deep so trenches should be maintained to at least 45cm (18 inches) deep in heavy soils and up to a metre in light ones and may need to be re-dug annually.
- III. <u>Deep cultivation</u>. Cultivation breaks up the rhizomorphs and depletes them of energy causing them to die off. However, they will continue to grow until the food supply is exhausted so cultivations will have to be repeated regularly. Be very careful not to damage the roots or the plant you wish to protect.

#### c) Air Spades:

This is a relatively new technique from the US where compressed air is used to reduce compaction around the base of plants without damaging the roots. This improves root growth and is believed to help the plant to resist fungal infections such as Armillaria.

Deep planting should also be avoided as it exposes more of the plant stems to soil where potential infection could begin.

#### d) Resistant Plants

If none of these control methods are feasible, or to further reduce the risk of infection, consider planting resistant types of trees or shrubs. As *Armillaria* is a very successful fungus, it is unlikely that any woody plant is truly immune although grasses such as Bamboo and Pampas Grass are considered to be immune, or highly resistant, to the fungus so in areas of high infection these should be considered.

**Bamboo** can make a good dense screen, although in certain conditions some varieties can be invasive. Regular cutting back will keep most under control and you will always have a ready supply of bamboo canes. Take advantage of the less invasive clump forming varieties currently available to fill a gap where *Armillaria* is endemic.

**Pampas grass** can produce an impenetrable border and be less suitable for some areas, but it needs a border of at least 3m wide. Pampas grass has become less popular in recent years due to its invasive nature if not controlled.

**Yew** is one woody plant considered to be very resistant once it is established, but we have seen other fungal and cultural problems with this plant when it is young. However, given good soil conditions and careful watering this plant can make an effective hedge.

A list of resistant and susceptible trees and shrubs can be found at the back of this leaflet. Other plants not mentioned in the list may also be suitable but remember that as a general rule the faster the plant grows the more likely it is to succumb to *Armillaria*. It is the slower growing shrubs that appear to resist the fungus.

This list is believed to be based on the work of Robert D Raabe "Plants Resistant or Susceptible to Armillaria mellea, The Oak Root Fungus" <a href="http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/files/244383.pdf">http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/files/244383.pdf</a>

However, even resistant plants can succumb if growing conditions are poor, and the plants are under stress. Young newly planted trees are also vulnerable especially if their roots are damaged.

When planting new trees & shrubs, cultivate the area thoroughly and give them the correct conditions (e.g., do not plant lime haters (ericaceous plants) in calcareous soil or salt haters near the coast). Water regularly until the plants are fully established. Do not over-water as this can kill young feeding roots and encourage fungal entry.

#### **B.** Biological Control

The use of well-rotted compost or manure as a soil conditioner can also reduce the ravages of *Armillaria* in two ways. Firstly, it can create a better growing environment for the plants by improving the soil structure and the water holding capacity of the soil. Less stressed plants are more

likely to resist the disease. Secondly, good quality, well-rotted compost also contains a lot of beneficial bacteria and fungi which can be antagonistic towards Armillaria species.

Professional products based on antagonistic bacteria or fungi may also prove beneficial as they not only strengthen the plant to resist attack but can also compete for space in the root zone against other fungal attack. ALWAYS CHECK THE LABEL TO ENSURE THAT THE PRODUCT IS APPROVED FOR USE IN YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.

#### C. Chemical Control

Currently there are no pesticides approved for the control of *Armillaria* in Guernsey.

#### D. Monitoring & Mapping

Keeping a record of where Honey Fungus is occurring in the garden can help identify the source and avoid costly mistakes when re-planting.

#### **HELP WITH IDENTIFICATION**

If you suspect an *Armillaria* infection in your garden plants and you would like further help then please follow these instructions below and bring samples into the States Analytical Laboratory at Longue Rue (Burnt Lane), St Martins. Site visits can be made, but only on a chargeable basis.

Either: Bring in the whole plant and roots if it is not too large!

or: If the shrub is too big take samples of bark from just above soil level or a few pieces of roots (about the thickness of a finger) where they join the base of the plant stem / trunk, as this is usually where the fungus is found.

It is important not only to bring in the correct type of sample but also to keep it fresh, so put the sample in a polythene bag and bring it to the lab on the same day or refrigerate before bringing it in within 2-3 days of sampling.

#### **Useful Links:**

The RHS Website also has several pages on Honey Fungus and its Management

https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=180

https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=1015

https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/pdfs/honey-fungus-host-list.pdf

### ARMILLARIA LIST OF RESISTANT AND SUSCEPTIBLE PLANTS

A – Annual	D – Deciduous	E – Evergreen	FH – Frost Hardy
FT – Frost Tender	H – Fully Hardy	HH – Half Hardy	SE – Semi Evergreen
T – Tender			

#### **PROBABLY IMMUNE MONOCOTYLEDONS**

Arundinaria and related genera	Bamboo	E/HH-H
Cordaderia selloana	Pampas Grass	E/H
Cordyline australis	New Zealand cabbage palm	HH
Nandina domestica	Heavenly or Sacred bamboo	E-SE-FH
Phormium spp	New Zealand Flax	E/H

#### **PROBABLY HIGHLY RESISTANT TREES**

Acer negundo	Ash-leaved maple, Box elder	D/FH
Taxus baccata	Yew	E/H

#### **RESISTANT TREES, SHRUBS & CLIMBERS**

NB: Observations and records indicate that these plants are resistant to the disease under good conditions. They are not immune and can be infected by *Armillaria*. Poor growing conditions where plants are under stress (due to root damage, drought or waterlogging etc.) can result in infection.

#### **RESISTANT CLIMBERS**

Clematis species	Clematis	D/SE/E/H
Hedera helix	Common English ivy	E/H
Lonicera periclymenum	Common honeysuckle, Woodbine	D/H
Polygonum baldschuanicum	Russian vine	D/H

#### **RESISTANT SHRUBS**

Glossy Abelia, White Abelia	SE/FH
Common box	E/H
Camellia	E/H
Wintersweet	D/FH
Rock rose	E/FH-HH
Fabiana	E/FH
Rose of Sharon, Shrubby Althea	D/H
Crape myrtle	D/FH
Lonicera, Box honeysuckle	E/H
Oregon grape	E/H-HH
	Common box Camellia Wintersweet Rock rose Fabiana Rose of Sharon, Shrubby Althea Crape myrtle Lonicera, Box honeysuckle

Mahania aguifalium	Hally Mahania	F/II
Mahonia aquifolium	Holly Mahonia	E/H
Mahonia japonica	Mahonia	E/H
Myrtus communis	Myrtle	E/FH
Olearia macrodonia	Daisy bush	E/FH
Olearia traversii	5	E/FH
Pittosporum species	Pittosporum	E/FH-FT
Prunus laurocerasus	Cherry laurel	E/FH
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn, Sloe	D/H
Pyracantha crenulata	Firethorn	E/H
Rhaphiolepis indica	Indian hawthorn	E/HH
Rhaphiolepis umbellata	Yeddo hawthorn	E/FH
Shepherdia argentea	Buffalo berry	D/H
Ulex europeaus	Gorse, Furze	E/H
RESISTANT HEDGING PLANTS		
Berberis species	Barberry	D/SE/E/H-FH
Berberis darwinii	Darwin's Barberry	E/H
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese Barberry	D/H
Berberis wilsoniae	Wilson Barberry	D/SE/H
Euonymus japonicus	Japanese spindle	E/FH
Ilex aquifolium	Common holly	E/H
Olearia macrodonta	Daisy busy	E/FH
Olearia traversii		E/FH
Pittosporum toberia	Japanese Pittosporium Mock orange	E/FH
Quercus ilex	Holm oak	E/FH
Tamarix species	Tamarisk	D/E/H-FH
Tamarix gallica	French tamarisk	D/FH
RESISTANT TREES		
Abies alba	Silver fir	E/H
Abies concolor	White fir	E/H
Abies grandis	Giant fir	E/H
Abies procera	Noble fir	E/H
Abies species	Firs	E/H
Abutilon species	Flowering maple	E/SE/FH-FT
Abutilon vitifolium	Vine-leafed Abutilon	D/FH
Acacia verticillata	Star/Whorl-leaved acacia	E/HH
Acer macrophyllum	Oregon maple	D/H
Acer negundo var. californicum	California box elder	D/H
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	D/H
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of heaven	D/H
Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	D/HH
Arbutus menziesii	Madrona	E/FH
Broussonetia papyrifera	Paper mulberry	D/F
Calocededrus decurrens	Incense cedar	E/H
Carpinus betulus	Common hornbeam	D/H
Catalpa bignoniodes	Indian bean tree	D/H
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry	
		D/H

Cotinus coggygria	Smoke tree	D/H
Crataegus species	Hawthorn	D/H
Crataegus laevigata	Hawthorn, May	D/H
Crataegus monogyny	Common Hawthorn	D/H
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Thorn	D/H
Eucalyptus species	Gum tree	E/FH-FT
Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Redbox, Australian beech	E/FT
Fagus sylvatica	Common beech	D/H
Fraxinus species	Ash	D/H
Fraxinus excelsior	Common ash	D/H
Ilex aquifolium	Common holly	E/H
Juniperus species	Junipers	E/H
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden-rain tree, Pride of India	D/FH
Larix species	Larch	D/H
Larix kaempferi	Japanese larch	D/H
Larix decidua	European larch	D/H
Larix x eurolepis	Dunkeld larch	D/H
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweet gum	D/H
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip tree	D/H
Magnolia species	Magnolia	D/SE/E/HFH
Maytenus boaria	Maiten	E/FH
Morus species	Mulberry	D/H
Notofagus species	Southern beech	D/H
Phellodendron amurense	Amur cork tree	D/H
Phellodendron chinense	Chinese cork tree	D/H
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese pistachio	D/H
Platanus species	Plane	D/H-FH
Platanus x acerifolia [hispanica]?	London plane	D/H
Populus species	Poplar	D/H
Prunus laurocerasus	Cherry laurel	E/FH
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas fir	E/H
Quercus species	Oaks	D/E/H-FH
Quercus chrysolepis	Maul oak, Golden cup oak	E/H
Quercus petraea	Sessile/Durmast oak	D/H
Quercus robur	Common, Pedunculate oak	D/H
Rhus species	Sumach	D/H-HH
Rhus typhina	Stag's-horn Sumach	D/H
Robinia species	Locust	D/H
Robinia pseudoacacia	Locust, False acacia	D/H
Sambucus nigra	Common elder	D/H
Tilia species	Linden, lime	D/H
Tilia x europaea	Common lime	D/H
Ulmus species	Elm	D/H
Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste tree	D/FH
Zelkova serrata	Japanese Zelkova	D/H
Zemova serrata	Japanese Zeikova	5,
RESISTANT FRUIT & NUTS		

Castanea dentata	American chestnut	D/H
Castanea sativa	Spanish/Sweet chestnut	D/H
Cydonia oblonga	Quince	D/H
Diospyros kaki	Chinese persimmon	D/FH
Diospyros lotus	Date plum	D/H
Diospyros virginiana	Common persimmon	D/H
Ficus carica	Common fig	D/H
Malus species	Crab-apple	D/H
Malus ioensis	Prairie Crab-apple	D/H
Malus prunifolia	Pear-leaf Crab-apple	D/H
Malus cerasifera	Cherry plum, Myrobalan	D/H
Prunus Americana	American plum	D/H
Prunus avium	Sweet cherry	D/H
Prunus insititia	St. Julien plum	D/H
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn, Sloe	D/H
Prunus species	Plum	D/H
Pyrus betulaefolia	Birch-leaf pear	D/H
Pyrus calleryana	Callery pear	D/H
Pyrus communis	Pear	D/H

#### **SUSCEPTIBLE TREES, SHRUBS & CLIMBERS**

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These plants are liable to be infected by Armillaria and should not be planted in areas where Armillaria has been found.

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#### SUSCEPTIBLE CLIMBERS

Humulus lupulus

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SUSCEPTIBLE SHRUBS		
Buddleia davidii	Butterfly bush	D/H
Buddleia davidii var. magnifica	Oxeye butterfly bush	D/H
Buddleia globosa	Orange butterfly bush	D/SE/H
Caesalpina gilliesii	Paradise Poinciana	D/FH
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush	E/HH
Caryopteris x clandonensis	Bluemist	D/FH
Ceanothus species	Ceanothus	D/E/FH-HH
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus	Blue-blossom	E/FH
Choisya ternata	Mexican orange blossom	E/FH
Cotoneaster species	Franchet Cotoneaster	D/SE/E/H-FH
Cotoneaster franchetii	Tree Cotoneaster	E/SE/H
Cotoneaster frigidus	Harrow Cotoneaster	D/H
Cotoneaster harroviana		E/H
Cotoneaster horizontalis	Wall-spray	D/H
Cotoneaster microphylla	Rock-spray Cotoneaster	E/H
Cotoneaster microphylla var. vellea		E/H

SUSCEPTIBLE SHRUBS cont.		
Cotoneaster pannosa	Silver-leaf Cotoneaster	E/SE/H
Cotoneaster salicifolia var.	Hardy willow-leaf Cotoneaster	E/HH
floccosa		
Cytisus x spachianus	Easter broom	E/H
Deutzia scabra	Fuzzy Deutzia	D/H
Elaeagnus species	Eleagnus	D/E/H-FH
Eleagnus angustifolia	Oleaster	D/H
Erica species	Heather	E/H-FH
Erica carnea	Alpine heath, Winter heath	E/H
Escallonia montevidensis	Montevideo Escallonia	E/H
Escallonia pulverulenta		E/H
Forsythia species		D/H
Fremontodendron mexicanum	Southern Fremontia	E/SE/FH
Fuchsia species	Fuchsia	D/E/FH-FT
Hebe species	Hebe	E/H-HH
Hebe andersonii	Anderson speedwell	E/HH
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon, Christmas berry	E/FH
Hydrangea macrophylla	Hydrangea	D/FH
Hibiscus species	Hibiscus	D/E/H-FT
Hypericum patulum cv. henryi	St. Johnswort, Goldflower	E-SE/FH
Hypericum prolificum	Shrubby St. Johnswort	Н
Juniperus species	Prostrate junipers	E/H
Kerria japonica	Japanese Rose, Globe Flower	D/H
Philadelphus species	Mock orange	D/H-FH
Pyracantha angustifolia	Narrow-leaf firethorn	E/FH
Pyracantha coccinea	Scarlet firethorn	E/H
Pyrancantha coccinea cv. lalendei	Lalande Pyracantha	E/H
Pyracantha rogersiana	Rogers firethorn	E/FH
Rhus trilobata	III-scented sumac	D/H
Rhododendron species	Rhododendron	E/SE/D/HFT
Rosa species	Rose	D/SE/H
Spartium junceum	Spanish broom	D/FH
Spiraea prunifolia	Bridal wreath	D/H
Viburnum species		/SE/E/HFH
Viburnum tinus	Laurustinus	E/FH
SUSCEPTIBLE HEDGING PLANTS		
Chamaecyparis species		E/H
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana	Lawson cypress	E/H
x Cupressocyparis leylandii	Leyland cypress	E/H
Escallonia macrantha	Red Escallonia	E/H
Euonymus japonicus	Golden Euonymus	E/FH
Ligustrum species	Privet	D/SE/E/HFH
Ligustrum japonicum	Japanese privet	E/FH
Ligustrum ovalifolium	Privet	E/SE/H
Ligustrum vulgare cv. aureum	Yellow-leaf European Privet	D/SE/H

SUSCEPTIBLE TREES		
Acacia longifolia var. floribunda	Sydney golden wattle	E/FH
Araucaria araucana	Chile pine, Monkey puzzle	E/FLH
Acer species	Maple	E/D/FLH-FH
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry tree	E/H
Betula species	Birch	D/H
Betula pendula	Silver birch	D/H
Betula pubescens	White birch	D/H
Caesalpina gilliesii	Paradise Poinciana	D/FH
Ceaenothus arboreus	Mountain lilac	E/FH
Cedrus species	Cedar	E/H
Cedrus atlantica	Atlas cedar	E/H
Cedrus doedara	Deodar	E/H
Cedrus libani	Cedar of Lebanon	E/H
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura	D/H
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	D/H
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese cedar	E/H
Cupressus species	Cypress	E/H
Cupressus macrocarpa	Monterey cypress	E/H
Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat	E/FH
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon, Christmas Berry	E/FH
Hydrangea species		D-E/H-FH
Juglans species (except J. hindsii)	Walnut	D/H
Juglans regia	Walnut	D/H
Laburnum species		D/H
Laburnum anagyroides	Golden-Chain	D/H
Leptospernum laevigatum	Australian tea-tree	E/FH-HH
Lithocarpus densifolia	Tanbark oak	E/FH
Malus species	Apples	D/H
Malus hupehensis	Hupeh crab	D/H
Malus x purpurea cv. Eleyi	Eley crab	D/H
Malus sargentii	Sargent crab	D/H
Malus toringoides	Cutleaf crab-apple	D/H
Myrtus communis cv. varigata	Variegated myrtle	E/FH
Picea abies	Common/Norway spruce	E/H
Picea omorika	Serbian spruce	E/H
Picea sitchensis	Sitka spruce	E/H
Pinus species	Pine	E/H
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole pine, Shore pine	E/H
Pinus nigra var. maritima	Corsican pine	E/H
Pinus radiata	Monterey pine	E/H
Pinus sylvestris	Scots pine	E/H
Salix species	Willow	D/H-FH
Salix babylonica	Weeping willow	D/H
Sequoiadendron giganteum	Wellingtonia, Giant redwood, Big tree	E/H
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac	D/H

Thuja plicata	Western red cedar	E/H	
Tsuga heterophylla	Western hemlock	E/H	
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SUSCEPTIBLE FRUIT AND NUTS			
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Castanea mollissima	Chinese chestnut	D/H	
Fragaria species	Strawberry	Н	
Fragaria chiloensis var. ananassa	Strawberry	Н	
Malus baccata	Siberian crab-apple	D/H	
Prunus species	Cherry and Plum	D/H	
Prunus amygdalus	Almond	D/H	
Prunus armeniaca	Apricot	D/H	
Prunus dasycarpa	Purple apricot	D/H	
Prunus davidiana	David peach	D/H	
Prunus domestica cv. Clyman Plum	Clyman plum	D/H	
Prunus domestica cv.Diamond	Diamond plum	D/H	
Prunus domestica cv. French Prune	French prune	D/H	
Prunus maheleb	Mahaleb peach	D/H	
Prunus murne	Japanese apricot	D/H	
Prunus persica	Peach	D/H	
Prunus serrulata	Japanese flowering cherry	D/H	
Prunus sibernica	Siberian apricot	D/H	
Prunus tomentosa	Downy Cherry	D/H	
Pterocarya stenoptera	Chinese wing nut	D/H	
Ribes grossularia	Gooseberry	D/H	
Ribes nigrum	Blackcurrant	D/H	
Rubus species	Blackberry, Brambles	D/SE/E/H-FH	
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	D/H	
Vitis species	Grape vine	D/F-H	
Vitis vinifera	Grape vine	D/H	
Solanum tuberosum	Potato	A	
Zantedeschia species	Calla lily	FH	
RESISTANT TENDER PLANTS			
Acacia decurrens var. mollis	Black acacia, Black wattle	D/T	
Arctostaphylos species	Manzanita	E/H-FT	
Brachychiton populneum	Kurrajong bottle tree	E/FT	
Carya illinoensis (C. pecan?)	Pecan	D/FT	
Eugenia species Syzgium	Eugenia	E/FT	
Grevillea robusta	Silky oak	E/FT	
Jacaranda acutifolia	Jacaranda	D/E/FT	
Lagerstroemia indica	Crape myrtle	D/FT	
Mahonia [nevinii] haematocarpa	Nevin mahonia	E/FT	
Melaleuca styphelioides	Malaleuca	E/FT	
Nerium oleander	Oleander	E/T	
Persea americana	Avocado	D/T	

Persea indica	Indian avocado	D/T
Pinus canariensis	Canary pine	E/FT
Pinus patula	Mexican pine	E/HH-FT
Pinus torreyana	Torrey/Soledad pine	E/FT
Prunus ilicifolia	Holly-leaf cherry, Islay, California	E/T
	cherry	
Prunus salicina	Japanese plum	D/T
Prunus salicina cv. Methley	Methley plum	D/T
Quillaja sopenaria	Soapbark tree, Soap bush	E/T
Ternstroemia sylvatica	Mexican Ternstroemia	E/T
Tibouchina semidecandra	Pleroma, Princess flower, Glory-bush	E/T

#### **SUSCEPTIBLE TENDER PLANTS**

Arecastrum romanzoffianum	Queen palm	E/FT
Cassia tomentosa	Senna	D/FT
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor tree	E/FT
Citrus species	Citrus	E/T
Coprosma repens	Coprosma, Mirror shrub	E/FT
Erythrina crista-galli	Cockspur coral tree	D/SE/HH/FT
Eucalyptus maculata v. citriodora	Lemon-scented spotted gum	E/FT
Eucalyptus sideroxylon var. rosea	Pink iron bark	E/FT
Euphorbia pulcherrima	Poinsettia	E/FT
Hakea laurina	Sea urchin tree	E/FH-FT
Melaleuca hypericifolia		E/FT
Melaleuca genistifolia		E/FT
Melaleuca leucadendra	Cajeput tree or Punk tree	E/FT
Pelargonium species	Geranium	E/FT
Quercus virginiana	Southern live oak	E/T
Schinus molle	California pepper tree	E/FT

#### **RESISTANT HERBACEOUS PLANTS**

Robison-Bax (1999) tested some common herbaceous plants and the results are below:

Polygonum rude

#### **SUSCEPTIBLE HERBACEOUS PLANTS**

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Alchemilla mollis	Lady's mantle	Н
Arundinaria pumila	Bamboo	Н
Beta vulgaris ssp maritime	Sea Beet	Н
Cimifuga species	Bugbane	Н
Epimedium species	Epimedium	Н
Geranium albanum	Cranebill, Hardy Geraniums	Н
Hosta species	Plantain Lily	Н
Lamium species	Deadnettles	Н
Oenothera species	Evening Primrose	Н
Pelargonium 'Multi'	Geranium	НН
Phlox paniculata	Phlox	Н
Physalis alkekengi	Bladder cherry, Winter cherry	Н

Saxifraga x urbium	London pride	Н
Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	Stonecrop	Н
Seseli osseum	Umbelliferae family	Н
Strobilanthes species	Acanthaceae family	Н
Succisella petteri	Dipsaceae family	Н
Thymus species	Thyme	Н
Valerianella rimosa	Valerianaceae family	Н
Vinetoxicum nigrum	Apogynaceae family	Н

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