

What is wrong with my tree?

Tree diagnosis part VI

Over the last six weeks we have offered some basic steps that anyone interested in sleuthing out their own tree problems can use. These steps can help eliminate and narrow the list possibilities as well as point toward potential probabilities. Even if you still end up stumped at a dead end of these steps, you will have gathered plenty of useful information that you can take to the world wide web and potentially find a solve. Yes, I said it! Using the internet. I will openly admit that there have been plenty of times in my own career of diagnosing that this has been a useful tool. Especially with a type of tree that is uncommon to our region or a species of insect I have not encountered before.

In closing of this topic, I hope people can remember three take away points. Number one, know the tree you are looking at. Number two, know what normal growth/behavior for that tree is so you in turn can properly describe what the abnormality is. Lastly, do not spend money treating stress symptoms. Be sure to look/investigate far enough so you don't make a hasty diagnosis on what is only a visible stress symptom. Always look/investigate for the true underlining issue that is causing the stress.

In the end, if you choose to call an Arborist or Plant Health Care professional, you will have gathered critical information that can be very helpful. This can potentially help them more accurately and quickly reach their own deduction and diagnosis, and besides they will be impressed!

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