

UPDATING TURF DISEASE NOMENCLATURE

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Several name changes have occurred in the turf disease area. These changes became necessary as new knowledge was gained about the varieties of turfgrass diseases and the pathogens that cause them. The names of both the disease and/or the pathogen have changed in some cases. Table 1 gives the old and new names of both the disease and pathogen. These changes primarily concern foliar turfgrass disease. The root diseases and pathogens are covered in another article in these proceedings by Dr. Dick Smiley from Cornell University. Hopefully, Table 1 will help eliminate some of the confusion that has been caused by the name changes.

Table 1. Changes in Turf Disease Nomenclature.

Old Name	New Name
Melting out (<u>Helminthosporium vagans</u>)	Melting Out (<u>Dreschlera poae</u>)
Leaf Spot (<u>Helminthosporium sativium</u>) (<u>H. sorokinianum</u>)	Leaf Spot (<u>Bipolaris sorokinianum</u>)
Red Thread (<u>Corticium fuciforme</u>)	Red Thread (<u>Laetisaria fuciforme</u>)
	Pink Patch (<u>Limonomyces roseipellis</u>)
Yellow Tuft (Unkown)	Yellow Tuft (<u>Sclerophthora macrospora</u>)
C-15 Decline (Unknown)	Bacterial Wilt (<u>Xanthomonas compestris</u>)
Dollar Spot (<u>Sclerotinia homeocarpa</u>)	Dollar Spot (<u>Lanzia spp.</u> and <u>Moelerodiscus spp.</u>)