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#### Mower is equipped with three blades

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#### **VEGETATION MGMT.** from page 88

from the top downward. What causes this, and can you please suggest some control methods for this problem? (New York)

A: From the symptoms you describe, the birch has been attacked by the bronze birch borer. This is a very serious problem and occurs wherever birches are grown. Borer control is difficult because they are normally below the bark and in a protected site in the tree.

There are no reports indicating any association between the water blisters (bumps you mentioned) and bronze birch borer infestation. If you have seen any lumpy bark on the trunk, it would be an external indication of bronze birch borer activity. Generally, the birch trees which have survived borer attack develop these conspicuous swollen areas as a result of their healing process. The holes and tip dieback symptoms also suggest bronze birch borer injury. The exit holes made by the adult beetle are typically "D" shaped.

### NY Botanical Encyclopedia Falls Short on Care

The ten volumes of The New York Botanical Garden Illustrated Encyclopedia of Horticulture are as complete as NYBG's world famous plant collection. Senior Horticultural Specialist Thomas Everett has devoted 12 years to the project published by Garland Publishing Inc.

The \$525 price tag for the series puts this reference into a "Franklin Mint" category. No doubt the appearance alone of the ten green volumes side by side on a library shelf make this attractive to many horticultural professionals and libraries.

The content is well-illustrated with drawings and both color and black and white photography. This work goes beyond the term comprehensive in the variety of plant material included, but it falls short on practical maintenance suggestions. Everett appears to have written the book more for the sophisticated hobbyist rather than the professional. Considering the experience of Everett, much more could have been added for the professional.

No doubt this publication will be compared by many professionals with Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia which sells for \$29.95. Parts of Wyman are noticeably out of date, but overall its value to the professional is not significantly less than Everett's Encyclopedia. If money is a consideration, Wyman's is still



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Generally, this problem occurs on weakened plants. Therefore, keep the plant under good care with proper fertilizing and watering as needed.

**Q:** It seems to me that many of the oaks around the Louisville area are dying. I have looked at several trees and did not see anything unusual. Is there something new attacking oaks in our area? (Kentucky)

A: Within the last year, I have not seen anything in print which mentions a new pest or disease problem affecting oaks in Kentucky. However, our people have reported that more oaks than usual are dying in and near the Louisville area.

Upon examination, many of the affected oaks were found to be infected with obscure scale (*Melanaspis obscura*); so named because of its small size and gray color, which blends with the color of the bark.

Trees that look weak, have dead or dying limbs and show general decline symptoms could have this problem. Detection requires close examination, a trained eye and/or a 10X hand lens.

The scales tend to crowd together and stack on top of each other, forming a "crust" on the bark. Frequently, the bark is depressed or sunken where clusters of these insects have been sucking sap from the inner bark (phloem). Young scales are often found beneath several older, usually dead,

scales. Obscure scale is difficult to control, generally requiring more than one year's effort.

Obscure scale is primarily a southern pest, but is active also in the mid-Atlantic states. It has been found from Massachusetts to Florida, and west to Texas and California.

To manage obscure scale the following procedures are recommended:

1) Sanitation. Prune out dead, dying and heavily infested branches. 2) Sprays. Apply dormant oil and follow-up with insecticide sprays during the crawler stage; approximately mid-July for the red oak group and mid-August for the white oak group. 3) Fertilization. The trees should receive proper fertilization and water during dry periods to reduce stresses induced by scales and drought.

**Q**: What can I use to control aphids that are feeding on the bark of my pines? I have tried malathion, but did not obtain good results. (Michigan)

A: Your "aphids" are probably adelgids, which taxonomically different from the small, sucking insects we commonly call aphids. True aphids belong to the family Aphidae and can be controlled with organophosphate insecticides such as malathion or diazinon. The conifer bark aphids belong to the family Adelgidae and, as you mentioned, are not very susceptible to the organophosphates.

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