

# Chestnut blight

## What is chestnut blight?

Chestnut blight is a disease of chestnut and oak trees that is present in Victoria. It is caused by a fungus (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) that grows underneath the bark and causes cankers, which slowly surround the infected trunk, stem or branch and eventually kill the tree.

## Symptoms



*Cankers on the trunk, stems or branches*



*Orange stroma*



*Cracking, peeling, sinking, shedding or swelling of bark*



*Red to purple discoloration on young bark*



*New growth below cankers*



*Water shoots and dead leaves that stay attached to the tree*

## Report chestnut blight symptoms

Report suspect detections immediately to:

- the Industry Biosecurity Officer (Chestnuts Australia Incorporated) at [ibo@chestnutsaustralia.com.au](mailto:ibo@chestnutsaustralia.com.au) (within Victoria), or
- the **Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881** (outside Victoria).

Early detection allows for early intervention and management of the disease. For more information, visit [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au) and [www.chestnutsaustraliainc.com.au](http://www.chestnutsaustraliainc.com.au).