

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 discolouration 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 (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 and www.chestnutsaustraliainc.com.au.