

# Fundamentals of Caneberry Management: Diseases



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# Today's Goals

- Basic principals of plant disease diagnostics and management
- Explanations for plant decline and distinguishing virus symptoms in blackberry
- Identification of common fungal diseases of caneberries

# Diagnosing Plant Diseases

## 1. Know your cultivar

e.g. 'Navaho' highly susceptible to orange rust  
compared to 'Traveler' (tolerant)

**'Navaho': Orange rust**



**'Traveler': Cane and leaf  
rust**



Photo: NCSU, PDIC

# Diagnosing Plant Diseases

## 2. Know what a healthy plant looks like

- Thorn load, leaf color, cane lesions, needle drop, fruit drop, etc.



Photos courtesy of NCSU PDIC





# Diagnosing Plant Diseases

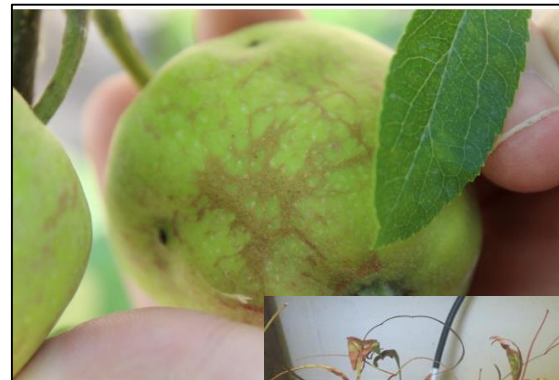
## 3. Consider the timing of symptom development

- Host phenology? Pathogen present? Vector present?



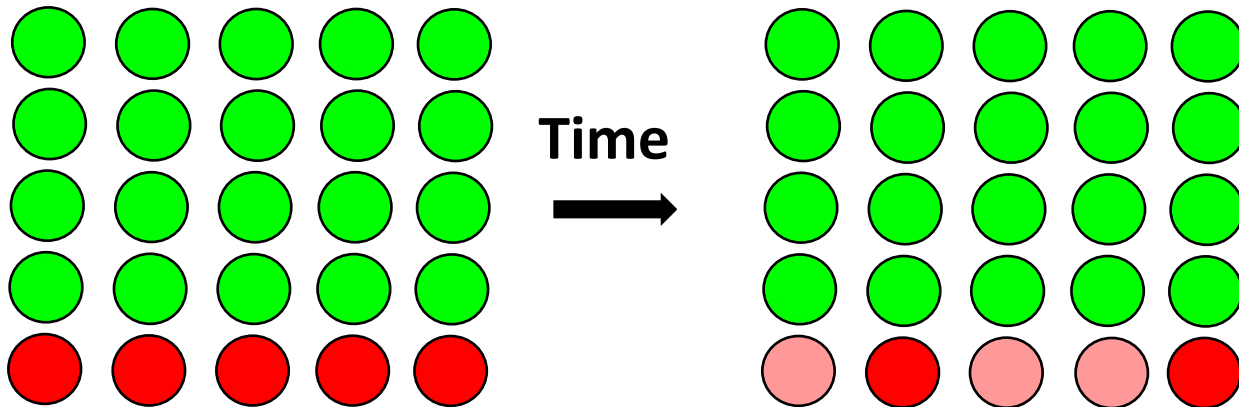
# Diagnosing Plant Diseases

## 4. Consider distribution, environment, management history

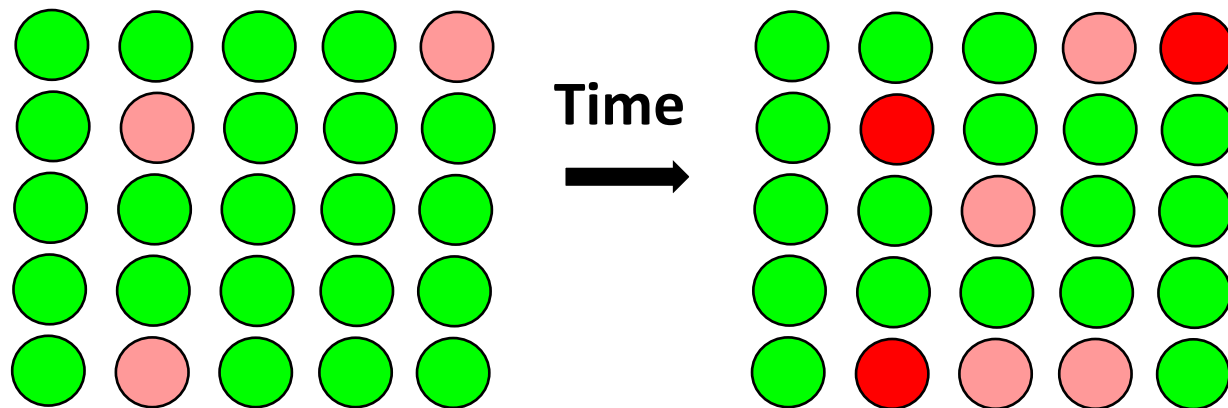


# Diagnosing Plant Diseases: Distribution

Abiotic

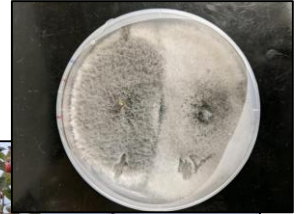


Virus





# Reasons for Blackberry Decline



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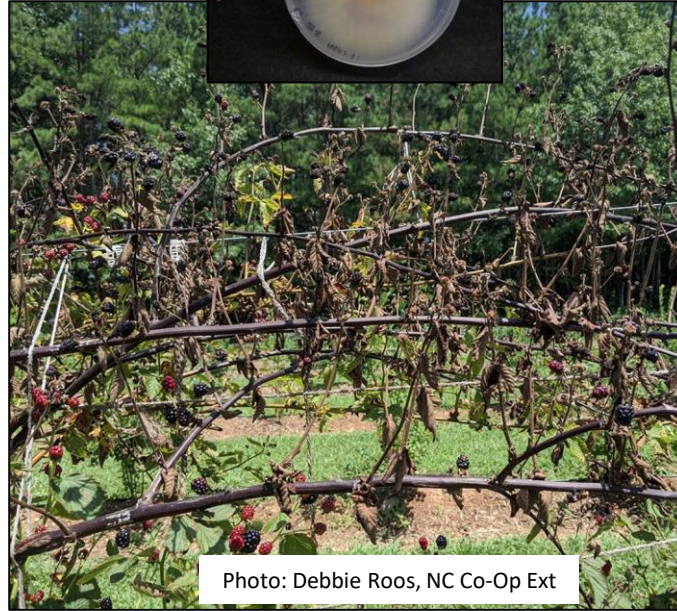


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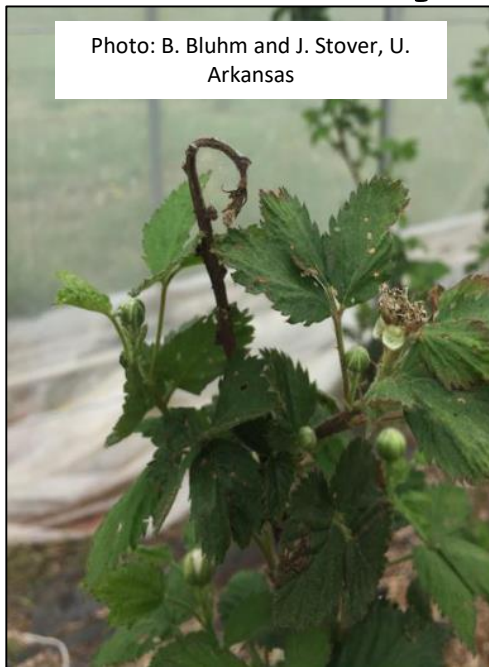
## 1. Fungal: Vascular colonization or Constriction Canker



# Reasons for Blackberry Decline



Photo: B. Bluhm and J. Stover, U. Arkansas



## 2. Bacterial: Vascular colonization

- Possible but just not observed frequently

# Reasons for Blackberry Decline



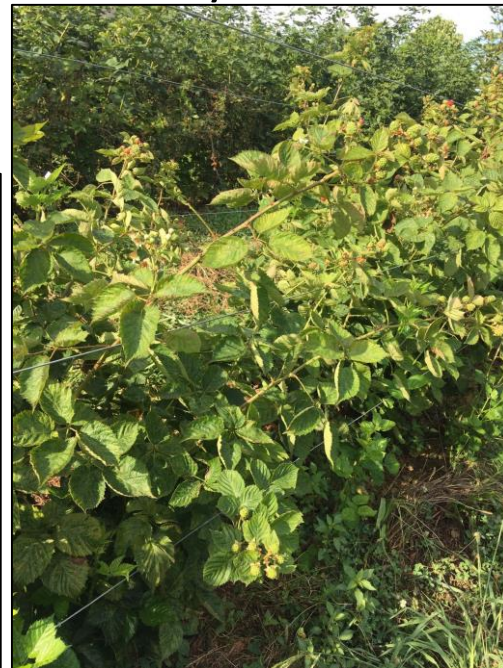
blackberry leaf  
mottle associated  
virus (BLMaV)

## 3. Viruses: Vascular

- Over 40 known viruses in blackberry



blackberry yellow vein  
associated virus (BYVaV)  
blackberry virus Y (BVY)





# Reasons for Blackberry Decline

simazine injury

## 4. Abiotic Disorders

- Herbicide injury, nutrient deficiency/excess, environmental stress



Photo: Marvin Pritts, Cornell University



Photo: Karen Blaedow, NC Co-Op Ext

winter injury



Photo: Gina Fernandez, NCSU



# Quirks and Factoids about Blackberry Viruses

- > 40 viruses, 25 identified in North America
  - Viruses involved in **virus disease complexes** often vary by region (or even state)
- **Virus Disease Complex?**
  - Often plant must be infected with >1 virus (“co-infected”) in order for symptoms to be expressed
- All blackberry viruses can be transferred by either grafting or vegetative propagation
  - Insects also important vectors, but many likely not identified

# Common Blackberry Viruses in the S.E.

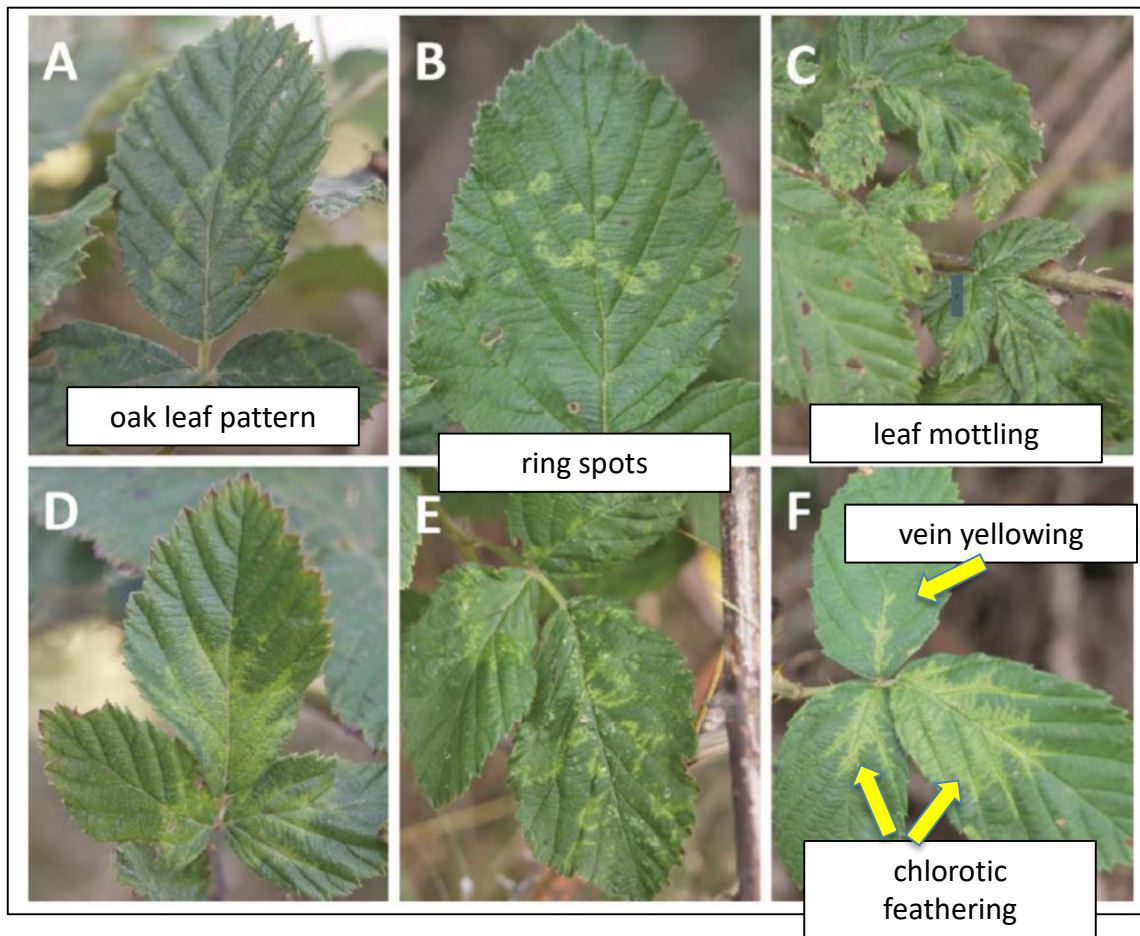
Rubus Pathogens	
1	Apple Mosaic Virus (ApMV)
2	Arabid Mosaic Virus (ArMV)
3	Beet Pseudo-Yellow Virus (BPYV)
4	Black Raspberry Necrosis Virus
5	Blackberry Chlorotic Ring Spot Virus (BCRV)
6	Blackberry Virus Y (BVY) (BIVY)
7	Blackberry Yellow Vein-associated Virus (BYVaV)
8	Blackberry Vein Banding-associated Virus (BVBaV)
9	Blackberry Leaf Mottle-associated Virus (BLMaV)
10	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)
11	Phytoplasma
12	Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus (RBDV)
13	Raspberry Latent Virus (RpLV)
14	Raspberry Leaf Mottle Virus (RLMV)
15	Rubus Yellow Net Virus (RYNV)
16	Strawberry Latent Ringspot (SLRSV)
17	Strawberry Necrotic Shock Virus (SNSV)
18	Tobacco Ring Spot Virus (TRSV)
19	Tomato Black Ring Virus (TBRV)
20	Tomato Ring Spot Virus (ToRSV)
21	Xylella fastidiosa
22	Blackberry Virus E (BVE)
23	Blackberry Chlorotic Ringspot Virus (BCRV)
24	Blackberry Virus F (BIVF)
25	Blackberry Virus S (BIVS)
26	Cherry Leaf Roll Virus (CLRV)
27	Cherry Raspberry Leaf Virus (CRLV)
28	Grapevine Syrah Virus 1 (GSyV-1)
29	Raspberry Leaf Blotch Virus (RLBV)
30	Raspberry leaf curl agent (RLCV)
31	Raspberry Ringspot Virus (RpRSV)
32	Raspberry Vein Chlorosis Virus (RVCV)
33	Sowbane Mosaic Virus (SoMV)
34	Tomato Black Ring Virus (TBRV)

Images:  
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Almeyda,  
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Viruses Detected			
Crop/Year	2017	2018	2019
Raspberries	None	None Tested	None Tested
Blueberries	BBLV, BRRV	BBLV, BRRV	BBLV, BRRV
Strawberries	SMoV	None	None Tested
Blackberries	BYVaV	BYVaV, BIVE, BVBaV, BImaV	BYVaV, BIVY, BLMaV, TRSV, CCGaV, like

# Symptoms of Blackberry Yellow Vein Disease

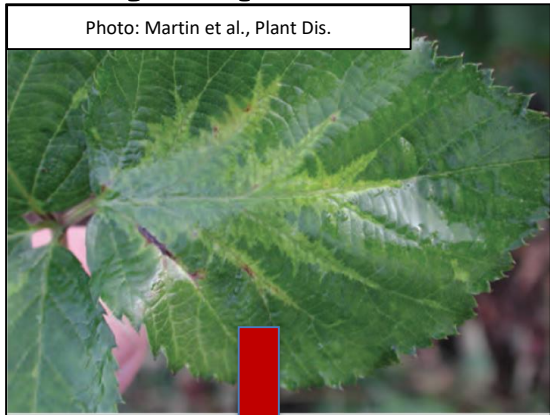
Photo Credit: Martin, R.R., MacFarlane, S., Sabanadzovic, S., Quito, D. Poudel, B., and Tzanetakis, I. 2013. Viruses and Virus Diseases of *Rubus*. Plant Dis. 97: 168-182





# Symptoms of Blackberry Yellow Vein Disease

Photo: Martin et al., Plant Dis.



- 10 viruses associated with BYVD
- Symptoms typically observed on mature leaves
  - Sporadic distribution in lower canopy
- Typically cuts production life 66-75%
  - Other general decline symptoms: e.g. stunting, aborted berry development
- Not necessary to control each virus detected in symptomatic plant



Photo: Compendium of Raspberry and Blackberry Pests and Diseases

# General Tips for Distinguishing Viral Infections

- Consider how many plants showed symptoms at similar timing and how symptoms are distributed in across field
- Check weeds/grasses in field-Do they present similar coloration/ symptoms?
  - Could signal herbicide or nutrient imbalance
- Consider if this is the first year you've noticed these symptoms at this timing in this field or have you noticed similar symptoms in previous seasons

# General Tips for Distinguishing Virus Infections

- Observe how the symptoms on the plant or throughout the field are progressing
- Double check to confirm plants were purchased from nursery with virus-tested stock
- Although not fool-proof, check woody tissue for symptoms
  - Viruses do but less frequently cause canker and dieback symptoms associated with other pathogens





# Rust Diseases on Blackberry

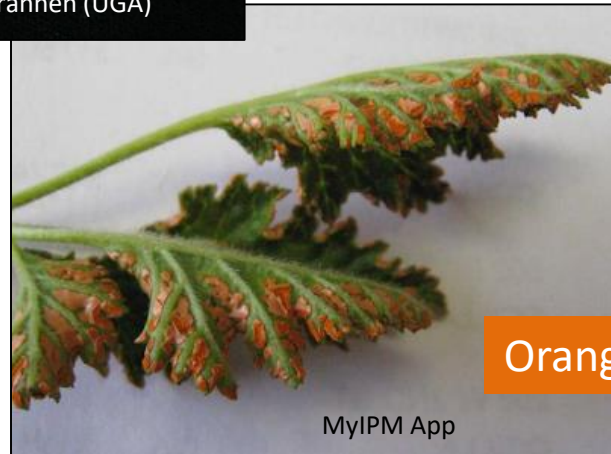
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Cane and Leaf Rust

Photo: J. Clark (U. Ark) and Phil Brannen (UGA)

**May have similar symptoms, but  
disease management is quite  
different**



Orange Rust

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# Cane and Leaf Rust: *Kuehneola uredinis*

**Signs and Symptoms: Scout floricanes beginning in the late spring**



OSU Extension Plant Path. Slide, 1972

**Mid-Spring: Uredinia**



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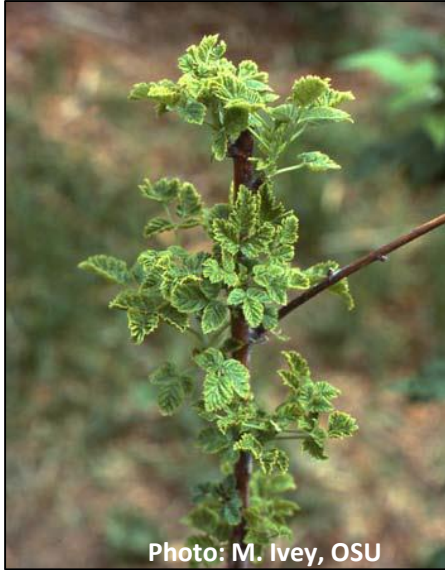
**Early Summer:  
Uredinia**



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**July-Autumn:  
Premature  
defoliation + telia**

## Orange Rust (systemic): *Arthuriomyces peckianus* and *Gymnoconia nitens*



**Early Spring: Spindly leaves emerging from floricanes**



**Late Spring: Waxy orange pustules (aecia) form on leaf bottom**



**Leaf drop + weak spindly shoots emerging from systemically infected root buds**



# Botrytis Fruit Rot: What does it take?

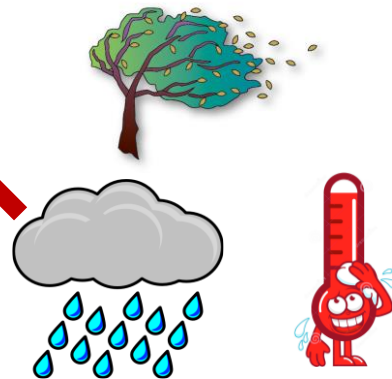
Susceptible Host



Biology and availability  
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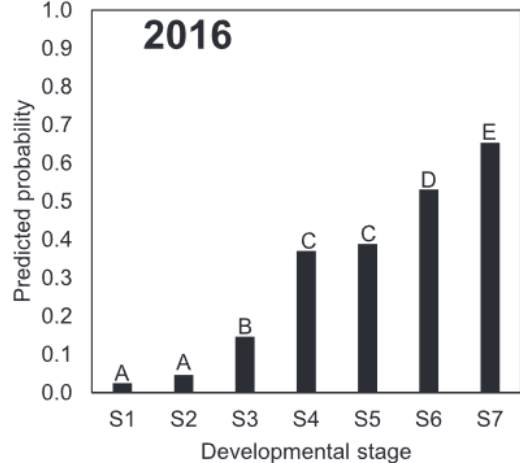
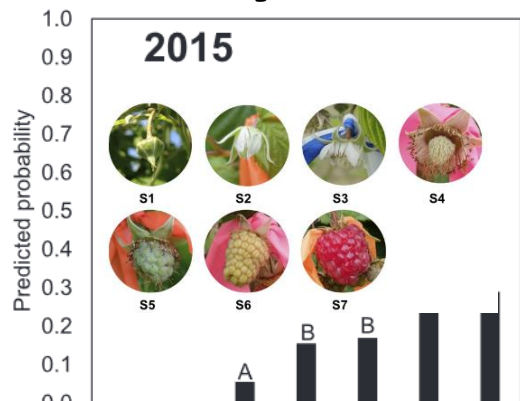


Conductive Environment





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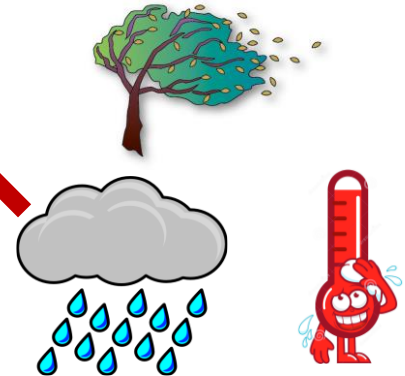
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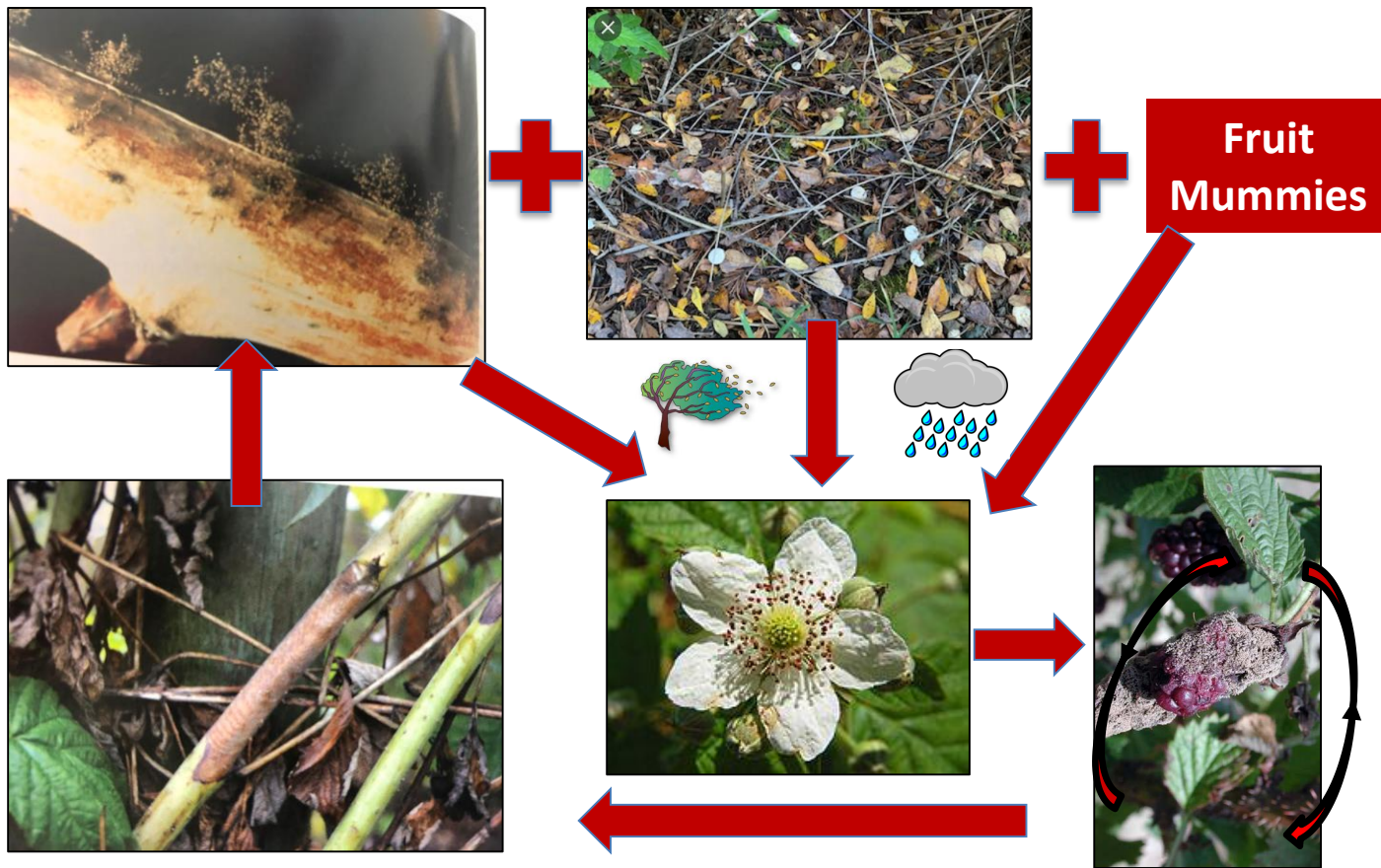
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# Botrytis Fruit Rot: *Botrytis cinerea*





# The New and Improved **MyIPM App**

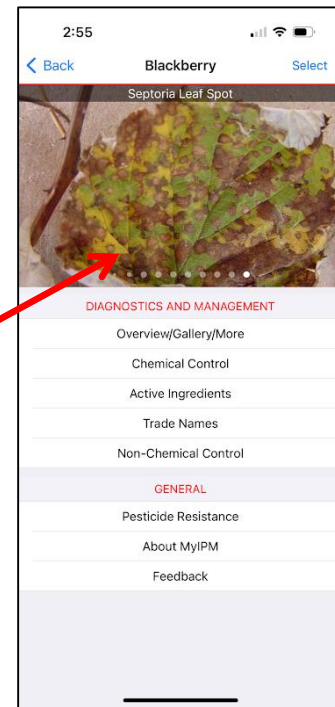
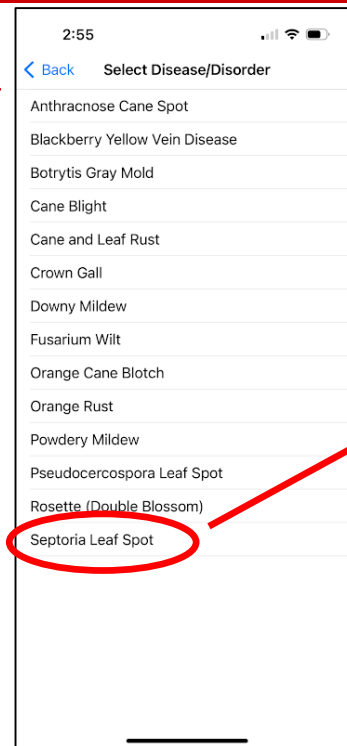
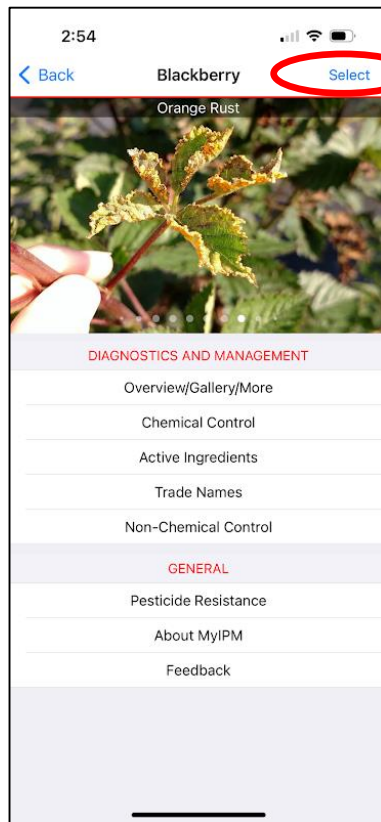
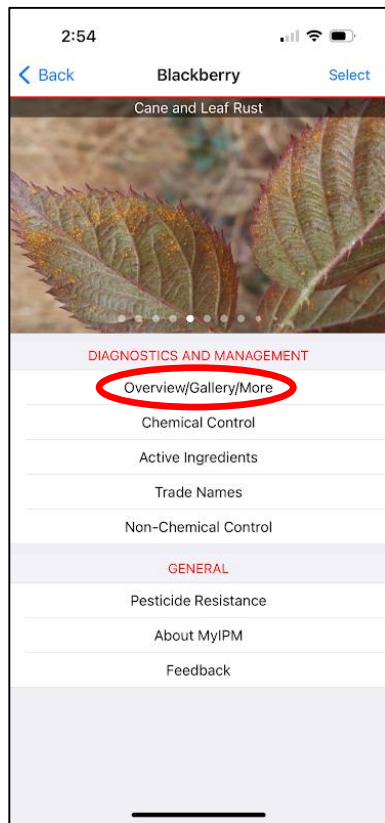




# Information Provided by MyIPM App

- 9 fruit crops
- Diagnostics
  - Insect/Pathogen biology
  - Disease signs/symptoms
  - High quality, zoomable photo gallery
- Chemical, biological, cultural control
- Audio from specialists

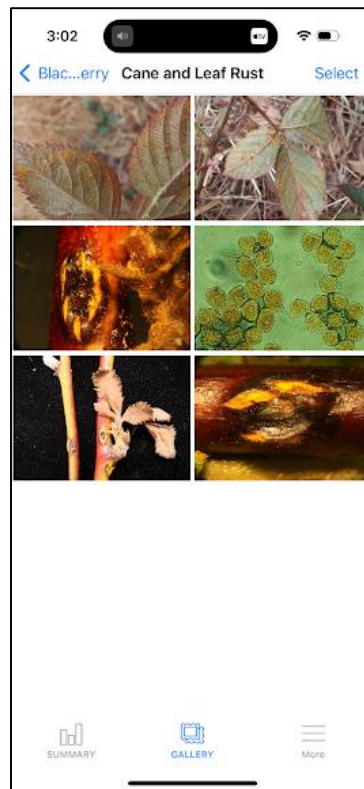




Scroll between diseases or click on “select” to help with identification and access more information



Basic biology, control,  
short audio clip



Additional photos of  
disease symptoms



Fungicide  
Management 28

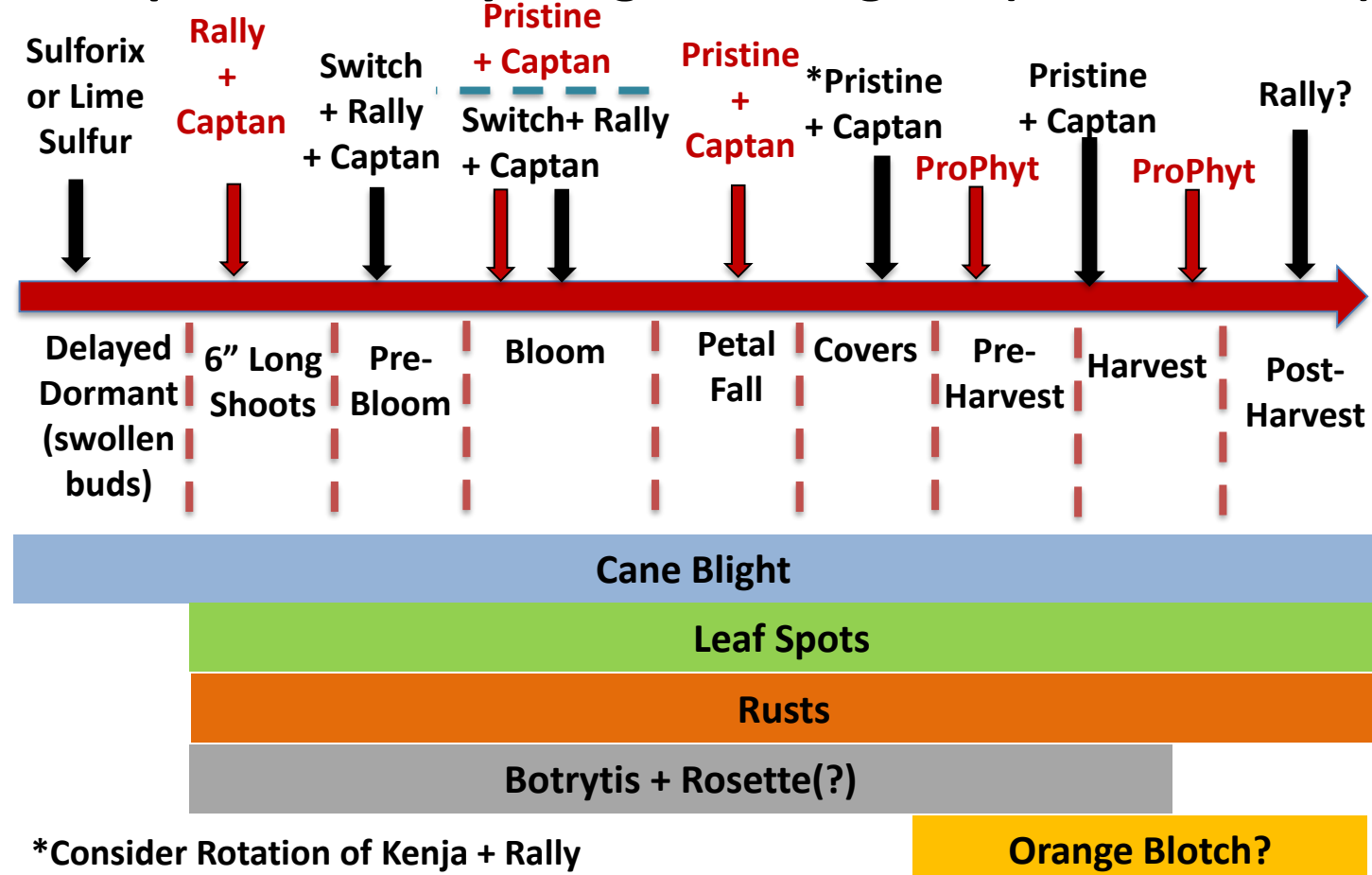


# Information Provided by MyIPM App

- Interactive Pesticide Tables
  - Active ingredients and trade names
  - REI, PHI, application rates
  - Product efficacy
  - Pesticide Risk
  - FRAC/IRAC codes
  - FRAC resistance risk



# Example Blackberry Fungicide Program (J. Oliver, UGA)



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