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Sweetpotato leaf spot (208)



Photo 1. Sweetpotato leaves with leaf spots caused by *Pseudocercospora timorensis*.



Photo 2. Older leaf of sweetpotato with spots caused by *Pseudocercospora timorensis*.

Summary

- Widespread distribution. Asia, Africa, Caribbean, Oceania. On sweetpotato and wild relatives. A minor disease.
- Brown spots, round to irregular, sometimes with light brown centres, on the upper surface, brown or grey below. Sometimes merge.
- Spores on lower surface spread in wind.
- Cultural control: spots on older leaves so unlikely to affect yields of storage roots.
- Chemical control: none recommended.

Common Name

Sweetpotato leaf spot

Scientific Name

Pseudocercospora timorensis

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Photo 1 Kohler F, Pellegrin F, Jackson G, McKenzie E (1997) *Diseases of cultivated crops in Pacific Island countries*. South Pacific Commission. Pirie Printers Pty Limited, Canberra, Australia.

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