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### Breadfruit leaf blotch (323)



Photo 1. Leaf blotches on the underside of breadfruit, producing spores of *Pseudocercospora artocarpicola*.

#### Common Name

Breadfruit leaf blotch

#### Scientific Name

*Pseudocercospora artocarpicola*

#### Distribution

Widespread. South and Southeast Asia, Oceania. Recorded from Cook Islands, Fiji (Rotuma island), Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

#### Hosts

Breadfruit

#### Symptoms & Life Cycle

Leaf spots absent; dingy dark-brown to blackish sooty mould growth on lower surface of leaf (Photo 1). The spores are spread in the wind.

#### Impact

A minor disease of little economic impact on breadfruit.

#### Detection & inspection

Look for the sooty mould growth on the underside of the leaves.

#### Management

There is no treatment suggested for this disease as it is of little or no economic importance.

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