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Mango bacterial black spot (213)



Photo 1. Angular spots on the leaf, and cankers on the stem, caused by bacterial black spot, *Xanthomonas axonopus* pv. *mangiferaeindicae*.



Photo 2. Black irregular-shaped spots on mango fruit, with cracks (right), caused by bacterial black spot, Xanthomonas axonopus pv. mangiferaeindicae.

Summary

- Worldwide distribution. In sub-tropics and tropics. On mango and cashew. An important disease.
- Black, angular greasy spots bordered by veins often with yellow halos. Spots merge. Similar on fruits. Flower infections occur; stem cankers cause dieback.
- Spread in wind and rain, insects and via the nursery trade.
- Cultural control: disease free rootstocks and scions; nurseries far from orchards; windbreaks to protect orchards; harvest by cutting fruit stalks; prune after harvest and burn cuttings; tolerant varieties.
- Chemical control: copper every 2-4 weeks, except during flowering, when mancozeb used instead.

Common Name

Mango bacterial black spot

Scientific Name

Xanthomonas axonopus pv. mangiferaeindicae

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