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Sugarcane white rash (220)



Photo 1. Oval spots, purple at first and later white with red margins, of white rash, *Elsinoe sacchari*.

Summary

- Widespread. Asia, North and South America, the Caribbean, Oceania. A minor disease of little importance.
- Spots on leaf blades, midribs and leaf sheaths, yellowish or purple, oval, 1-4 mm. Later, whitish-grey with red margin. May merge and form streaks.
- Spread as spores by wind.
- Cultural control: not likely to be needed.
- Chemical control: none recommended.

Common Name

Sugarcane white rash, white speck

Scientific Name

Elsinoe sacchari; the asexual state is *Sphaceloma sacchari*.

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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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