



Plant Information Desk, The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University  
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Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF PLANT SPECIMEN!**

**PRINT form and fill in by hand; or SAVE form and fill in electronically, then email to [plantinfo@arnarb.harvard.edu](mailto:plantinfo@arnarb.harvard.edu)**

Please be aware that we do NOT have a pathology laboratory. Plant problems - pests, diseases, fungi, cultural and environmental - are very difficult to diagnose at best, let alone with only a small specimen and without having seen the whole plant and its surroundings. A color photo of the plant, close-up, or any of its problem parts, would be helpful. We will make an attempt to help you if we can.

**Please write clearly, and answer the questions below as completely as possible.**

Plant name, as accurately as possible, (botanic and common names):

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Plant size: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Tree \_\_\_\_ Shrub \_\_\_\_ Herbaceous \_\_\_\_\_

If a tree, what is the diameter at breast height (approximately 4' above ground)? \_\_\_\_\_

Age of plant, approximate if not known with certainty \_\_\_\_\_

Location of plant: (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_ Horticultural zone \_\_\_\_\_

Exposure: (sun, shade, part sun/part shade, woods, slope, swamp, other) \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental location: (sunny slope, house foundation etc., please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

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Any known recent trauma to plant or its area: (construction, road work, grading, turf work, herbicide application, etc.)

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**IMPORTANT:** Where on plant is distressed portion (for example, leaves on outer edges of plant, on edges of mature leaves, on youngest growth, on bark, etc.)? Please describe carefully.

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How long has it been that way? \_\_\_\_\_ Date you collected the attached specimen? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attempt to give us all of the above information, as well as any other that you can add or think may be important. Use the reverse side of this sheet or attach another. We must have a phone number at which we can reach you in order to get additional information not provided here. Your request will not be referred to a staff person; this service is provided by volunteers. Any advice provided to you is based on your verbal and/or written description and cannot be as accurate as analysis *in situ*. Therefore, although we will do our best to provide you with accurate, useful information, we cannot assume responsibility for its correctness, nor for the use you make of it.

Laws and regulations are constantly changing. We can assume no liability for product recommendations. All products mentioned in attempting to solve your problem are to be used with extreme caution, following all label instructions and at the user's risk. Wherever possible we recommend that you use non-chemical means or the most non-toxic or lowest-toxicity products that are currently available, to protect both yourself and the environment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of "Friends of the Arnold Arboretum"? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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