

Insect: Magnolia Scale

Neolecanium cornuparvum

Description

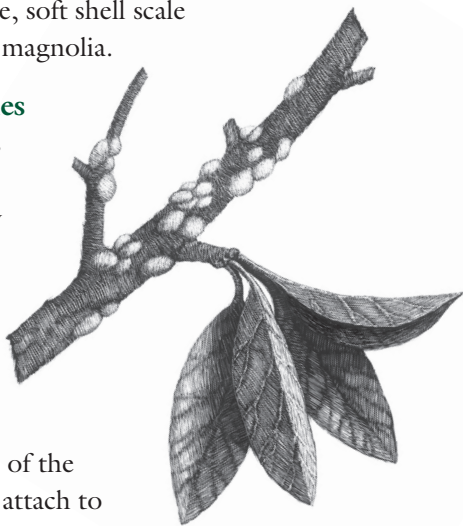
A tenacious, large, soft shell scale insect specific to magnolia.

Affected Species

Magnolia species including: Star, Saucer and many hybrid varieties.

Symptoms/ Damage

Large easily seen scales cover the woody stems of the tree. The insects attach to the vascular system and feed on sap. Branches and leaves are often black with mold that grows on the insect's excrement known as honeydew.



Timing of Treatment

Early dormant treatments. Crawlers are vulnerable when active late summer and into fall.

Treatment Options

Early or late dormant oil, season-long systemic treatments or topical treatments during crawler stages. Several treatments are recommended.

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