



Topic: Guava Rust is Seasonal Disease

Question: I may need your help in diagnosing what appears to be a rust disease on Eugenia, *Syzygium paniculatum*, I think. There are tiny yellow fruiting structures growing out of lesions on only the new growth. How much damage should I expect?

- Dan C., Fort Myers

Answer: Most likely, this is a fungal disease known as guava rust, *Puccinia psidii*. The disease affects guavas, Simpson's stopper, eucalyptus, and many plants in the myrtle family. It is a seasonal disease and will go away on its own by about late March as the weather warms. Before such time, it may cause some damage to the plant which is never fatal.

Useful Links

[Guava Rust Power Point](#)

[Stephen's Webpage](#)

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