



Forest Health Watch iNaturalist Projects



Sooty Bark Disease Watch

Sooty Bark Disease is an emerging concern. The disease is caused by the fungal plant pathogen *Cryptostroma corticale*. There is consensus the disease is emerging because of the combination of increased tree stress and more favorable growing conditions for the fungus.



Western Redcedar Dieback Map

Western redcedar is critical to the livelihood of our forests and communities; however, many reports of dieback have been shared. Warmer and dryer summers are driving their decline, but other factors such as soil type, root disease, and urban heat can be explored with more observations.



Sword Fern Health Watch

Stands of sword fern have been decreasing in health in western Washington. The purpose of this project is to collect observations of unhealthy western sword ferns in order to try and identify where sword ferns are dying and potential causes for this decline.



Birch Tree Health Watch

The purpose of this project is to collect observations of healthy and unhealthy birch trees. Many pests and diseases impact birch trees, including the bronze birch borer. Bronze birch borer is causing extensive die back of many birch trees in the Puget Sound.



Maple Health Watch

There is wide concern about the dieback of maple and more information is urgently needed because of their abundance in our cities and forests. The purpose of this project is to collect observations of healthy and unhealthy maple trees.

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