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PEST: Vascular Streak Dieback (VSD); (associated with the fungus *Ceratobasidium* sp. D.P. Rogers (*Csp*))

BASIC PROFILE: VSD is a fungal pathogen of eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis* L.) and maple (*Acer* sp. L.) which causes leaf scorch, tip dieback, and vascular streaking that creates a marbled pattern in stem cross-section. Tip dieback may progress down the main stem of the tree causing severe defoliation and plant death.

LDAF ACTIVITY: LDAF inspectors will perform routine inspections looking for redbuds and maples exhibiting VSD symptoms. If plant material is found showing signs of VSD, the affected plants will be stop ordered and samples taken to determine if plants are infected with VSD. Plants that are sampled and determined to have VSD will be bagged and discarded. Sampled plants that do not have VSD will be allowed for sale.

