

PEST: Loropetalum Bacterial Gall (*Pseudomonas savastanoi*)

BASIC PROFILE: LBG is a bacterial disease affecting loropetalum, as well as oleander, olive, ash, privet and forsythia. Symptoms include rough knots, or galls, with dark-colored thickened areas on shoots and stems of infected plants. LBG is present on the outside of the plant but enters through wounds or natural openings. As galls enlarge, shoot dieback and ultimately stem girdling occurs, killing the plant. It spreads through splashing water and rain/irrigation. It can also move on infected tools or nursery stock.

LDAF ACTIVITY: LDAF will be conducting inspections for LBG during routine and targeted nursery grower and NSD inspections, especially at sites receiving stock from infected states. If found, Stop Orders may be issued on infected stock. LDAF may require plants to be returned to origin or destroyed. No effective treatment to eliminate the disease has been identified. There are no federal restrictions in place on LBG.

