

REPORT WILTING SASSAFRAS

Since 2019, wilting sassafras trees have been observed in the Midwest

Ambrosia beetles carrying a fungus have been implicated in causing wilt

We do not know the full range of this problem so we need help looking for wilting sassafras trees

HEALTHY SASSAFRAS



Sassafras has three distinct leaf shapes as seen above

WILTING SASSAFRAS



Leaves brown, wilted, and drooped



Wilting symptoms start in late summer

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OTHER SYMPTOMS OF WILT



Canopy dieback



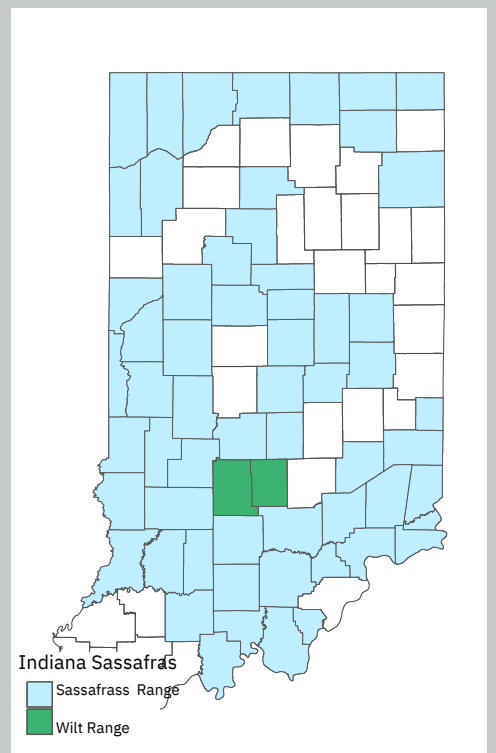
"Noodles" from beetle activity



Staining under the bark

CURRENT RANGE OF WILT

- Sassafras is widespread throughout the Midwest
- Most reports of wilt are from southern Indiana (Monroe and Brown Co.)
- There are also reports of wilting sassafras in Missouri
- In Ohio, spicebush, a tree related to sassafras, has been reported to wilt in a similar manner



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We need help finding wilting trees so we can better understand and manage this problem

If you find any wilting sassafras trees, report wilt by scanning the QR code below or send an email to sassafras.wilt@gmail.com

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