

# POWDERY MILDEW

(asexual stage: *Oidopsis taurica*)

Cause: *Leveillula taurica*

Symptoms: Chlorotic blotches or spots that appear on the upper leaf surface. When numerous they may coalesce resulting in a general chlorosis of the leaves. On the lower leaf surface the lesions develop a necrotic flaking and often covered with a white to gray powdery growth. A prominent symptom is shedding of the leaf foliage.

Demographics: Mostly in warm (dry or humid) climates, very rarely in cool climates.

Importance: May result in reduction in size and number of fruit. Can lead to sunscald.

Control: Fungicides may be necessary to manage the disease during periods of heavy disease pressure.



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