

Maple Galls

The maple gall mite is a tiny eriophyid mite that is associated with red, sugar and silver maples. Most galls occur on early spring foliage that develops near the trunk and on larger branches.

At first the galls are green, but they quickly turn pink, red and eventually black.



Mite feeding causes the abnormal cell growth.

DAMAGE

The upper surface of leaves are covered with small wartlike structures about 1/16 inch to 1/8 inch in diameter.

Leaves frequently become so covered with the galls that they completely twist out of shape and may even drop early.

