

Pest and Diseases

Information on Pear Blister Mite

This year there are more reports of pear trees being affected by Pear Blister Mite. It is easily identified by raised pink or yellowish green blotches which usually turn black on their leaves during the spring and summer. (see photo below).



Pear Blister Mite It is caused by a mite that feeds within the foliage of pear trees.

Although the trees may seem unhealthy the mite has little impact on the tree's health or ability to produce fruit.

There are currently no pesticides available to home gardeners that are effective against this mite.

If you discover a light infestation the infested leaves or shoots can be removed, this may stop the mite spreading all over the tree. However taking off infested leaves of a heavily affected tree will do more harm to the tree than the mite.