# Scale Insects and Their Relatives

- •What are scales?
  - Biology, Phylogeny
- Diagnosis of Scales
- Biology and Control of Key

**Species** 

#### Scale Insects and Their Relatives



#### **Aphids**

Adelgids

Margarodid scales

Ensign scales

#### Mealybugs

Bark scales

Bark crevice scales

Kermes or gall-like scales

#### Soft scales

False pit scales

Pit scales

Armored scales



How to tell scales from just another bump on a log?



# Galls are bumps of plant tissue that rip when removed.

#### Galls



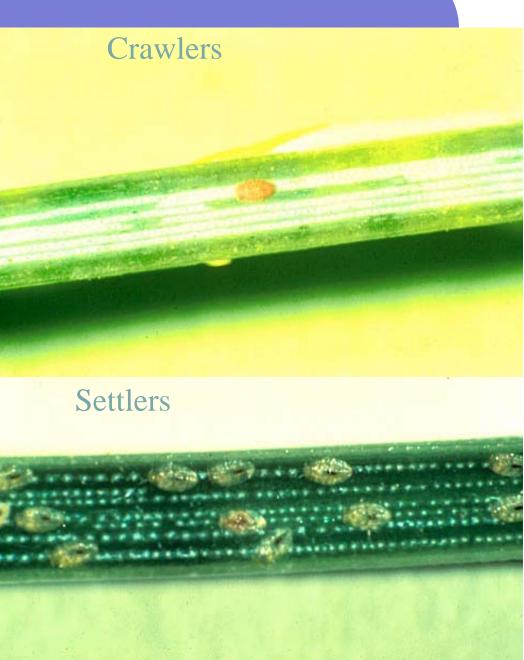
## Armored Scale Diagnosis



Bumps present, no honeydew, bumps not part of plant

# What Are Scales? Pine Needle Scale



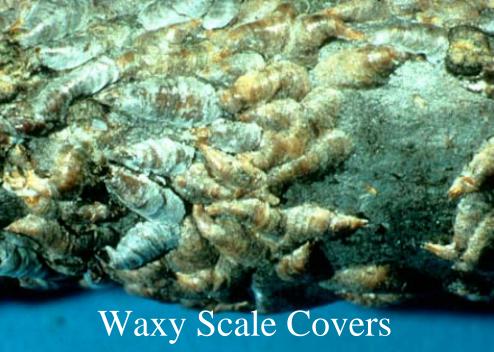


### Armored Scales Under a Waxy Cover

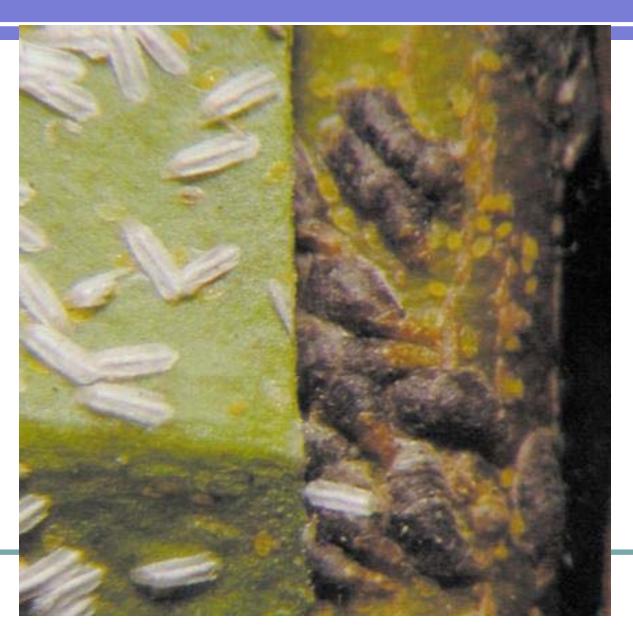




#### Armored Scale Diagnosis



# Euonymus scale (armored)



## Juniper scale (Armored)



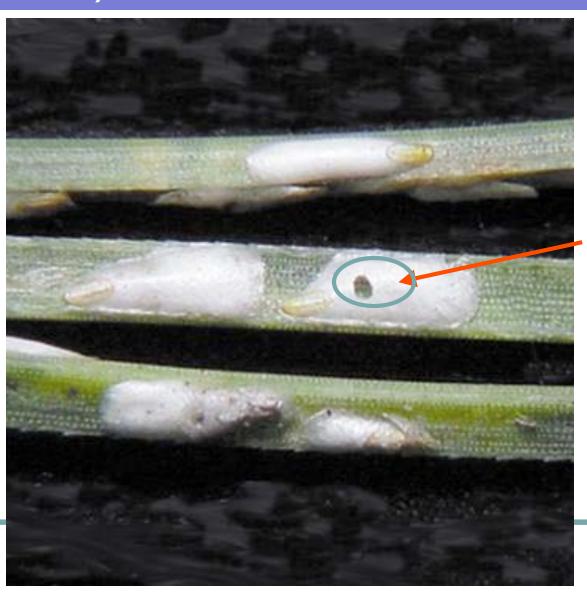
## Obscure Scale (Armored)



## Oystershell scale (Armored)



# Pine needle scale (Armored)



Parasitoid Exit hole

# San Jose Scale (Armored)



# Scurfy Scale (Armored)



# Winged Euonymus Scale (Armored)



### Armored Scale Summary

#### Winters as egg stage:

Oystershell, Winged euonymus, and pine needle (in part)

#### One generation/year (Month)

- San Jose Scale (mid Jun-July)
- Obscure Scale (June or July)

#### Two generations/year (May, July)

Euonymus, juniper pine needle, oystershell

#### Three generations/year

Winged euonymus (May, July, September)

## Golden Oak Scale (Pit scale)



## Soft scale diagnosis



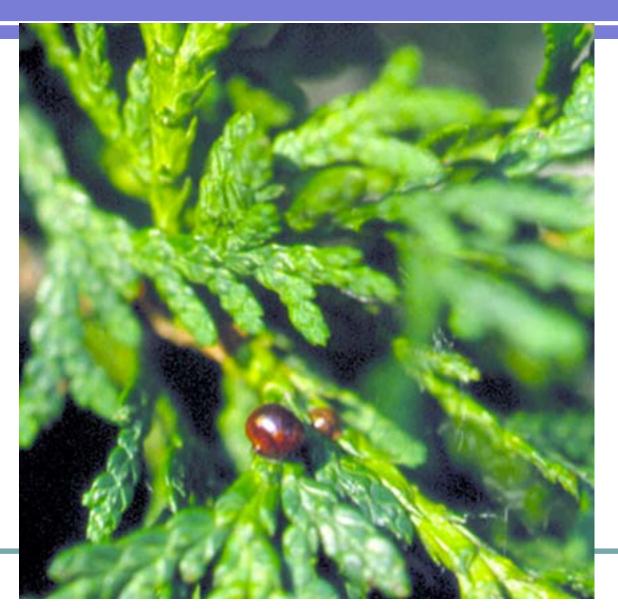
Honeydew and Sooty Mold

Bloated Scale Bodies

Cottony Maple Scale (Soft Scale)



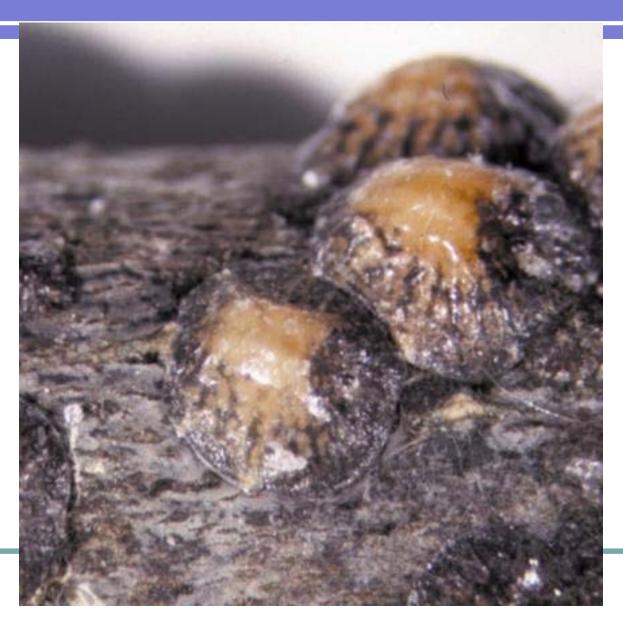
# Fletcher's Scale (Soft Scale)



## Magnolia Scale (soft)



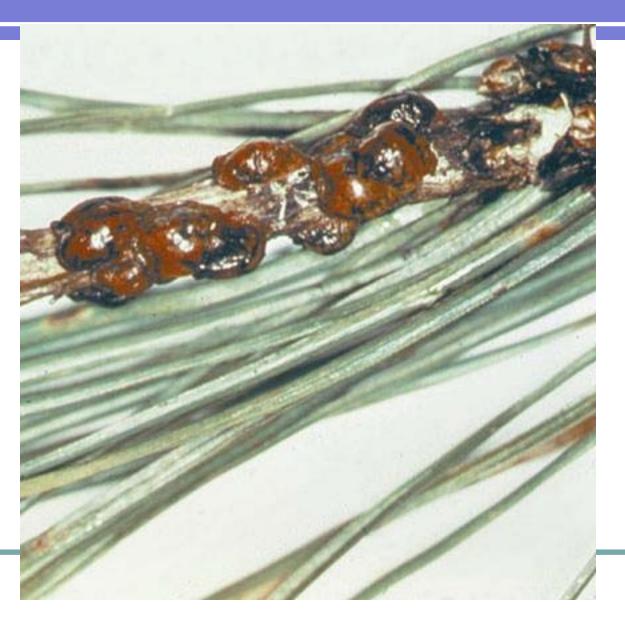
## Tuliptree scale (soft)



## Spruce Bud Scale



## Striped pine scale (soft)

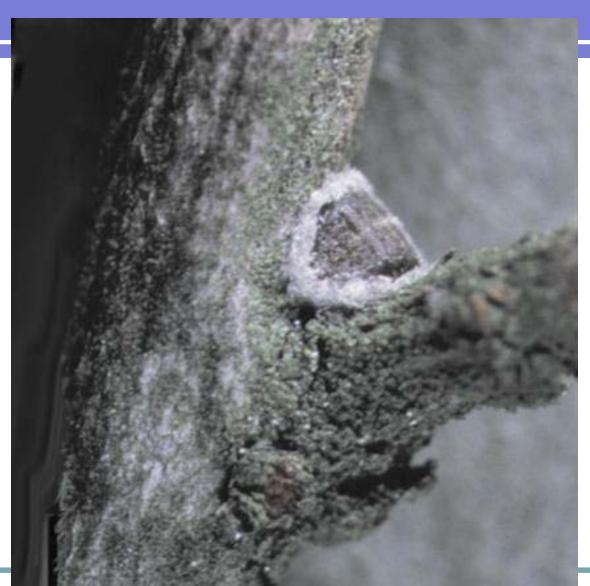


## Soft Scale Crawler periods

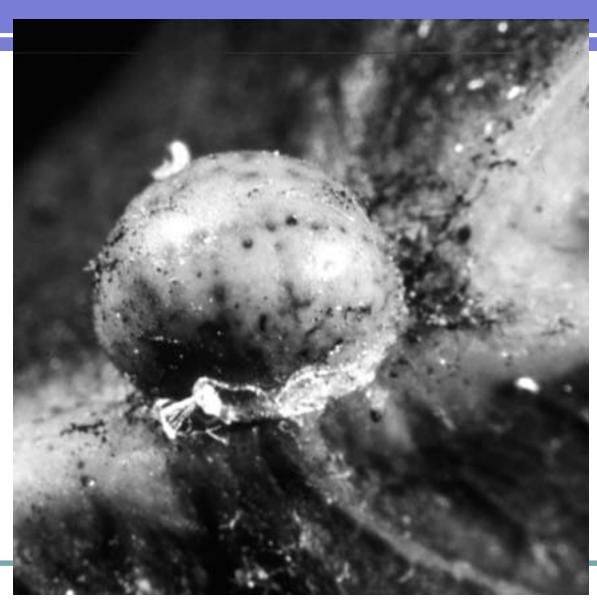
- April
  - Spruce bud scale
- May-June
  - Cottony maple scale
- June-July
  - Striped pine, Fletcher's
- September
  - Tuliptree, Magnolia

European Elm Scale (Bark

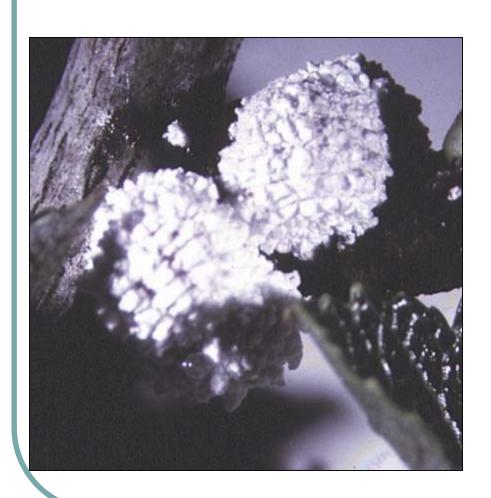
Scale)



### Kermes scale



## Mealybug Diagnosis

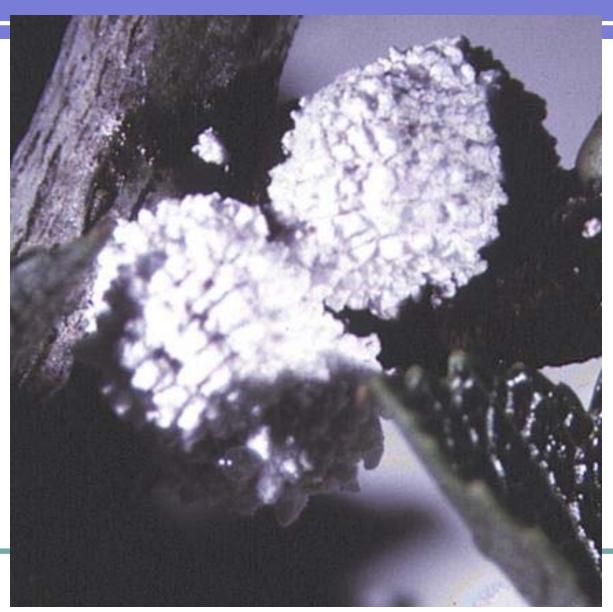


- Plant sticky and or coated
   with black mold
- Bumps not part of plant
- Bugs covered with waxy powder

## Taxus mealybug



## Hawthorn mealybug



## Miscanthus mealybug

- An emerging problem on ornamental grasses
- Winters and gravid female
- Crawlers in spring
- Move on contaminated nursery stock
- Control with imidacloprid

## Miscanthus mealybug



http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/ppdl/weeklypics/8-25-03.html