



► Help the NJ Forest Service find and track Beech Leaf Disease

Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) has been spreading rapidly since its initial detection in Northeast Ohio in 2012; it has been found in Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties in New Jersey. Because so much about this disease is still unknown, finding new infestations can help us learn more about how the disease spreads.

BLD affects American beech and European beech. The disease presents as striping or banding on several leaves on an otherwise healthy-appearing tree. If you find a suspect beech **in other than one of the above noted counties** in New Jersey:

- Take photos of the leaves. Photos of just the leaves is sufficient (no need for bark or entire tree for this disease) because the disease does not impact the way the bark appears. Photos of leaves held up to the light, or taken through the canopy, make it easier to identify Beech Leaf Disease symptoms.
- Email photos and location information to our forest health program at foresthealth@dep.nj.gov along with your contact information in case we have questions. Emails or questions can be sent to foresthealth@dep.nj.gov or call Rosa Yoo at 609-306-2433.

Efforts are also underway to track beech leaf disease (BLD) through the Tree Health Survey app. Visit [Cleveland Metroparks' website](#) for information on the Tree Health Survey app and beech leaf disease, including an updated USDA Forest Service Pest Alert for 2022.