Special Issue

Rose Rosette Disease

Message from the Guest Editor

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) is caused by infection of roses by rose rosette virus (RRV), (*Rose rosette emaravirus*, genus *Emaravirus*, family *Fimoviridae*). RRV is transmitted by the eriophyid mite *Phyllocoptes fructiphilus*, whereas other eriophyid mites colonizing roses are not known to transmit RRV. RRV is currently known only from North America, first identified in wild roses in the western mountains, later becoming established in the introduced multiflora rose, and currently causing widespread economic damage in cultivated roses.

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