

SUSPECT INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES SUBMISSION FORM



**Plant Diagnostic Lab
Ministry of Agriculture and Lands**

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www.al.go.bc.ca/cropprot/lab.htm

DATE RECEIVED	WALK-IN	MAIL	COURIER
SPECIMEN NO.			

PLEASE SUPPLY AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS*
* All results are kept confidential, except as noted below. A copy of the results will only be sent to the submitter unless requested otherwise.

- **Alien species** are species of plants, animals, and micro-organisms introduced by human action outside their natural past or present distribution.
 - **Invasive alien species** are those harmful alien species whose introduction or spread threatens the environment, the economy, or society, including human health. Invasive alien species can originate from other continents, neighbouring countries, or from other ecosystems within Canada.
(Environment Canada, Invasive Alien Species Website)
- Any suspect positive samples of regulated species will be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) as required by the *Plant Protection Act*.**
- Collector Signed: _____ Date: _____
- In order to increase surveillance and prevent establishment of Invasive Alien Species, suspect specimens can be submitted to the Plant Diagnostic Lab free of charge. Species of concern can be found at:
<http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/nonnativepests.htm>
 - This testing service is provided to determine ONLY if the submitted sample is an invasive alien species. Further diagnosis will be conducted for a fee if requested. Please use the general PLANT DIAGNOSTIC LAB SUBMISSION FORM.

COLLECTED BY	PHONE NO.	SUBMITTED BY	PHONE NO.
COMPANY NAME	FAX NO.	COMPANY NAME (If different than at left)	FAX NO.
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
POSTAL CODE	POSTAL CODE	Date submitted:	

Location where sample was collected:

Sample Packaging and Submission Information

- Ship the sample as close to collection time as possible. Samples should be refrigerated until shipping time. Avoid shipping over the weekend.

- Ensure that plants are completely and securely enclosed in a plastic bag. Double bag the plants if necessary to prevent escape of insects or plant pests.
- For further information on collecting and submitting a sample, please contact the Plant Diagnostic Lab at:

604-556-3001 OR TOLL-FREE AT 1-888-221-7141

INVASIVE PLANTS

Submit the whole plant, flowers, leaves, stalk and roots; a representative piece; and/or photo.

DISEASED PLANTS

Collect tissue that is in the process of dying. DO NOT SEND DEAD PLANTS. Send the whole plant including roots and soil if appropriate. DO NOT ENCLOSE A MOIST PAPER TOWEL.

INSECT SPECIMENS

Insects should be killed (freezing is best) and placed in a pill vial, film canister or similar container packed with cotton balls or similar soft material to prevent insect damage during delivery. Please provide more than one insect if possible.

To further assist in the identification of your specimens, submit information about when, where and/or on what you found them. Provide your contact information as staff may contact you later for additional information if your discovery proves to be an invasive alien species.

Place the submission form in its own plastic bag so that it is not in contact with any soil or plants. Send packaged samples to the address below:

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Samples may also be sent by courier.

Shipping charges should be invoiced to IAS Suspects, Food Safety and Quality Branch at the above address. Please include the receipt and quote the submission number.