

# Daylily Rust

## Disease Profile

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The fungus disease of daylily (*Puccinia hemerocallis*) was probably introduced into the United States on infected plant material from areas of South America and Costa Rica. This disease has spread to more than one half of the United States. Some daylily varieties are more susceptible to the disease than others. Ask your local Extension Agent if daylilies in your area have been infected.

Symptoms of daylily rust include small yellow to orange raised "pimples" on the leaf and scape in late spring. The rust may also affect *Patrinia*, a perennial native to Asia. The fungus produces golden-colored pustules on either side of the leaf or scape that contain spores. Suspected pustules can be wiped with an ordinary white facial tissue. An orange-yellow stain on the tissue will result if the rust is present.

Trim infected plants and destroy debris. Apply a fungicide containing propiconazole, myclobutanil, azoxystrobin, or chlorothalonil.

\*\*[See Extension Fact Sheet FSA 7525](#)

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