

**EUROPEAN ELM SCALE**  
*Gossyparia spuria*

- Natural range -** Native to Europe, introduced into North America.
- Species affected -** Elms
- Type of damage -** Scales infest twigs and branches. Heavy infestations can kill twigs and small trees. Honeydew produced by the aphids is annoying and causes growth of a black sooty mold on infested branches.
- Symptoms -** Premature yellowing of foliage on infested branches, black sooty mold, dead branches, colonies of scales.
- Importance -** This insect is a major pest of ornamental elms in the western USA. Infestations are common along the Front Range.
- Remarks -** Premature yellowing of the foliage of infested branches mimics the symptom of Dutch Elm Disease, a much more serious pest of elms.



L - European elm scale on elm branch  
R - Black sooty mold on branches of elm associated with European elm scale

