

POWDERY MILDEW

Several species of fungi are involved

- Natural range -** Worldwide.
- Species affected -** Many plants are affected by powdery mildews. In Colorado, common hosts are ash, lilac, grape, roses, turf grass, some vegetables, cherry, apple, crab apple, pear and Virginia creeper.
- Type of damage -** On ornamental plants damage is usually cosmetic in nature although infected leaves may fall prematurely.
- Symptoms -** Patches of white or grayish-white talcum powder-like growth appear on the foliage. Tiny, pinhead size fruiting structures that are first white, later turning to yellow-brown or black are present either singly or in small groups.
- Remarks -** In Colorado, powdery mildews are most common in late summer on foliage that is shaded.



Powdery mildew on lilac leaf.