

# How to check for tree pests

Just like crops, trees are also affected by pests and proper diagnosis is key in insect pest management.

When diagnosing for pests, check on the leaves and these should ideally be fully formed and green. If there are edges that are brown or leaves spots, areas that look like they have been eaten away, these indicate that you could have pest issues that may or may not need to be addressed.

## Pest diagnosis

Another area to check when checking for pests are the branches and the trunk of the tree. In this, look out for areas that do not look typical to the tree, look out for holes on the trunk or other large brunches. These holes are evidence of pest damage.

Also look at the roots to check out for any potential root issues.

In insect pest diagnosis, remember that some pests are specific on the trees they attack for example little holes on the trunk of pine indicate a pine beetle attacking the pine.

In making diagnosis, also observe other than the plant in question.

## Pest management

After locating the damage caused by the pest, you need to know other things like the kind of care the tree has been receiving and the spices of the tree.

You can seek professional guidance by contacting an extension agent or forestry extension agent.