

A NEW LEAF SPOT DISEASE OF EUGENIA CARYOPHYLLUS  
(SPRENGEL) BULLOCK & HARRISON IN SRI LANKA.

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A new leaf spot disease of clove (*Eugenia caryophyllus*) was observed in seedling nurseries and plantations of Sri Lanka. This disease appears to be a serious limiting factor in raising seedlings in the nurseries especially during the monsoon period. The symptoms would be the appearance of greyish irregular spots on leaves and shed of the leaves resulting the dieback of the seedlings.

Three fungi were isolated from diseased leaves and pathogenicity tests proved that Cylindrocladium quinquesepatum Boedijn and Reistsma is the primary causative agent of the disease. Spread of this disease could be a potential threat to rubber plantations in Sri Lanka as Hevea brasiliensis is an alternative host of this pathogen.

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