

Summary of enquiries: April 2002- March 2003

120 enquiries were received during 2002/03. The majority related to private woodland (35) (including nurseries and Christmas tree plantations) or privately owned amenity trees (34). Enquiries also came from Forest Enterprise (13), Forestry Commission on behalf of private woodland (12) and publicly owned amenity trees (6) (see right).



Biotic damage

Pathogenic fungi were identified as the cause of damage in 33 enquiries. These fungi included *Lophodermium seeditiosum*, causing needle cast of Scots pine, *Ramichloridium pini* causing shoot death of lodgepole pine, *Anisogramma virgultorum* and *Marssonina betulae* on birch, several cherry leaf diseases, and the rust fungus, *Coleosporium tussilaginis*, on Scots pine (see left) and Corsican pine.

Abiotic damage

Abiotic causes were responsible for tree damage in 26 enquiries received during 2002/03. The most common abiotic damage factors were exposure/winter injury (see right) and herbicide misuse. Other types of abiotic damage diagnosed included waterlogging, excavation damage, airborne pollution (see top right), and damage by shotgun pellets !.



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