

Kauri rust (236)

Summary

- Narrow distribution. Southeast Asia, Oceania. On kauri only. A minor disease.
- Raised galls form, up to 20 mm diameter and 5 mm high. Within them are white to yellow pustules that produce spores. The underside of the pustules are often depressed.
- Spread occurs as the spores are blown by wind.
- Cultural control: none recommended.
- Chemical control: none recommended.

Common Name

Kauri rust

Scientific Name

Aecidium fragiforme. There are two rusts known on *Agathis*, *Aecidium fragiforme* and *Aecidium balansae*. The latter occurs in New Caledonia.

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Photo 1. Raised spots or galls of kauri rust showing pustules (aecia) of *Aecidium fragiforme*.



Photo 1. Close-up of raised spot or galls of kauri rust, *Aecidium fragiforme*, containing aecia.

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