



## MIRTLE RUST ALERT

An outbreak of a serious plant pathogen called Myrtle Rust (*Uredo rangelii*) has been found on the east coast of Australia. It is a real threat to the Nursery industry and Australia's native bushland. Myrtle Rust attacks the Myrtaceae family which includes a wide range of Australian plants. In local terms this means Bottle Brushes, Tea trees, Eucalypts, Turpentine, Water Gums and Myrtles to name a few.

It is vital to report outbreaks to the Exotic Plant Pests hotline 1800 084 881 as Myrtle Rust has been declared a NOTIFIABLE PEST making it a requirement by law to report cases within 24 hours of discovery.

Myrtle rust is confirmed from the mid south coast to the north coast of NSW and is active in our area.

Myrtle Rust is distinctive; it produces masses of powdery bright yellow or orange-yellow spores. It causes lesions full of spore on actively growing leaves, shoots, flower buds and fruits. The leaves may deform or twist. Some infections are surrounded by a purple ring. Older lesions may become dark brown. Infection on highly susceptible plants may result in plant death. See more information on the Web at [WWW.StillCreekCatchment.com.au](http://WWW.StillCreekCatchment.com.au).

Turpentine infected with Myrtle Rust



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