

Diseases of Specific Florist Crops

Keeping florist crops free of disease requires constant care and planning. Prevention is the basis of freedom from disease and should be an integral part of the general cultural program. The symptoms of the diseases of major florist crops are described individually by crop in a series of fact sheets.

Orchid

- *Botrytis*: Petal spotting.
- Virus (Cymbidium mosaic, Odontoglossum ring spot, and others): A wide range of symptoms may result from virus infection, including dark brown or purple spotting on foliage. Spotting sometimes closely mimics infection by fungi or bacteria. Some of the most damaging orchid viruses are easily transmitted by routine handling of the plants, so the orchid collector should become familiar with special handling procedures that avoid transmission of viruses.