

# Curliness in peach

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**Causal agent:** *Tafrina deformans* – fungus

**Hosts:** peach, nectarine, apricot

**Symptoms:**

Single or multiple, pale green, pale yellow or scarlet-red swellings on the upper side of the leaves, which on the underside are sunken. The tissues are dense, rough and corrugated in a wavy manner;

The damage may affect the entire leaf blade, as a result of which the leaves become necrotic and fall off.

A whitish coating is formed on the infected tissues;

Swellings may also form on the shoots and fruits.

## **Life cycle**

The causal agent overwinters as ascospores between the bud scales or on the bark of infected shoots.

Infections occur early in spring, with the bud burst of the leaf buds.

## **Control:**

Autumn-winter sprays. If the autumn spraying has been omitted, treatment may be carried out up to bud swelling with 1% Bordeaux mixture, which is also effective against the causal agents of ***blossom blight (early brown rot) and shot-hole of stone fruits.***