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Gloomy Scale

Trees that are infested by this insect may have a rough, scaly appearance of the bark. Underneath each protective scale is an insect which sucks sap from the tree. Gloomy scale is usually found on the larger limbs or trunk. If uncontrolled, it is highly destructive and may kill the tree. Silver maples and red maples are most often affected, but it may also be found on sugar maple, elm, hackberry, boxelder, sweet gum, and others.

Control: Spray the branches and trunk with a superior type dormant oil or lime sulfur while the tree is dormant.



