

A Guide to Identification of Lawson cypress and Symptoms of *Phytophthora lateralis*



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Is your tree a
Lawson cypress?

NO

It is **NOT** likely to be
Phytophthora lateralis

YES

Is the whole tree dead?

NO

Is a large section of the tree dead?

NO

It is **NOT** likely to be
Phytophthora lateralis

YES

Did the symptoms appear
suddenly in spring 2011

YES

It is **NOT** likely to be
Phytophthora lateralis: symptoms
are probably due to severe winter
weather and strong
winds in spring

NO

It is **POSSIBLE** that your tree is
infected with *Phytophthora lateralis*

Please visit this site for further information
www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6abl5v

Do YOU still think that your tree is infected with *Phytophthora lateralis*?

YES - Contact Us

Email: QAB.admin@dardni.gov.uk
(include a photograph, your name, address and telephone numbers)



Lawson cypress is an evergreen conifer.

- Flat, fern-like foliage;
- Scales rather than needles; and
- Round cones that (when present) are less than 1cm across.





- Lawson cypress at varying stages of disease progression.



- Dead Lawson cypress.





- A large section of this Lawson cypress is dead.





- Many trees and shrubs suffered as a result of the harsh winter followed by strong winds in May. These photographs show Leyland cypress (not Lawson cypress) showing symptoms of weather damage.



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