

Problem: Bark Shedding



London Planetree



Eastern Redbud

Host: Most noticeable on sycamore, London planetree, eastern redbud and silver maple

Description: Trees naturally shed bark as they grow. The amount of bark shed varies significantly from one year to the next and usually is not noticeable. However, some trees, such as sycamore, London Planetree and silver maple, shed bark in large patches or strips. During a year with heavy shedding homeowners may become concerned that the tree is sick or dying. Such is usually not the case. Sycamore and London planetree normally show a bright green coloration on the branches when the bark first falls off but soon return to a normal color. Maple reveals an orange coloration after shedding but it, too, soon returns to a normal color. Eastern redbud tends to shed bark on older trees revealing an orangish-brown inner bark.

Recommendations: There is nothing wrong with the tree as long as the shedding bark simply reveals underlying bark rather than bare wood.

References:

1. [Shedding Bark](#), Horticulture Home Pest News, Iowa State University

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