Problem: Tubakia Leaf Spot (*Tubakia dryina*)

Hosts: Primarily oaks but also maple, hickory, chestnut, redbud, ash, tupelo, sourwood, rose, sassafras & elm.

Description: Members of the red oak group are more likely to be affected than those in the white oak group. Red oaks often have distinct round spots as well as dead areas that follow the veins. White oaks also have the vein necrosis and large blotches of dead tissue but lack the distinct spots. If damage is severe, leaves may drop.

Recommendations: Even if all the leaves on an otherwise healthy oak are lost late in the growing season, the tree should be fine. No fungicide sprays are recommended.

References:
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