

## New Oak Disease in our area: Foamy Bark Canker

On 22 September 2016, Paul Cooper discovered a new oak disease in our area: Foamy Bark Canker. This is the first report of this disease in our area. See the map.

It is a disease of live oaks. Make sure you know what a live oak is.

It is spread by the western oak bark beetles, a beetle native here. Typically the beetle does little harm to live oaks, but now, with this fungus, it can kill trees. Look at the images and notice the foamy extrusions from the entry beetle holes.

Please be on the lookout for this. And always be vigilant for odd and unusual things you see in the field. More later.

