Identification Flowchart for Common Foliar Diseases of Citrus

**Citrus Scab**
- Deformed leaves are common
- Look for corky knob at tip of cone(s)

**Melanose**
- Surface usually feels rough, like sandpaper

**Alternaria**
- Look for dark leaf veins

**“Anthracnose”**
- Look for corky knob at tip of cone(s)

**CBS (Citrus Bacterial Spot)**
- Top surface
- Water-soaked ring
- CBS is usually found on transplanted nursery stock that has been in the ground less than 2 years.

**Greasy Spot**
- CBS is usually found on transplanted nursery stock that has been in the ground less than 2 years.

**Citrus Canker**
- Look for corky knob at tip of cone(s)
- Deformed leaves are common

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This flowchart will help identify the proper disease about 80% of the time. Sometimes symptoms are unclear or confusing, especially if more than one disease is present. **When in doubt**, a pathologist should be consulted to give a definitive diagnosis.

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1 Citrus canker bacteria also cause water-soaking to occur, but CBS usually produces a wider, more obvious ring. Also, Citrus canker lesions rarely have cracks in them.