Slime Flux

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What It Is:

Slime flux (bacterial wetwood) is a condition in trees caused by bacteria in the trees wounds from pruning, insects, or environmental stress. The bacteria feeds on the sap and creating pressure that forces the foul-smelling ooze out, leaving slimy streaks on the bark, that attracts insects.

Hardwood trees like Elm, Maples, Oaks, Poplars, Willows, and Ash trees, are commonly affected.

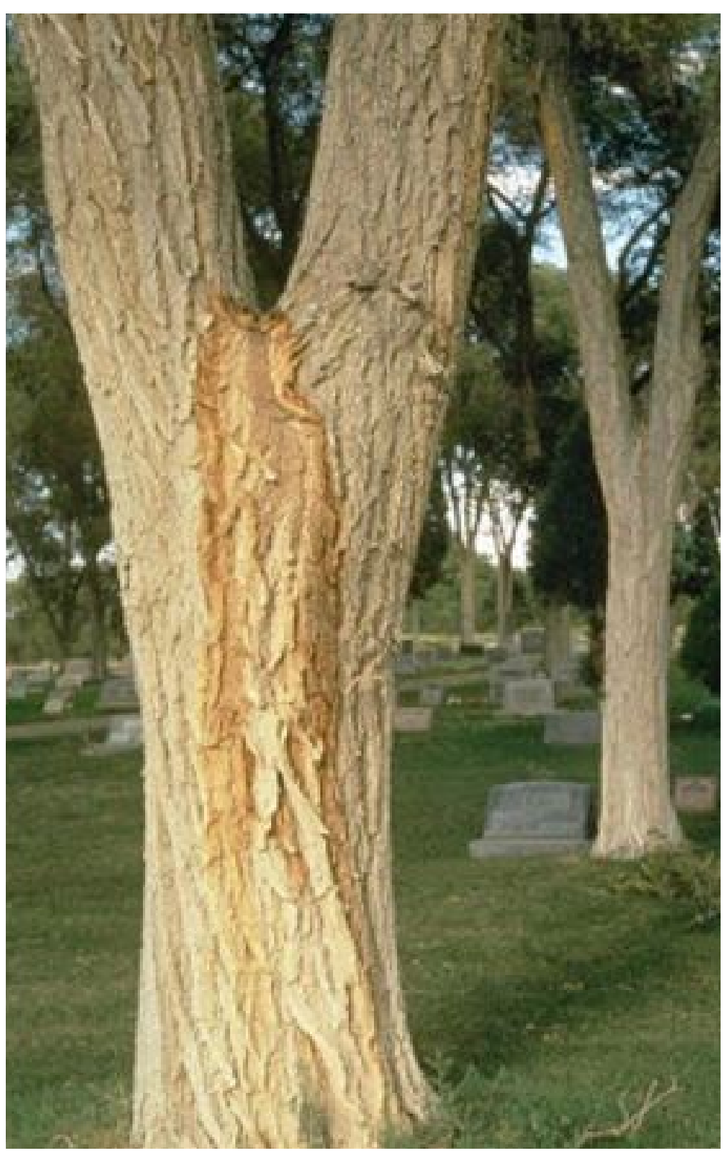
Symptoms:

- Dark slimy streaks on the bark.
- Foul fermented scent.
- Bubbly/foamy liquid that tries into a greyish white crust.
- Occurs at pruning wounds, branch crotches, and frost cracks.
- Insect infestation due to their attraction of the sap.

Symptoms:

- Maintain tree health with fertilization and proper watering.
- Keep wounds clean.
- Pruning using proper techniques.
- Avoid making new entry points for bacteria/insects.







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