Exobasidium fruit and leaf spot
*Exobasidium vaccinii* (fungus)

This disease occurs sporadically in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Canada.

**Symptoms.** Small green spots on leaves and fruit appear shortly after bloom and are most severe in the bush interior. Near harvest, a dense white layer of spores develops on the undersides of leaf spots. Spots on fruit fail to ripen, remaining light green and firm.

**Disease cycle.** Infection occurs in spring; spots do not appear on later flushes of growth. Infection does not appear to be systemic.

**Management.** Removing bushes is not recommended. Improve air movement; fungicides may have some activity.