

**Insect pests of leaves and shoots**  
**Scales**

Various species of scale attack blueberry. Scales typically occur in older fields on old wood, so regular pruning is the most effective control.

Scale infestation can cause loss of bush vigor, sooty mold, and blemished fruit. Each scale is a small, waxy dot 2 to 3 mm

in diameter, which covers an immobile yellow insect. The crawler stage is most susceptible to control and can be monitored using double-sided sticky tape placed around branches.

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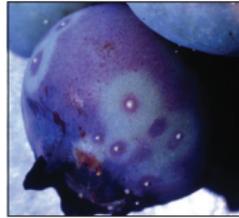
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Putnam scale on cane.

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Terrapin scale on leaves and petioles.



Putnam scale on fruit.