



Withering effect of Dutch elm disease is shown in this group of trees, stripped of their foliage, near the 6th concession in Whitchurch Township. This is typical of thousands of trees around the area.

# Thousands Of Elm Trees Are Facing Extinction Unless Beetle Control Is Discovered

The hardy elm which has survived countless battles with man is depending on its arch enemy for aid. Without man's help the tree must surely perish. Native to Canada, the elm has coped with high density populations, pollution and public utilities only to fall victim to a small beetle.

Against the beetle and the fungus it carries, the tree has no defence. Thousands fall to Dutch Elm disease each year. York County alone lost more than 5000 last year.

And man, desperately trying to find some way to control the disease imported from Europe still doesn't have the answer.

First discovered in Ontario in the early 1940's, Dutch Elm disease has spread throughout Southern Ontario to the point where healthy trees are the exception rather than the rule.

Carried by the elm bark beetle, the disease is caused by a fungus which clogs the water conducting sap tubes of the tree and causes leaves to shrivel.

A tree may take three or four years to die but it is not unusual for a medium-sized tree to be killed in a matter of weeks.

Unless definite steps are taken to protect each elm tree... the trees will die," said K. B. Turner of the forest protection branch, department of lands and forests, Toronto.

"It is important people realize what the disease is, that it will not go away by being ignored, and that the elm in urban and some rural areas represents an inevitable expense."

When the disease cannot be eradicated, it can be controlled in densely populated areas where individual trees have a high shade or ornamental value.

To date, control consists of removing dead limbs from otherwise healthy trees and combating beetle infestation by sprays or injection.

System insecticides — so named because they are injected into the tree where they are absorbed into the sap system — have not proven entirely satisfactory.

What researchers into the problem are seeking is a systemic fungicide — a chemical which will combat the fungus itself rather than the beetles which carry it.

So far the search has been unfruitful.

"Things look pretty bleak for the elm." "Until we can come up with a nice neat injection, there is not much hope that anything can be done for the elms in the countryside."

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