

Pests in Gardens and Landscapes

BARBERTON DAISY

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Leaf spot on freesia



***Phyllosticta* leaf spot on maple**

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