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2020 Ugly Landscape Year in Review: The Diagnosticians Point of View

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2020 was a challenging year for all of us on many levels. Above average temperatures and frequent rain drove plant problems in landscape turf and ornamental plants alike. This lecture reviews some of the most common problems submitted to the Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Lab in 2020 and introduces us to a couple new things we see coming around the corner in 2021.

Biography:

Richard Buckley runs the Plant Diagnostic Lab and Nematode Detection Service at the Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center at Rutgers. With decades of experience working in one of the leading diagnostic labs in the country, he is highly regarded as a leader in the field of turfgrass problem solving.

In addition to managing the plant diagnostic laboratory, he is a highly rated professor at Rutgers. Infamous for being a wildly interesting instructor, Rich frequently travels across the country to serve as a guest lecturer and invited speaker at numerous green industry functions.

After earning his BS in Entomology and Plant Pathology from the University of Delaware, Richard Buckley received an MS in Turfgrass Pathology from Rutgers University. In 2006, he received the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Achievement Award. In 2012, he was awarded the New Jersey Turfgrass Association Recognition Award.