Puccinia polygoni-amphibii Pers.



Description:

rust

Spores: aeciospores on Geranium spp., 13-18 x 16-22 µm, walls minutely echinulate, hyaline; on Polygonaceae, urediospores cinnamon brown, echinulate; teliospores with cinnamon brown walls that are 1-2 µm thick at sides and 5-10 µm thick at apex.

Diagnostic macroscopic feature: aecial cups on the undersurface of Geranium leaves, spermatia on either leaf surface, this is the only rust known on Geranium maculatum, or other native geraniums in northeast U.S.

Nutritional Mode: obligate parasite

Substrate: uredia, telia and basidia on

Polygonaceae; aecia and spermatia on Geraniaceae

Habitat: woodland

Fruiting Season: aecia in spring, uredia and telia in

summer, basidia in spring



throughout U.S.very common

Kingdom: Fungi Phylum: Basidiomycota Order: Uredinales