



White Pine Blister Rust Resistant Currant and Gooseberry Varieties

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The following varieties are acceptable at this time based on their white pine blister rust resistance rating:

Gooseberries: Achilles, Canada O-273, Captivator, Columbus, Downing, Glenton Green, Golda, Hinnomaen kiltaenen green (Hinnomaki yellow), Hinnomaki Red, Howards Lancer, Invicta, Jahns Prairie, Jeanne, Josselyn, Little Ben, Oregon, Pixwell, Poorman, Sabine, Whitesmith

Black currant-Gooseberry hybrids: Josta (a.k.a. Jostaberry); Orus 8

Black currant: Blackcomb, Canada RIB0112, Consort (Prince Consort), Crusader, Coronet, Crandall, 'Doch Siberyachki (Daughter of Siberia), Kosmioleskaja, Lowes Auslese, Minaj smyriou, Pilot Alexander Mamkin, Polar, Risager, Tahsis, Titania, Whistler, Willoughby

Red currant: Random, Rovada

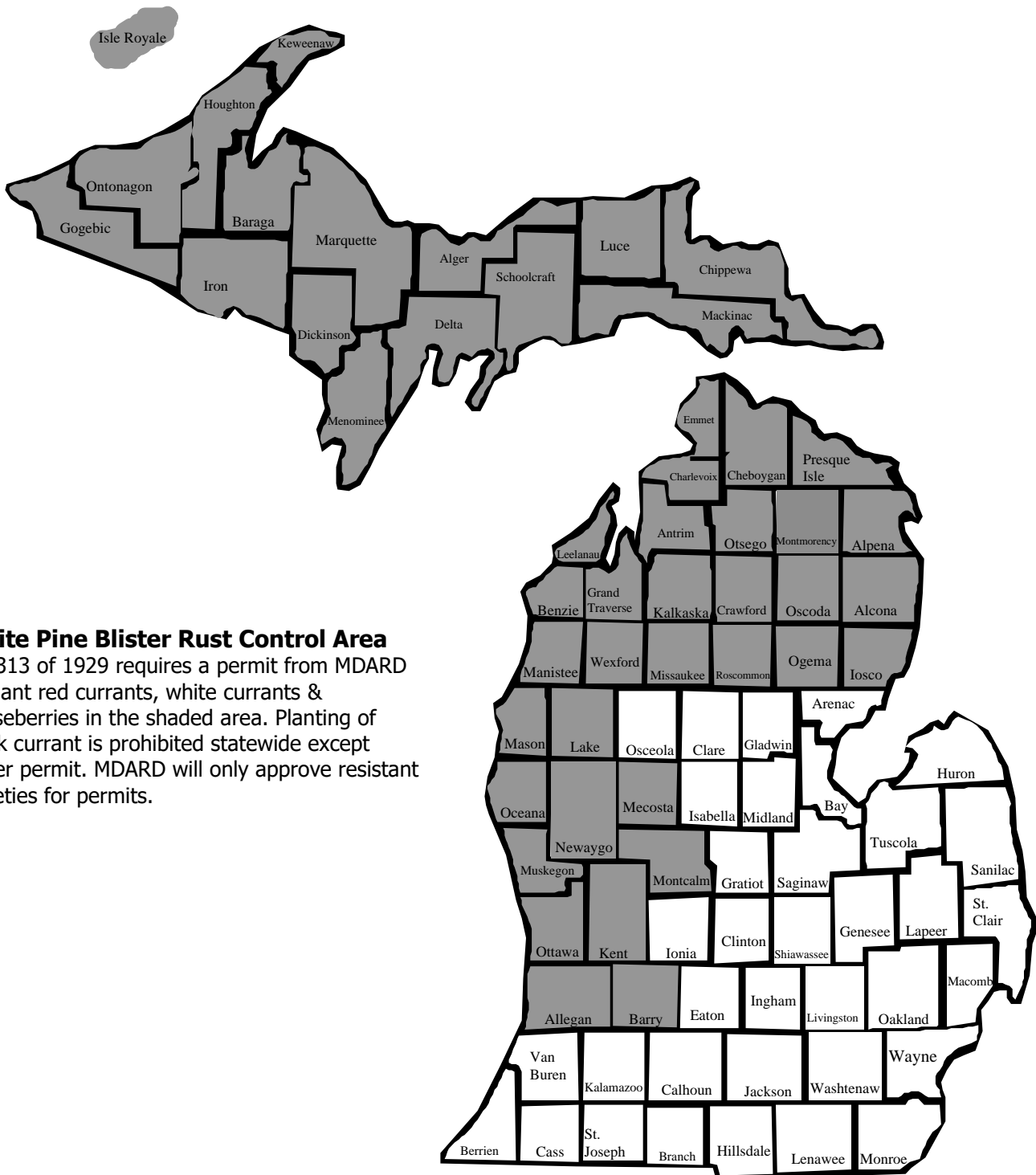
White currant: White Imperial, White Currant 1301

Alpine Currant- MDARD has determined that the ornamental alpine currant, *Ribes alpinum*, is generally resistant to white pine blister rust.

These varieties were identified as white pine blister rust resistant in consultation with USDA researchers in Corvallis, Oregon.

A permit is required for planting black currants anywhere in the state of Michigan. Red currants, white currants and gooseberries require a permit only if the planting site is in the white pine blister rust control zone. Alpine currant is exempt from permit requirements.

To obtain a permit to grow rust-resistant currants and gooseberries, e-mail MDARD-NurseryCE@michigan.gov. Indicate the varieties you intend to plant, the quantity, and address where they will be planted. Permission will be granted only for those varieties shown to be highly resistant to white pine blister rust through scientific research, as listed above.



White Pine Blister Rust Control Area

Act 313 of 1929 requires a permit from MDARD to plant red currants, white currants & gooseberries in the shaded area. Planting of black currant is prohibited statewide except under permit. MDARD will only approve resistant varieties for permits.