

WiFi may be a tree killer, study says

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WiFi appears to cause deciduous trees health problems, including bark fissures, premature dead leaves and bleeding, according to a study by **Wageningen University** in the Netherlands.

The study, released Nov. 19, found that about 70 per cent of all trees in urban areas show the symptoms across the western world, up from 10 per cent five years ago.

Trees in densely forested areas show little to no symptoms.

Officials in the Dutch city of Alphen aan den Rijn commissioned the study five years ago after noticing unexplained abnormalities in trees.

The researchers exposed 20 ash trees to various radiation sources for three months. Trees located closest to WiFi sources showed symptoms that could result in the death of leaves.

The study's researchers said further study is required to confirm the results and determine the long-term effects of WiFi exposure.

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