

# Distinguishing anthracnose and Ascochyta blight of lentils

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## Anthracnose



Stem lesions first appear at the **base (lower third)** of the plant

## Ascochyta



Stem lesions often first appear **in the upper half** of the plant

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Pathogen fruiting structures  
not observed on leaves.

## Ascochyta



Pathogen fruiting structures  
sometimes observed on leaves.

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## Anthracnose



Stems are girdled, resulting in **necrotic patches**.

## Ascochyta



Peduncles are girdled, resulting in **flower and pod abortion**.