Pest of the Week: Brown Coloration on Junipers

If you've looked at your Eastern Redcedar windbreak lately and it appears to have a brownish cast, don't be alarmed. In all likelihood, what you are seeing is the male flowers.

The male flowers sit on the tips of the leaves and look a little like a pinecone. On a dry day, shaking will tend to result in the release of a cloud of pollen.

cross between a miniature hand grenade and a

Why do only some of them look this way? Eastern Redcedar has both male and female plants. The female flowers are much less obvious. What you are probably seeing is the male plants. Fortunately, it should fade in time with no long term issues.