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Bacterial Threat to Willows: Understanding the Epidemiology of *Brenneria salicis*

Brenneria salicis is a bacterial pathogen responsible for watermark disease in willow trees in regions with mild climates, causing significant damage in Europe and other regions. However, the presence of *B. salicis* is not always linked with disease development and the bacterium can be described as dormant. This case study explores the biology of *B. salicis*, its transmission mechanisms, and the current strategies for managing the disease in affected willow plantations.

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