

# **Plant-Feeding Mites in Citrus**

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Flat Mite (Brevipalpus sp.)	Flat Mite (Brevipalpus sp.) Feeding		
<ul> <li>Identification</li> <li>Flat, diamond shaped</li> <li>Yellow to reddish orange in color</li> <li>Females may have a black "H" marking with green and dark spots</li> <li>Approximately 0.2 mm; males are smaller than females</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Damage</li> <li>Leaves circular yellow spots on fruit from feeding (pictured)</li> <li>Can vector citrus leprosis virus when the virus is present in the system</li> <li>When populations are very high, leaf damage may occur</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Can be found on both sides of leaf, stems, and fruit</li> </ul>	Pho
		<b>Texas Citrus Mite Identification</b>	Texas Citrus Mite Feeding Damage 🔡
		• Females (left) are a broad oval shape; males	Leaves will look speckled (stippling)
		(right) are slender oval shape	High populations may cause leaf and fruit drop
Males have longer legs than females	• When leaves drop, the leaf petiole stays intact		
<ul> <li>Approximately 0.5 mm long</li> </ul>	on tree		
<ul> <li>Often located on upper side of leaf and move from the inner leaf to the outer leaf</li> </ul>	Damage progresses from top of tree, then     downward		
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<b>Citrus Rust Mite Identification</b>	Citrus Rust Mite Feeding Damage		
$\cdot$ Wedge shaped, longer than wide	Leaves and fruit have smooth, dark-brown		
<ul> <li>Light yellow in color</li> </ul>	spots		
• 0.15 mm long	Extreme damage causes bronzing (pictured)     an fruit, bronzing also accurs on logues		
• Feed on both fruit and leaves, but prefer fruit	on fruit; bronzing also occurs on leaves		
Office formal an automass for it	May cause smaller fruit size		

• Often found on outer canopy fruit

# Most often found on outer canopy away from direct sunlight



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### **Broad Mite Identification**

- Oval shaped
- Light yellow to reddish or brownish yellow, may be areen
- Females have a stripe, whereas males do not
- Females are 0.2 mm long and males are 0.11 mm long; males move faster
- Feed on unhardened leaves and fruit

### **Broad Mite Feeding Damage**

- Leaf bronzing
- Leaf curling unevenly distributed on leaf, no pattern
- Feeding damage same on various plants (dogwood pictured)
- Rind damage on developing fruit
- Common greenhouse pest





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#### **Citrus Red Mite Identification**

· Females are oval, whereas males have a tapered rear

- Dark red in color
- Approximately 0.5 mm; male is smaller than female and has long legs
- Found on both leaves and fruit

### **Citrus Red Mite Feeding Damage**

- On leaves, damage is speckled and may have a silvery appearance
- Leaves and fruit may be pale in color
- Severe populations may cause leaf drop





### **Two Spotted Spider Mite** Identification

- Oval shaped with two dark spots
- Male is brown to orange in color; the female color is typically pale green, but may have a yellow, brown or orange look
- Approximately 0.4 mm
- Female is larger than male, male has a pointed abdomen
- Prefers underside of leaves

## **Two Spotted Spider Mite Feeding** Damage

- Leaves appear gray or yellow
- Between leaf veins, yellow or brown spots from feeding
- If infestation severe, leaf drop may occur
- Common greenhouse pest



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