## THRIPS



Thrips are small, flying pests that feed in large groups. They scrape plant leaves and flowers with their rasping mouthparts and suck the sap. Thrips can often be found in clusters where the stem meets the leaves.

## **IDENTIFICATION**

Size: I/16 inch long | Shape: Slender | Color: Tan or dark brown

Thrips are insects with six legs. Adults have wings. They usually stay in clusters and run away when disturbed.





## SIGNS OF THRIPS INFESTATION



## **MANAGEMENT**

- Spray with high-pressure water to knock pests off plants.
- Introduce natural predators like minute pirate bugs or lacewings. They attack thrips at all life stages.
- Set out sticky traps to catch adults so they cannot reproduce.

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