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THRIPS

Thrips are small, slender insects with fringed wings, hence their scientific name Thysanoptera, from thysanoe (fringe) + eptera (wing).

There are thousands of different Thrips species worldwide. While some thrips are considered beneficial, most can cause serious problems in the garden due to the damage they cause while feeding on a wide array of plants.

Thrips feed by puncturing the upper layer of a cell and sucking out the insides. On leaves the damage caused through feeding is quite obvious, causing the leaves to discolour and become silvery/grey. Flowers often brown and fall off prematurely.

PREVENTION

Stressed plants are more likely to be attacked. Keep plants healthy by ensuring they are well fed and watered sufficiently through the drier months.

Mulch with [Living Earth More Than Mulch](#) to help keep the soil moist.

NATURAL TREATMENT

Early intervention is critical, spray at first sign of pest with [Aquaticus Bugtrol](#).

OTHER TREATMENT

Ornamental Plants and Hedges: Spray with [Groventive Garden](#) and [EnSpray99 Oil](#) mixed together.

Edible Crops: Spray with [Mavrik](#) and [EnSpray99 Oil](#) mixed together.

As with all sprays read label and follow instructions carefully. Spray in the evening to avoid harming beneficial insects.



THRIPS PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS

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AQUATICUS BUGTROL CONCENTRATE

An effective, organic, broad spectrum insecticide that can be used to control a broad range of insects. Perfect for use on veggie plants, fruit trees and ornamental plants.



GROVENTIVE GARDEN

A two-way systemic insecticide, safe for bees and most beneficial insects, providing control of sucking insects including harder to control species. Approved for use on roses, pot plants, hedging, flowers and ornamentals.



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