

## Beneficial Species Profile



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**Common Name:** Six Spotted Thrip

**Scientific Name:** *Scolothrips sexmaculatus* Pergande.

**Order and Family:** Thysanoptera: Thripidae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		Laid on underside of leaves, hatches in 7 days.
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	0.5-2mm	Translucent, white to yellow, smaller versions of adults, 4 stages but only 2 active, no features that distinguish them from other thrip species.
<b>Adult</b>	2-3mm	Slender cigar shaped, fringed wing margins, pale yellow with 3 dark spots on each wing cover, 30 day lifecycle, does not reproduce in high numbers.
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>	2mm	Inactive, 2 stages

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Piercing/sucking

**Host Pest(s):** Mites (European red, cyclamen mite, and *Tetranychus* spp. spider mites), lace bugs, whiteflies, and scale insects

**Description of Benefits (predator, parasitoid, pollinator, etc):** Adults are predatory and attack mainly spider mites, and may consume up to 60 mite eggs/day for their lifecycle. Nymphs, while active, can eat up to 10 mites/day for 10 days. Both stages pierce the bodies of their prey and suck out the innards.

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