

## Tarsonemid Mites

Tarsonemid mites are microscopic mites which generally feed in buds, under leaf sheaths and in the tips of young shoots. Plants can be badly damaged from mites feeding on young tissue, causing reduced growth, distortion and even death of newly formed leaves and flowers.

The name "tarsonemid" covers a group of mites, and the individual species are often named by their favorite host thus there are "strawberry mites", "cyclamen mites" "Bulb Scale Mites" and "broad mites". Watch out for mite damage especially on cyclamens, asters, chrysanthemums, amaryllis, azaleas, begonias, fuchsias and many other ornamentals. They also attack fruit and vegetable plants

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