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Mites

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Mite feeding turns leaves brown (referred to as bronzing). Severe infestations can reduce overwintering carbohydrate levels, cause trees to defoliate and stunt young tree growth. In years of drought or high temperatures, tree susceptibility to mite damage is heightened. Leaves on the right show bronzing from mite feeding.



Learn more about these mites

- [European red mite](#)
- [Plum rust mite or plum nursery mite](#)
- [Twospotted spider mite](#)

Additional information

- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides:
[Michigan Fruit Management Guide](#)
- [MSU Diagnostic Services](#) for assistance in pest identification.
- [MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.
- [Cherry orchard floor management](#) (pdf file) with implications for mite management.
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