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## About mites

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Mite feeding turns leaves brown, referred to as bronzing. Severe infestations can cause defoliation. Thin-leaved apple varieties (Delicious, Rome, and Northern Spy) are considered the most susceptible to mites.



### Learn more about these mites

- [Apple rust mite](#) - *Aculus schlechtendali* (Nalepa)
- [European red mite](#) - *Panonychus ulmi* (Koch)
- [Twospotted spider mite](#) - *Tetranychus urticae* (Koch)

### Additional information

- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides: [Michigan Fruit Management Guide](#)
- [A Practical Guide to Scouting Apple Orchards](#) – a DVD showing how to scout apple orchards.
- [MSU Diagnostic Services](#) for assistance in pest identification.
- [MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.

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