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Sucking pests

Broad mite

Broad mite resembles cyclamen mite (see page 19) in size and appearance. The primary difference is that broad mite eggs have noticeable bumps on the surface and cyclamen mite eggs are smooth.



Broad mite adults are 0.25 mm long and invisible to the naked eye. They are oval to elongated and white or amber-colored.

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Broad mite feeding results in curled, distorted and cupped or puckered leaves. In addition, infected leaves may appear glossy or silvery and are harder than normal. Newly emerging leaves may also look shiny and brittle.

Management: Dispose of all plants exhibiting symptoms of broad mite damage. Also, remove all plants within 1 foot of damaged plants. Broad mite control with miticides is difficult because they tend to be located in hidden, hard-to-reach areas.