

# Identification of Thrips in Citrus



Adult (2mm)

## Kelly's citrus thrips *Pezothrips kellyanus*

- Only thrips causing halo marks on citrus
- Found year round in citrus canopies
- Larvae white- yellow
- Adults are black
- Wings parallel and dark with a small clear band at top
- Does not live in covercrops or weeds of citrus orchards



Larva (<1mm)

## Other thrips found in citrus orchards THAT DO NOT cause damage:



## Predatory thrips (2mm) *Haplothrips victoriensis*

- Adults are black
- Wings overlap and are clear, creating a silver line along body
- Found in citrus canopy, covercrops and weeds



## Flower thrips (silverbacks) (1mm) *Frankliniella schultzei*

- Adults are small and black
- Wings are parallel and clear, creating two silver lines along body
- Found in citrus canopy, covercrops and weeds



## Plague thrips (1mm) *Thrips imaginis*

- Adults are small and pale yellow – brown in colour
- Found in citrus canopy, covercrops and weeds

- **When to identify:-**
  - Flowering to calyx closure.
- **Where:-**
  - On flowers, under calyx
  - Post calyx closure- lemons
  - On the outside of mature fruit (late in the season – e.g lemons, navel oranges and tangelos)