

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Brown Mite

**Scientific Name:** *Bryobia rubrioculus*

**Order and Family:** Trombidiformes: Tetranychidae

### Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>	< 1mm	Small, round, smooth, and dark red.
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	< 1mm	Larvae are red with six legs; later stages are brown with eight legs.
<b>Adult</b>	< 1mm	Dark reddish-brown with red eyes, flattened body, front legs are nearly twice as long as the other three pair of legs. Females have dark orange markings.
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>		

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Sucking

**Host plant/s:** Hosts include all deciduous fruit trees and particularly almonds.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** The adults feed on the leaves, removing chlorophyll, causing whitish gray mottling to appear on leaves. Leaf drop rarely occurs, but when foliage is badly damaged it is often smaller than normal and covered with frass.

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