



PESTS & DISEASES

# Mites

Mites belong to the same family as spiders, ticks and scorpions, Arachnida. The two most commonly seen mites in the garden are the red spider mite and two spotted mite. Mites cause a faint yellowing of the leaf and form a slight webbing which can have a dusty or dirty appearance to it.

They tend to dry out the leaf feeding on the plant surface, once the leaf moisture has been destroyed they will spread to other areas of the garden. Mites are just visible to the unaided eye, they are either red, pale green or yellow with dark spots on either side of the body.

They can rapidly multiply in a short amount of time due to their short lifecycle.

## Control Methods

- Use a specific miticide
- Dust with Wettable Sulphur
- Remove particularly heavily infested leaves.