



Integrated Pest Management Program

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Let's hope for more sunny days for the rest of the month to keep those retail parking lots are full of customers.

Check tropical plants, especially red flowering Mandevilla, for signs of *Thrips parvispinus* and its damage.



Figure 1. Blossom damage on mandevilla from *Thrips parvispinus*. Photo by OMAFRA. Figure 2: New damage on growing tips of mandevilla from *T. parvispinus*. The leaf distortion can initially resemble broad mite damage. Photo by OMAFRA.

Online Resources on *Thrips parvispinus*:

UF/IFAS University of Florida *Thrips parvispinus* webpage:
<https://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu/Isolab/thrips/thrips-parvispinus/>

Parvispinus resources from Sarah Jandricic from ON Floriculture is also an excellent resource

<https://onfloriculture.com/thrips-parvispinus-resources/>

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