

Biological Control of Insects and Mites

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Thripobius semiluteus (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae), a larval parasite of the greenhouse thrips, was introduced from Australia last August through the cooperation of Dr. G. A. Beattie of the New South Wales Department of Agriculture. An insectary colony was established and over 16,000 parasites had been released at 10 locations by late February. Establishment and some dispersal has occurred at South Coast Field Station, where initial colonizations were made. Parasite pupae also have been collected from fruit in one release orchard in San Diego County and one in Santa Barbara County. Sampling for thrips and parasites continues in all plots where Thripobius was released.