

IDENTIFICATION OF THRIPS IN FRUITING VEGETABLES IN SOUTH FLORIDA

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Florida flower thrips (*Frankliniella bispinosa*), western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*), and melon thrips (*Thrips palmi*) are yellow thrips that represent over 95% of the thrips found in the flowers of fruiting vegetables in southern Florida. Species of *Thrips* have two pair of long setae on the pronotum and species of *Frankliniella* have five pairs of long setae on the pronotum. *Frankliniella schultzei* is a brown species sometimes found in fruiting vegetables in southern Florida. Shown 40-60X.

