

ERETMOCERUS

These tiny wasps lay eggs under whitefly larvae or pupae. After eggs hatch, wasp larvae burrow into the host. Parasitized whiteflies turn into golden brown cases holding a wasp. Adults also kill whiteflies by feeding on them. They are particularly effective against silverleaf whitefly, but also attack greenhouse whitefly. They are most effective at higher temperatures and may be less sensitive to pesticides than *Encarsia*. In mixed silverleaf/greenhouse whitefly infestations, releases of both *Encarsia* and *Eretmocerus* are advised.



Eretmocerus sp. wasps (0.02 in. long) are golden yellow with green eyes.

Species commercially available:

Eretmocerus eremicus, *Eretmocerus mundus*

