

ORIOUS

Adult minute pirate bugs are fast moving predators of small, soft bodied insects. They consume eggs and immature stages of several pests. They also feed on pollen in the absence of prey. In greenhouses they are commonly used against thrips, aphids, mites and whiteflies. They occur naturally in New England.



Orius (0.08-0.2in. long) feeding on an aphid.

Species commercially available:
Orius insidiosus & *Orius laevigatus*

Adults deposit eggs within plant tissues.



Adults have black and white triangular markings on their backs and live for 3-4 weeks.



Yellow-orange nymphs (immatures) develop through 5 stages.