

ST JOHN'S WORT

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St John's wort mite

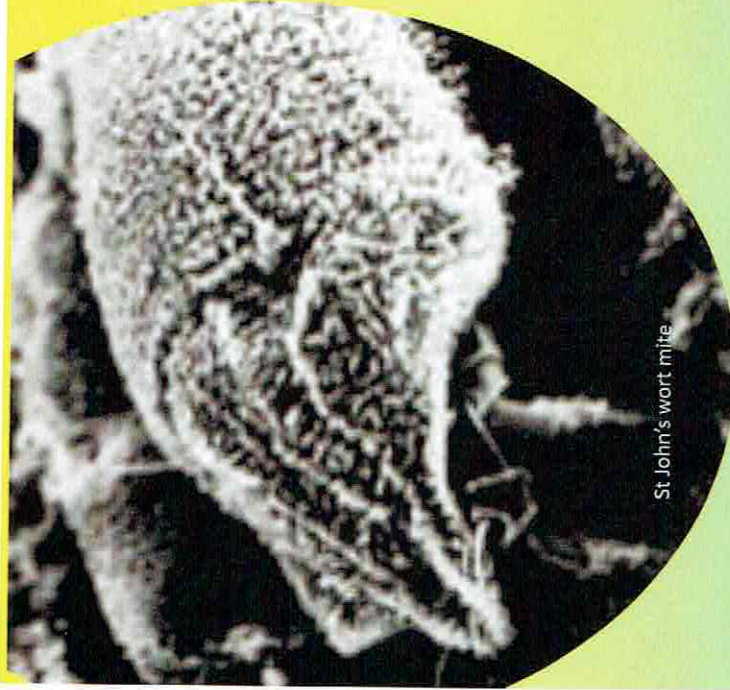
- The St John's wort mite is so tiny that it is difficult to see with the naked eye.
- The mites feed on the growing tips causing stunting of rosettes, leaves and flowering stems, which can lead to reduced seed production.

St John's wort leaf beetles

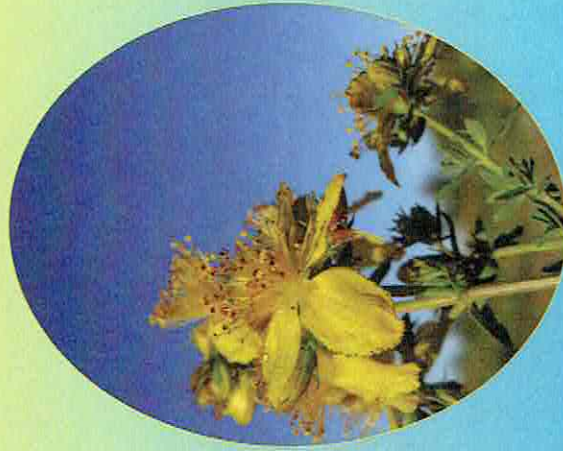
- The shiny black adult leaf beetles are often seen in late spring/early summer feeding on the flowering stems.
- Eggs are laid in autumn and the larvae (grubs) feed on the rosettes during winter.

How and when to release:

- Both the St John's wort mite and leaf beetles are already widespread throughout North East Victoria and no further releases are necessary.
- The impact of the mite can vary from year to year and its populations can be severely impacted during drought conditions.



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St John's wort beetle
(Photo R.Kwong)



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