

# APHIDS



Have you seen  
this pesky  
critter in your  
garden?

## WHAT ARE APHIDS?

Aphids are common garden pests. They are 'pear shaped' and can be found in many colours ranging from black, grey, red, yellow and green.

## APHID LIFECYCLE:

The life cycle of aphids is unusual. In the spring, over-wintered eggs hatch into females that are already impregnated and will give birth to live young, all pregnant females (up to 10 or more per day). This allows a colony of aphids to grow in size very quickly!

## APHID DAMAGE:

Aphids damage plants by sucking the sap from the leaves, twigs, stems or roots. They sometimes transmit plant diseases. You may notice spotty yellow discolorations, usually on the undersides; the leaves may later dry out and wilt or curl. Aphids produce honeydew a sweet sticky substance that can attract ants and sooty mold.

## WHERE DO I FIND APHIDS?

You will find aphid colonies on the underside of leaves and the tips of branches of new growth. They will also infest fruit, shade trees, ornamentals, flower and vegetable gardens.

## HOW DO I CONTROL APHIDS – NATURALLY?