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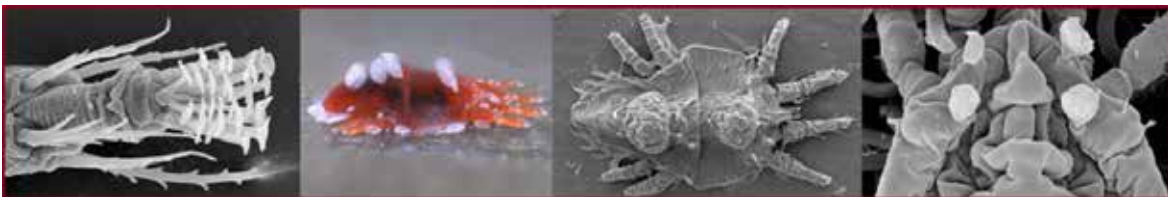
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Flat Mites of the World, Edition 2

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USDA•PPQ•Science and Technology's Identification Technology Program (ITP) is pleased to announce the release of Edition 2 of *Flat Mites of the World*. This tool is aimed at enhancing our diagnostic capabilities for key taxa and to ultimately allow plant protection and quarantine services to develop rapid solutions to serious biosecurity threats.

The second edition of *Flat Mites of the World* includes a number of taxonomic revisions and new species that were discovered as a result of the research that went into the development of the first edition. Significant updates for Edition 2 are presented in the attachment.

Flat mites remain one of the most economically significant of all acarine groups. All species are phytophagous and the

species that have been identified as pests have shown the potential to cause severe economic damage to agricultural crops, ornamentals, and timber. They cause damage directly through feeding on host plant tissue and indirectly through the transmission of plant viruses.

Attached to this email is an announcement containing an overview of ITP's new edition of this identification tool for PPQ and its collaborators, cooperators, and partners. Please feel free to forward this email and/or the attachment to your colleagues.

The new edition of *Flat Mites of the World* can be accessed at:
idtools.org/id/mites/flatmites/