

## *Let Me Introduce Myself: Thrips*

*Tightly holding the host by making grips  
 Hello, my name is thrips  
 Hot and dry weather promotes my rate  
 Body measuring 0.5-15 mm, slender and elongate  
 From one place to another, wind helps me to spread  
 Without hand lens, I might resembles a thread  
 Being a pest, can infest the crop from tip to root  
 My characteristic feature is fringed wings with bladder foot  
 Short, 6-10 segmented antennae, found on my head  
 When attacked, some of my species behave like a dead  
 Mouthparts are rasping and sucking, right mandible always lack  
 Colour of my adult varies from white, yellow, brown to black  
 Pheromone released by opposite sex helps me to seduce  
 Bisexually, Parthenogenetically in both ways I can reproduce  
 Small shiny eggs on host I usually lay  
 Sometimes act as predator by attacking the prey  
 Nymph, that's people call my immature stages  
 I am living on this planet since many ages  
 Exopterygote having pupal stage, that's my prominent character  
 Transmit the viral diseases by acting as a vector  
 Weak flier, it can't change my fate  
 Not good as honey bee, but little bit I do pollinate  
 Not seen me yet, you can monitor me using a trap  
 After this brief introduction, I think it's time to wrap.....*

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