

report from use of this specimen.

Spider Mite on Poinsettias

In December 1960 poinsettia plants from a greenhouse in Lynn, Massachusetts, were found to be heavily infested with a spider mite which was different in appearance from the mites usually seen in this area. This mite has now been determined as Eotetranychus lewisi - McG., which has apparently not been reported before in New England.

On the Pacific Coast it is occasionally found on poinsettia and various kinds of citrus and might be expected on these plants in local greenhouses. This mite is straw colored with many spots and somewhat smaller than the common two-spotted mite. The life history and habits are similar to our common red spider and similar control measures have been reported as effective in California. Since poinsettias are seldom infested by spider mites it is important that this species is exterminated before it becomes established.

All poinsettia growers are urged to carefully examine any stock plants which are held and any cuttings which are received from outside for mites on the undersurface of the leaves and if found, to submit specimens for identification.

Your cooperation is urgently solicited to prevent this pest from becoming widespread in Massachusetts.