

What's Eating My Plant? How to Recognize Common Pests by the Leaf Damage They Cause

Damage

Pest

Deformed leaves,
sucking damage



Aphids



Discolored leaves,
sucking damage



Thrips and mites



Chewed or
skeletonized leaves



Beetles, caterpillars,
and sawflies



Leaf galls (abnormal
plant growths)



Cynipid wasps, certain
aphids, psyllids, and mites



Leaf mines (white
patterns on leaves)



Beetle, fly, or moth larvae



Folded leaves



Caterpillars, tree
crickets, and spiders



Rolled leaves



Certain mites or
some caterpillars



Chewed leaves,
slime trails



Slugs and snails

