



The Rose Society of WA Inc. was founded to encourage, improve, extend cultivation, foster and develop the appreciation of one of the most beautiful flowers, The Rose.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month*
(excluding December, January & July)

*Held at: South Perth Community Centre
Cnr. Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth*

**Please check our website to confirm location and times as they may change*

Commencing at 7.30pm

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Summer Time & Chilli Thrip

Summer is the hardest time for your roses. They have given you beautiful blooms through Spring and early Summer, but when the weather starts to really heat up the leaves and flowers are smaller and not as colourful. The extreme heat and hot easterly winds have a devastating effect. They will need extra water and additional protection from the intense afternoon sun.

Chilli Thrip has been in Australia for around 20 years but has now become a major problem in the Perth suburbs. It has affected many parts of the world and, as yet, there has been no solution on how to eradicate it. What we have learnt is how to control it and how to best care for our Roses through the hot weather when the Chilli Thrip is at its most destructive stage.

Maintaining your bushes and keeping them healthy and disease free, fertilized, mulched and watered are the first steps to helping them survive a long, hot summer. As soon as it starts warming up, commence overhead watering (spraying over foliage) and under the leaves thoroughly. Chilli Thrip thrive in a hot dry environment. This style of watering will wash off the bugs (just like you do with aphids). It also changes the environment within the plant to moist and cool, plus it hydrates them giving relief from the heat.

Don't prune your roses too hard during summer as this will expose the cut stem to the searing sun which, in turn, will burn your plant. The same advice applies if you have Chilli Thrip. Leave the affected foliage and buds on the plant. If you trim off the affected growth, Chilli Thrip will start to feed on the new growth and continue the cycle. By doing this you are slowly killing your plants.

There are several products available to spray your roses with; growers have had different results from them all. Spray as late as you can in the afternoon to save bees and beneficial bugs from direct contact with any chemical sprays and only use a product twice. If necessary, change to another product as this will avoid the Chilli Thrip building up resistance to any one chemical. Spray the plants thoroughly and also the ground underneath the plant.

Yates Success Ultra has been very successful and is mixed 10ml to 1L of water; spray a second time 7-10 days after the initial spray. A much stronger version of this is Success Neo and is mixed at a rate of 4ml to 10L of water. This is a specialist product, but extremely effective and worth investigating if you have a large number of roses and a few friends who would like to share the cost of purchasing same.

Spectrum 200SC (mixed at 10ml to 10L of water) or Conguard mixed at double strength (20ml per 3ltrs of water) are spraying products containing the active ingredient Imidacloprid. Richgro Bug Killer and David Grays Systemic Bug Killer are both granule forms of Imidacloprid applied around the drip line of the plants and watered in.

Bifenthrin is a Pyrethroid chemical used in sprays to control termites, ants, spiders and other pests around the home and garden. This spray is a residual insecticide which kills pests that come in contact with it after it has been applied. Chilli Thrip larvae drop to the ground, then grow into an adult Thrip with wings and fly back up into the plant. Spraying the ground with a Bifenthrin product should also kill Chilli Thrip larvae which can hide in leaf matter, rock cavities or garden borders.

Some gardeners do not want to use chemicals. Biological Services such as <https://biologicalservices.com.au/pests/chillie-thrips/> can supply beneficial predator bugs which can be introduced into your garden in Spring.

You CAN control Chilli Thrip! Your roses will survive and be beautiful again.