Seasonal Occurrence of Redberry Mite Populations in a Six -Year Old Prime Ark® 45 Planting

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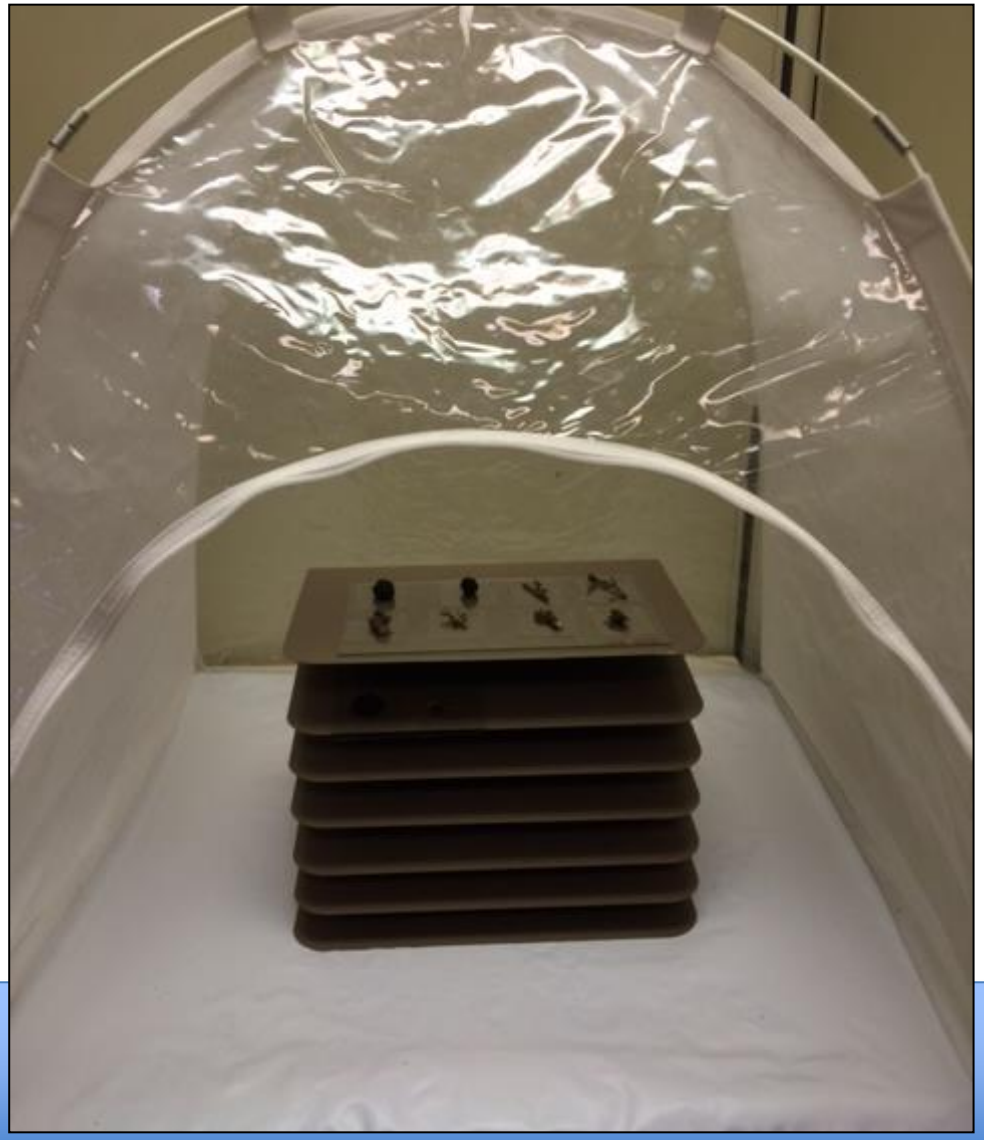
Sampling sites

- 2 fields with Prime Ark® 45
  - San Luis Obispo, Nipomo
  - March-Nov

- 1 stand of wild blackberry
  - San Luis Obispo
  - May-Nov

Tape Capture Method

- Material set on tape on glass panel
- Housed in bug tents
- Dry for two + weeks

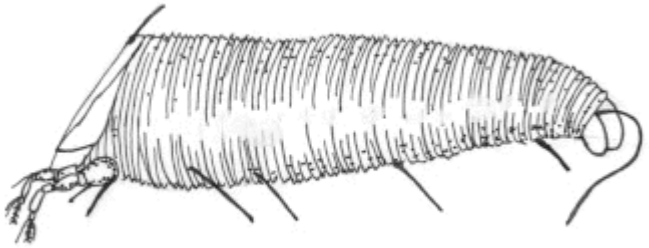


Findings

- 2 fields with Prime Ark® 45 – 0 emergence

Findings – wild blackberry

- emergence from 42% of vegetative buds
- 9% - flowers
- 9% - green fruit
- 44% - fruit



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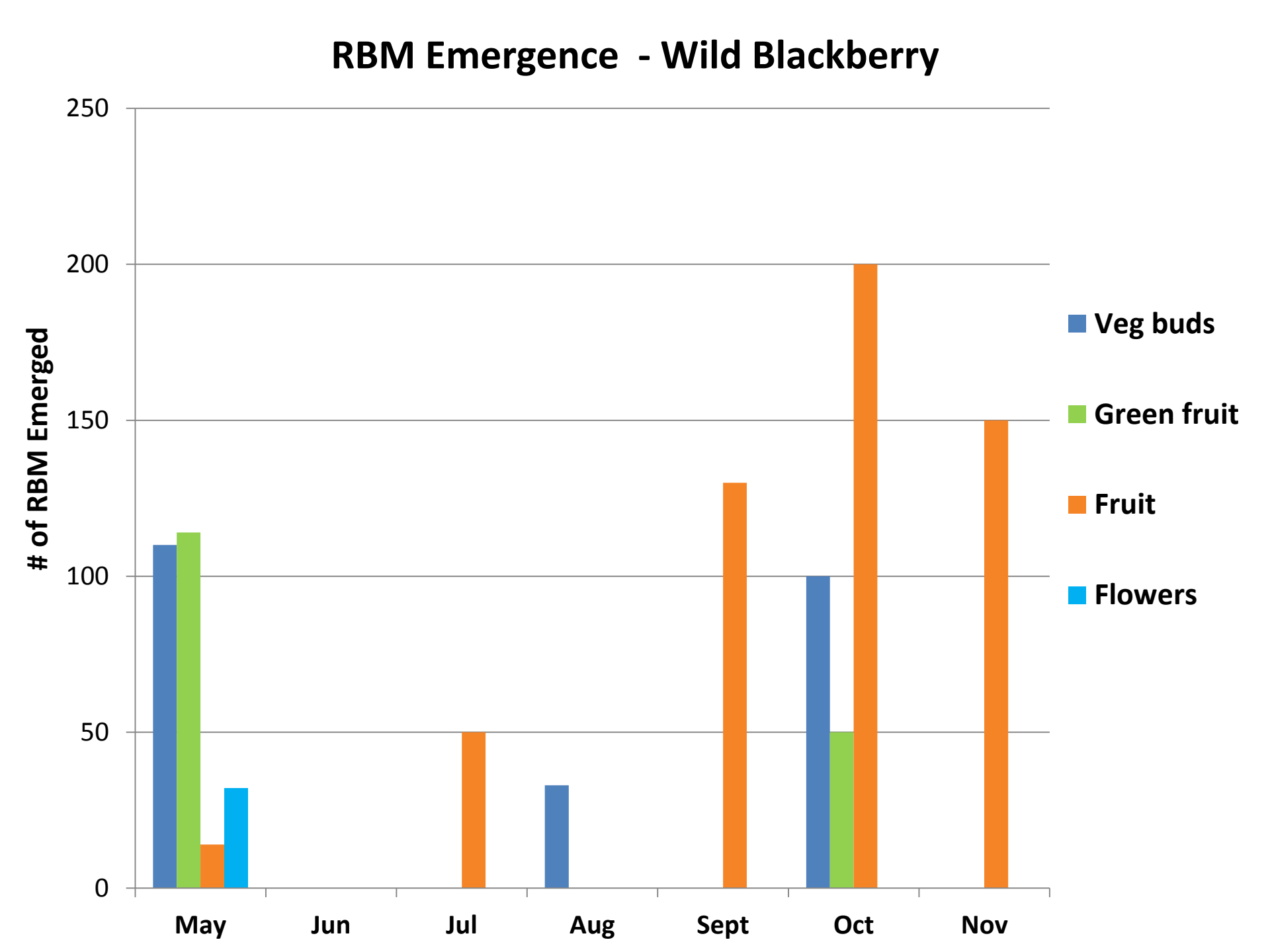
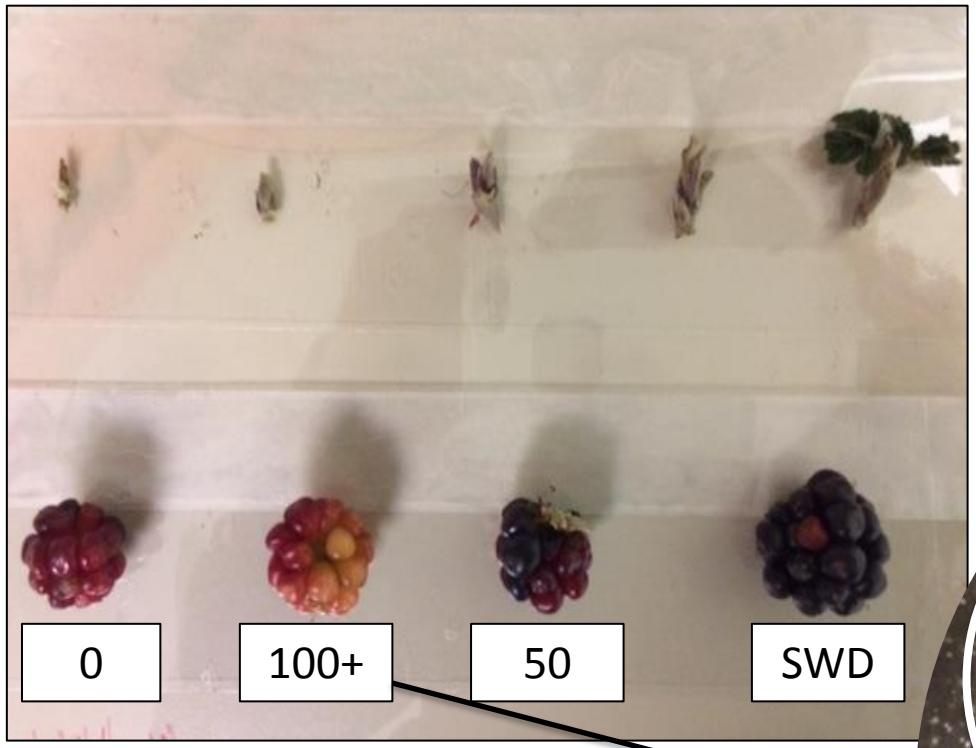

RBM Emergence - Wild Blackberry
# of RBM Emerged
250
200
150
100
50
0
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Veg buds
Green fruit
Fruit
Flowers

Findings



Wild blackberry, Nov 2015

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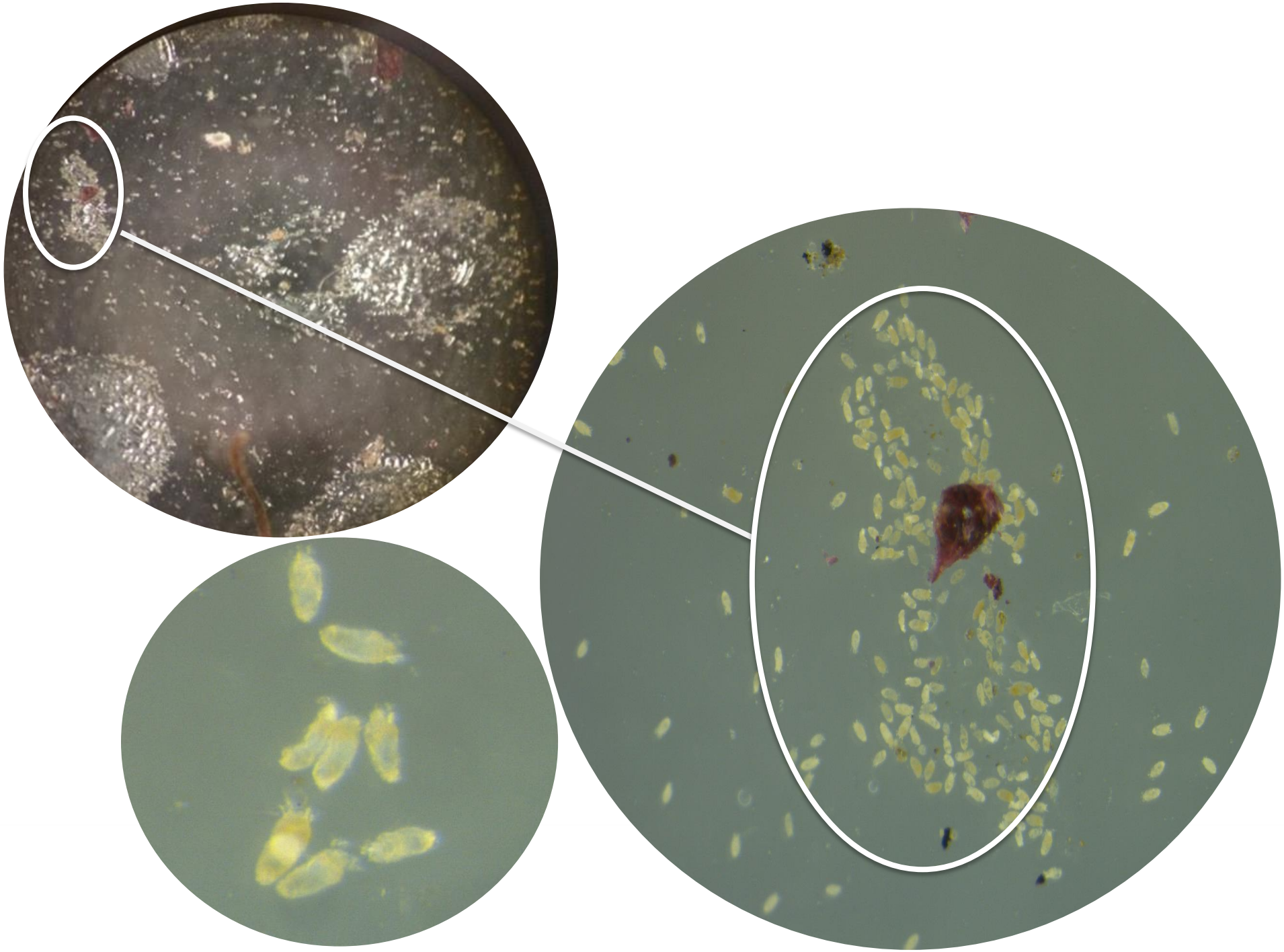
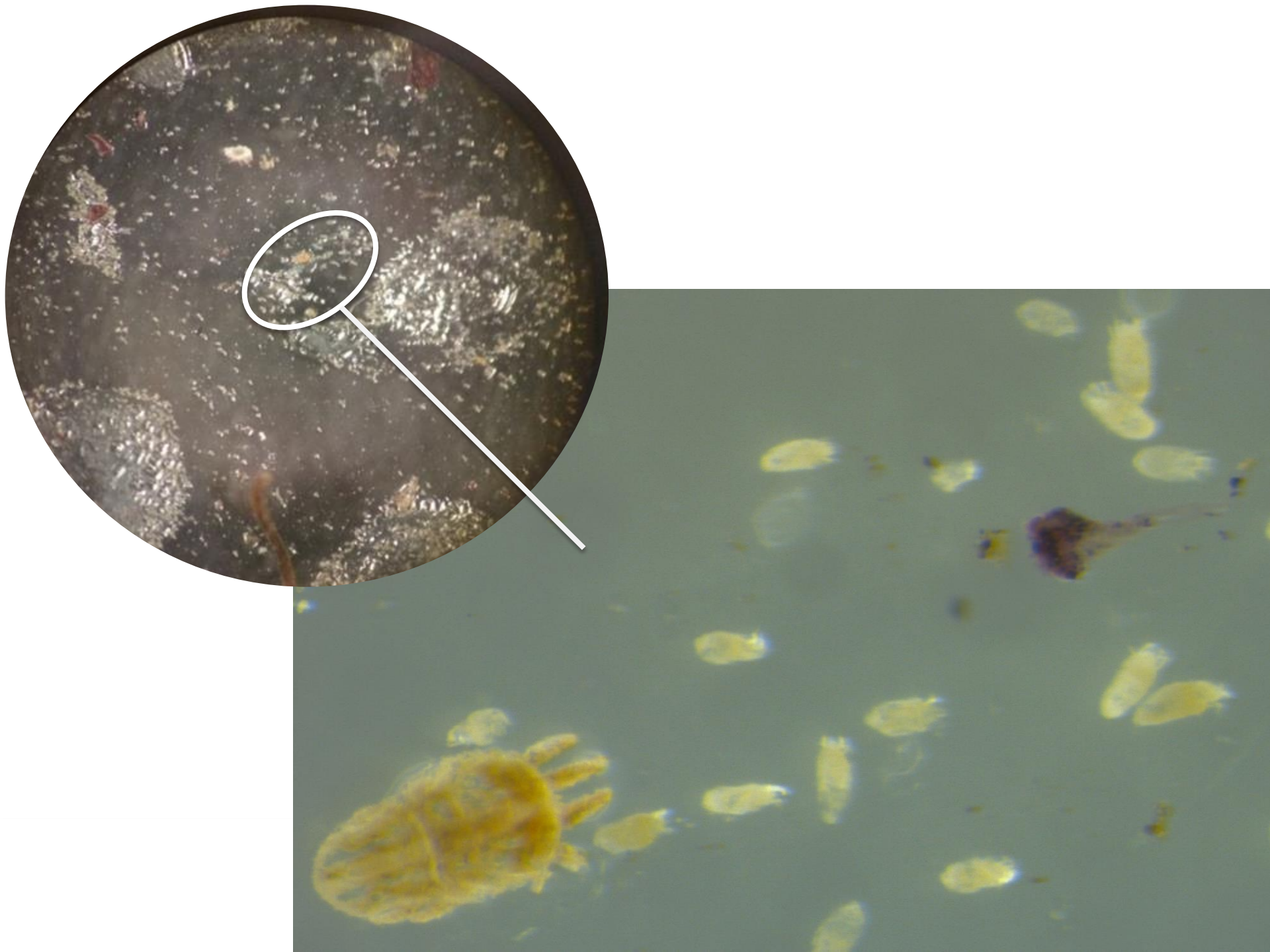
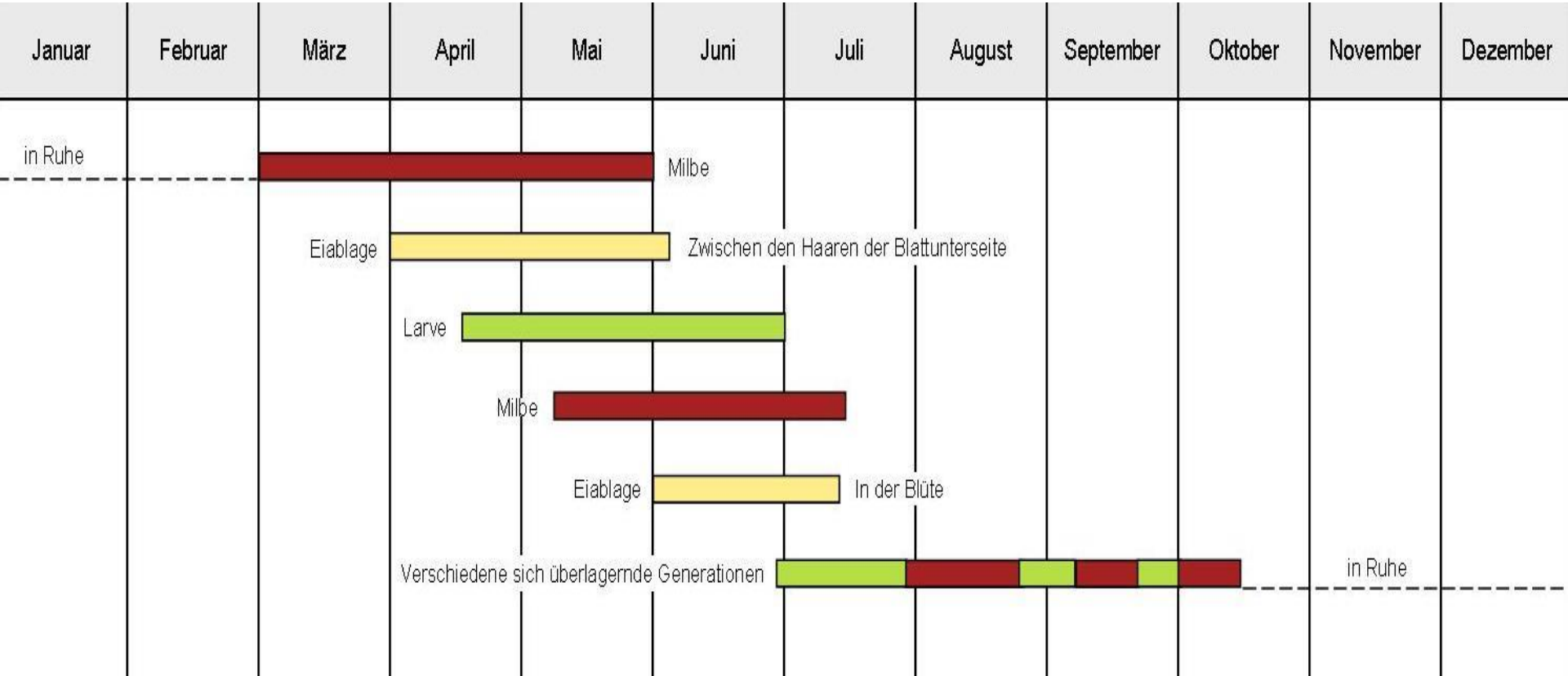




RBM Life cycle

Adults: March – May
Oviposition: April – June
Larva: April-June
Adults: May – July
Oviposition: June – July, in bloom
Overlapping generations: July – October
Dormant: November – February (van Frankenhyzen and Stinter, 2002)



Other Pests and Predators

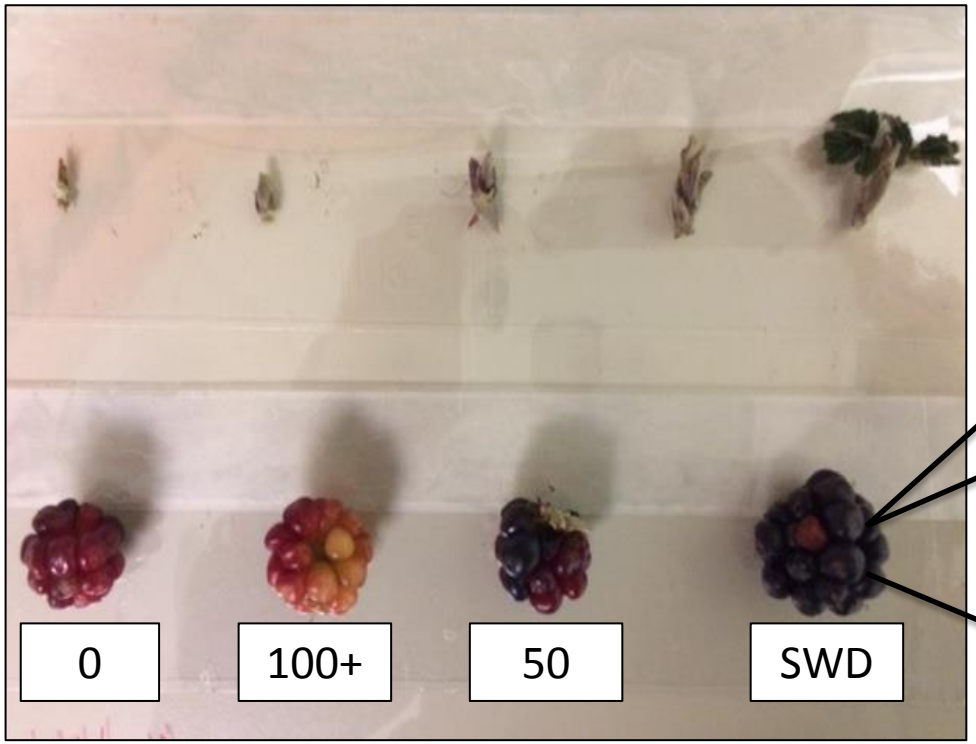
Prime Ark® 45

- Mites, tydeids
- Thrips
- Aphids
- SWD
- Minute pirate bugs

Wild blackberry

- Mites, tydeids
- Thrips
- Aphids, scale, mealybug
- SWD
- Minute pirate bugs
- Predatory mites

Other Pests



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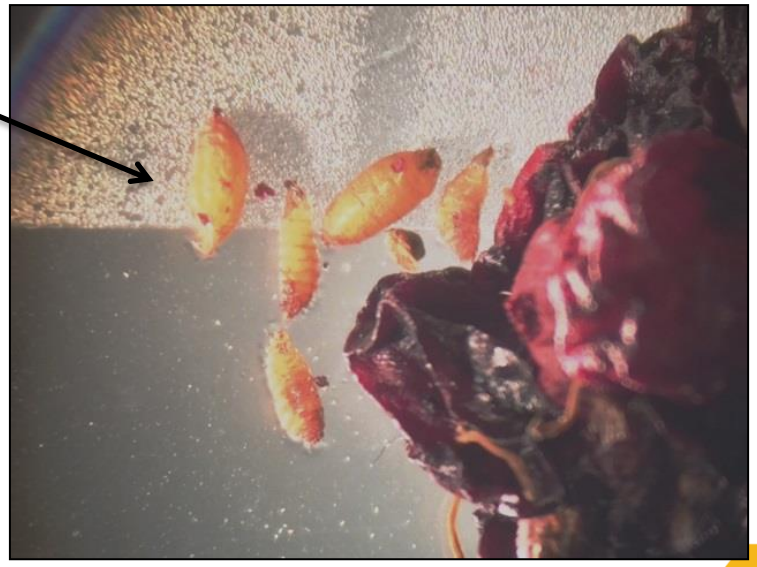

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Predatory Mites on Blackberry

Cultivated

- *Metaseiulus arboreus* (McMurtry and Show, 2012) – collected from dormant buds
- ***Neoseiulus californicus***, ***G. annectans*****,** *G. occidentalis* (Murrietta, unpublished) – collected from leaves

Wild

- 12 different species – *M. arboreus* most numerous (McMurtry and Show, 2012)

Next Steps

- Continue with samples from unpruned Prime Ark® 45
- Continue sampling wild blackberry – look for movement towards green fruit
- Improve photos

Thank you!