

Diseases of Specific Florist Crops

Keeping florist crops free of disease requires constant care and planning. Prevention is the basis of freedom from disease and should be an integral part of the general cultural program. The symptoms of the diseases of major florist crops are described individually by crop in a series of fact sheets.

Cineraria (*Pericallis*)

- Impatiens necrotic spot or tomato spotted wilt tospoviruses: Causes yellow spotting or blotching on lower foliage that may progress to necrotic spots that coalesce before leaf wilt. Blackened areas may develop on petioles. Leaves sometimes show a mosaic or ringspot pattern. Control of the vector, the western flower thrips, is essential.
- *Botrytis*: Petal blight or leaf spotting in excessively wet environments.