

# **WANTED!**

## **DEAD OR ALIVE Varroa mite**



Photo by Rob Snyder

**Also known as varroa destructor, this tiny mite arthropod can be found feeding on the hemolymph (blood) of honey bee adults and brood. It is originally from asia where it feeds on apis cerana, a close relative of european honey bees, but is has expanded its host range. The varroa mite first reached ameirca in 1987.**

**WANTED FOR: stealing the blood of innocent honey bees and aiding in the spread of other law-breaking viruses.**

**If found: if varroa mites are found in a colony integrated pest management must be used through a variety of physiological, biological and chemical methods**