

WANTED!

DEAD OR ALIVE Tracheal mites



Photo by Rob Snyder

These tiny arthropods are so small they are capable of living inside the breathing tubes of honey bees. They can only be found through dissections. These mites feed on the bee's hemolymph (blood) and can clog the trachea if they are too abundant.

WANTED FOR: drinking the blood of honey bees and suffocating them by clogging their breathing trachea

If found: tracheal mites can be treated with different fumigations such as menthol and grease patties