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The whirligig

Anystis agilis, a predacious mite also known as a whirligig because of its quick moves while on a hunt, finds a second instar nymph of the grape leafhopper easy prey. In minutes it sucks the juices from its victim, then dashes off to find another (possibly its own nymphs or eggs). The whirligig in large numbers may be a significant predator of grape pests, but efforts by U.C. researchers to develop it into an effective biocontrol agent thus far have been unsuccessful. (Photos and copy by Jack Kelly Clark)

