



Massed aphids in roots of rice.
Photograph by Emily Luna.

Rice root aphid

Rhopalosiphum rufiabdominalis



Colonizing roots of hydroponically cultured cannabis



Winged forms caught on leaves



Wingless forms at base of plant



The greatest proportion of the rice root aphid population is developing below ground.

They do not produce wax around the colony sites.

It would be very hard for anyone to see a rice root aphid in the soil – *Good Luck with that!*



Rice root aphid can develop on roots being grown in hydroponic production

Some rice root aphids will move above ground



Most of the aphids that move to above ground parts are forms that will become winged and leave the plants.

Winged forms of the rice root aphid





Winged forms of rice root aphids may be seen dead, caught on leaves



They may be seen on the floor, at sites of moisture





Winged forms will give birth to live (wingless) daughter aphids on the foliage.

Likely all of these soon migrate to the roots of the plant.

