

Additional points regarding using sticky cards:

1. If a sticky card is not sticky:
 - a. It could be too cold, as the houses warm up the cards will get stickier
 - b. It could be too wet – possibly under mist or a plant overhead is dripping on it
 - c. It could be a bum card – it happens, sometimes just one side isn't sticky – in that case I just double the counts on the sticky side
 - d. Least likely – you have no pests
2. Always have the sun at your back
3. The cards with pre-printed dotted lines can be very confusing to use. Thrips can land right on those lines and be very hard to see. I prefer the plain yellow 3x5 cards and draw my own lines across them if I need while 'reading' the card.
4. If you see a Fungus Gnat dancing across a card the card is not sticky enough.
5. If there are only a few pests on a card circle them with a regular pen and use the card for another week.
6. If you only see legs on your card someone is using your card for target practice – ask whomever is watering to be more careful.
7. If a card is trapping a lot of beneficial insects let that alert you that their prey is probably nearby, but also you should move the card so it isn't catching so many of desirable insects.
8. If you will be releasing flying beneficial insects remove the cards for at least a week or two.

- Additional scouting tip:

When blowing on a flower to agitate thrips do it like you are fogging up a mirror not like you are trying to blow out a candle. {Ujjayi breath in yoga}.