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Ceroplastes floridensis

Florida Wax Scale

Field Recognition

Body red, covered in a thick grayish to pinkish white wax. Generally flat. Body 2-4 mm long. Immatures often resemble small white stars. Found on twigs and foliage of hosts.

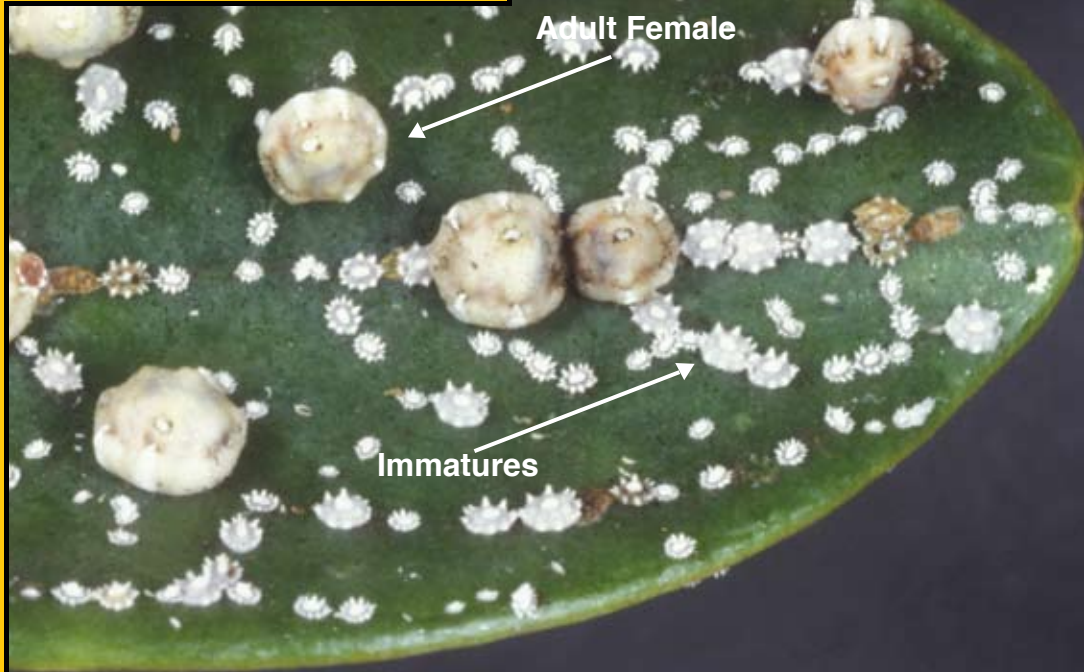
Known Southeastern Distribution

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

Common Hosts

Wide host range, common on hollies, *Schefflera*, *Pittosporum*, cycads, *Citrus*, and tropical fruit.

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Adult Female

Immatures