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Obscure Mealybug

Field Recognition

Body pink to light purple, about 3 mm long, with many side (lateral) filaments. Very similar in appearance to Jack Beardsley mealybug, but body tends to be more pinkish. Body is oval. Two long anal filaments arising from the abdomen. No stripe on top surface of body. Eggs light colored, gray to yellow. Ovisac present, but not entirely covering body.

Known Southeastern Distribution

Not common, occurs in Florida.

Common Hosts

Polyphagous species, common on cacti.

