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Hypogeococcus pungens

Field Recognition

Body red to pink, about 3 mm long, without lateral filaments. Body fluids reddish. Oval to round-shaped body. No ovisac, but produces large amounts of wax. Feeding tends to cluster at nodal regions of plants.

Known Southeastern Distribution

Established in Florida.

Common Hosts

Literature reports that this mealybug can occur in cacti. However, in Florida the most common hosts are *Portulaca* and *Alternanthera* species.

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Adult Female

