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*Planococcus citri*

## Citrus Mealybug

### Field Recognition

Body color light yellow to grayish yellow, about 3 mm long, with many side (lateral) filaments. Ovisacs present, eggs yellow. One centralized dark stripe on dorsum (top surface of body).

### Known Southeastern Distribution

Common on ornamental plants in interior landscapes and greenhouses. Does occur outdoors in Florida.

### Common Hosts

Wide host range, common on Citrus. SPECIAL NOTE: The Pacific mealybug (*Planococcus minor*) cannot be separated in field from citrus mealybug. There are no known populations of Pacific mealybug occurring in the United States. The Pacific mealybug is also known as the passionvine mealybug.

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