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*Ferrisia virgata*

## Striped Mealybug

### Field Recognition

Body gray, about 4-5 mm long, without side (lateral) wax filaments. Two "thick" wax filaments arising from tip of abdomen. Ovisacs not present. Two dark lengthwise stripes on top surface of body. Thin crystal-like filaments protruding from sides and top of body.

### Known Southeastern Distribution

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi.

### Common Hosts

Wide host range, common on copper leaf (*Acalypha*), *Alternanthera*, silver buttonwood (*Conocarpus*), and *Hibiscus*.

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**Crystal-Like Filaments**



**Two Filaments Protruding from Abdomen**