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Rhizoecus & Rippersiella

Ground Mealybugs

Field Recognition

Very small mealybugs (1 to 2 mm in length), body white to yellowish white, lacking side (lateral) wax filaments. Roots with infestations of ground mealybugs generally have areas of white wax present and mealybugs may be visible with use of a hand lens.

Known Southeastern Distribution

Varies depending on species but many are common throughout the Southeastern region.

Common Hosts

Varies, but generally polyphagous. SPECIAL NOTE: There are many species within both *Rhizoecus* and *Rippersiella*. All may be considered pests and some may require quarantine actions. Expert identification is required.

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