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Antonina pretiosa

Noxious Bamboo Mealybug

Field Recognition

Adult body brown, about 2-3 mm long; immature stages (i.e., crawlers) yellow. Generally found at the nodal regions of various bamboos. Sooty mold occurring at the nodal regions and long wax filaments arising from nodal areas is a common symptom.

Known Southeastern Distribution

Common species, occurring throughout Southeastern region where bamboo is grown.

Common Hosts

Restricted to bamboos.

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