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Ceroplastes rusci

Fig Wax Scale

Field Recognition

Similar in appearance to barnacle scale. Body red, covered in a thick pinkish white wax. Wax covering seems plated from lateral view. Body 2-3 mm long. Occurring on foliage and woody portions of host plant material.

Known Southeastern Distribution

Florida.

Common Hosts

Wide host range, most commonly collected on *Ficus* species.

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Plated Wax Cover