

## Fern scale (*Pinnaspis aspidistrae*)

- ❑ Common in CA; intercepted in shipments from HI & FL.
- ❑ Hosts: Polyphagous; found on various palms and foliage.
  - Common hosts from HI: Bird of paradise (*Strelitzia*); Ti (*Cordyline terminalis*); *Monstera*; Lady palm (*Rhapis*); *Dracaena*; *Chamaedorea*; *Chrysalidocarpus*; Staghorn fern.
  - Common hosts from FL: *Ficus*; *Citrus*.
  - Common hosts from CA: Lily-turf (*Liriope* and *Ophiogon*); Mondo grass (*Mondo*); *Phoenix roebelenii*
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 1.5-2.5 mm long, with oystershell-shape **brown** cover; body yellowish-brown, **without an apical cleft**. Immature male scale cover white, elongated and **tricarinate**. **Indistinguishable from Boxwood scale in field, except when accompanied by males (males unknown in Boxwood scale).**



Adult females with cover



Female  
body  
(cover  
removed)



Males  
(note  
tricarinate  
scales)