

# Spiraling whitefly

## *(Aleurodicus dispersus)*

- ❑ Intercepted in shipments from HI; widespread in Central America and the Caribbean. **Most commonly intercepted in the egg stage.**
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous; found on over 100 plants: *e. g.* Bird of paradise (*Strelitzia*); Ti (*Cordyline terminalis*); Ginger; La Lot; Taro; Curry leaf; Poke; *Protea*; *Philodendron*; Bamboo; Betel; Basil; Coriander; Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*); Coconut; Malongai; *Cymbidium*; *Neodypsis*; Kentia palm (*Howea*); Lady palm (*Raphis*); *Phoenix*; *Dracaena*; Mango; Taro; *Taraxicum officinale*; *Heliconia*; Orchids; *Anthurium*; *Dendrobium*; *Monstera*; Guava; Lemon; *Massangeana*; Croton; *Chamaedorea*; Balsam fir; Oriental fir.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult 2-3 mm long, with **powdery white** wings. “Pupae” coated in copious fluffy and waxy white secretion, about as long as the body, which is 1 mm long. Eggs elliptical, laid in irregular waxy **spiraling** pattern, usually on the underside of the leaves.

