

# Giant whitefly

## (*Aleurodicus dugesii*)

- ❑ Widespread in S CA and Mexico.
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous; found on over 200 plants: *e. g.* *Hibiscus*; Avocado; Guava; *Ficus*; Mulberry; *Xylosma*; Bird of paradise (*Strelitzia*); *Monstera*; Jasmine; *Fuchsia*; Tupil tree; Tabebuia; Bamboo; Bay laurel; *Pittosporum*; *Eucalyptus*; Plumeria; *Shefflera*; *Begonia*; *Raphiolepis indica*; *Citrus*; Green pepper; *Iris*; *Geranium*; *Fatsia japonica*; *Nerium oleander*; Lady palm (*Raphis*); Banana; Pear; Apricot; Apple; Curry leaf.
- ❑ Field ID: Adults 3-5 mm long, with **spotted** wings. “Pupa” coated in copious waxy white secretion, which forms **long filaments** up to 15 mm in length. Eggs elliptical, laid in irregular waxy **spiraling** pattern, usually on the underside of the leaves.

