

# Palm mealybug

## (*Nipaecoccus* sp. nr. *nipae*)

- ❑ Distributed throughout Los Angeles County (has thus far been found only in nurseries in Santa Fe Springs, Carson, Gardena, Long Beach, Sun Valley, Sylmar).
- ❑ Hosts:
  - Palms: Fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*); Queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffianum*); Coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*); King palm (*Archontophoenix* sp.); California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*); Pindo palm (*Butia capitata*); Windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*).
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 1.5-2.5 mm long, **globular**; body yellow to orange covered with **whitish wax**, with marginal pyramid-shaped wax tufts; no ovisac produced. Males develop in cocoons of very thin white cottony wax, oblong and smaller than females.

