

# Greenshield scale

## *(Pulvinaria psidii)*

- ❑ Intercepted in shipments from HI & FL, occasionally found in nurseries in LA Co.; absent from CA except for wild strain in LA and Orange Counties.
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous;
  - some common hosts are: Ginger; *Heliconia*; Queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffianum*); *Ficus*; *Graptophyllum*; *Hibiscus*; *Euphoria*; *Gardenia*; Mango; Australian willow; *Eugenia*; Loquat; *Plumeria*; *Eucalyptus*; Guava; Rambutan; Nepal trumpet vine; Lychee; *Justicia*.
  - Wild strain in LA and Orange Co. found only on Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), Californian pepper (*Schinus molle*) and *Dodonaea* sp. (Hopseed bush).
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 3.5-4 mm long, oval, resting at a 45° angle to one end of the **cushion-like**, elongate ovisac of white wax; body greenish, flattened and shriveled; legs each with tibio-tarsal **articulatory sclerosis** and **freely articulating** joints. Larva green-yellowish, similar to brown soft scale (distinguished by the fused tibio-tarsal joints of the latter).



Note articulation and sclerosis at angle

