

# Cuban laurel thrips (*Gynaikothrips ficorum*)

- ❑ Found throughout tropics and sub-tropics; widespread in S CA.
- ❑ Hosts: Laurel fig (*Ficus microcarpa* variety *nitida*).
- ❑ Field ID: Adult 1 mm long, slender, **shiny black**, winged, with **long posterior tube** . Breeds year round, and females lay eggs on upper surface of leaves. All stages (eggs, larvae, adults) found only on new leaves. Feeding causes purplish red spots on underside of leaves, and induces leaf-rolling.

