Bougainvillea Mealybug (*Phenacoccus peruvianus*)

**Distribution:** Native to South America (Argentina, Peru). Introduced into Great Britain and Mediterranean coast of Europe. In the U.S.: infested plants were found in the nursery trade in southern California (under eradication).

**Hosts and damage:** Polyphagous. Recorded on *Alternanthera sp.*, *Araujia sericifera*, *Aucuba japonica*, *Baccharis sp.*, *Bougainvillea*, *Buddleja sp.*, *Cestrum sp.*, Chili peppers, *Dicipltera sub erecta*, *Dodonea viscosa*, *Eupatorium sp.*, *Guava*, *Myoporum laetum*, *Solanum vespertilio*, *Solenostemon blumei*, Tobacco, Tomato, and others.

**Field ID:** Adult females (about 3 mm) are elongate oval, grayish-white and lack marginal wax filaments. They produce relatively long, white waxy ovisacs on the leaves and stems of their host plants.