

# Oleander scale

## (*Aspidiotus nerii*)

- ❑ Common in CA; cosmopolitan, intercepted in shipments from HI & FL.
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous; found on various ornamentals and palms.
  - Some common hosts are: Oleander (*Nerium oleander*); Bird of paradise (*Strelitzia*); Ginger; *Heliconia*; *Protea*; *Pittosporum*; Jasmine; Orchids; Bromeliads; Betel; La-lot; Maile; Olive; Carrot wood; Camphor; Balsam fir; Bay laurel; *Ligustrum* sp.; *Camellia japonica*; *Litchi sinensis*; *Yucca*; *Dracaena*; *Chamaedorea*; Mexican fan palm; *Kentia* palm; *Areca* palm; King palm; Queen palm; *Ravenea rivularis*; Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*).
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 1.5-2 mm in diameter; cover **circular** and **flat**, yellowish to white, with **yellow subcentral exuviae**; body yellow. Immature male scale cover white, oval and translucent. Indistinguishable from *Latania* scale in the field.



no apical cleft

Female body (cover removed)