

Palm aphid

(*Cerataphis brasiliensis*)

- ❑ Common in CA and throughout tropical regions of the world.
- ❑ Hosts: Coconut palm; Oil palm; Raffia palm; *Washingtonia*; *Livistona*. Primary host (where the aphids form galls): *Styrax benzoin*.
- ❑ Field ID: Wingless adult circular and slightly convex, 1-1.8 mm long, dark brown with **marginal fringe of white wax plates**; siphunculi represented by very short cones. Semi-sedentary, they resemble whitefly “pupae”, but will walk if disturbed.



Wingless adult - dorsal view