

Aphelinid wasp

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Adults: Minute. Body color varies from black to yellow. Antennae and legs usually pale yellow. Abdomen may be dark or yellow. Very small – slender waist is not visible.



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Length: 1 mm

Eggs: Deposited inside aphids and scale insects.

Larvae and pupae: Occur inside the host and are not visible. Parasite eventually kills the host. Parasitized body of an aphid transforms into a “mummy.”



Aphelinid mummy.

Aphid mummy: Black and somewhat swollen. Still resembles the aphid in shape.

Hosts: Aphids, scales.