

Insect pests of roots

Blueberry mealybug

Adult mealybugs are 3 to 4 mm long and white to light pink with a waxy covering. They are found on the roots of bushes, usually in association with ant colonies. Adult female mealybugs lay light brown, oval eggs in a white, fluffy material near roots. High populations can lead to poor plant growth and decline. Plants must be unearthed to find infestations.



Adult mealybugs are white with hairs on the posterior.

■ 3 mm