

## Identification of the male vine mealybug

This photograph will assist with the identification of male vine mealybug (*Planococcus ficus*) captured on pheromone sticky traps. They are small; the size of the male's body is not much larger than the period at the end of this sentence. A 10x hand lens will probably not provide adequate magnification to evaluate traps; 30 to 40x magnification will greatly aid identification of suspect insects. Further verification of suspect vine mealybug males is important, as the traps may catch similar-looking males of related mealybug species from other plants.

Please submit suspect traps to the SB or SLO Ag Commissioner's offices for verification.



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