



New Whitefly Pest in Cuba

Recently in Cuba, whitefly *Aleurovitreus insignis* (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae) pupae were observed infesting leaves of cultivated avocado trees. The affected plants exhibited necrotic leaf spots.

This is the first report of *A. insignis* in Cuba. **While it is not known to exist in the United States yet, keep an eye out for this pest if you have an avocado tree.** Sightings should be reported to Michelle Mularz at the Monroe County Extension Office: mularz-michelle@monroecounty-fl.gov.



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Figure A: The pupae are pale, almost transparent, with patches of brownish color (almost black) on the head, abdominal base, and at the end, looking at its underside. All specimens were found on the underside of the leaves, scattered individually, without waxy secretions. This view is 16x magnification.

Figure B: Showing damage: avocado leaves with chlorotic circular spots.