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# NEW PESTS to be on the LOOKOUT for:

**Tabebuia thrips** damage to *Tabebuia leaves.*

A new thrips identified as *Holopothrips* near *inquilinus* was found in 2001 on trumpet trees, *Tabebuia* spp. This insect is new to the United States and thus far has been found on Tabebuia in the landsape in Miami and in Naples in 2003.

- leaf distortion
- leaf curling
- galling

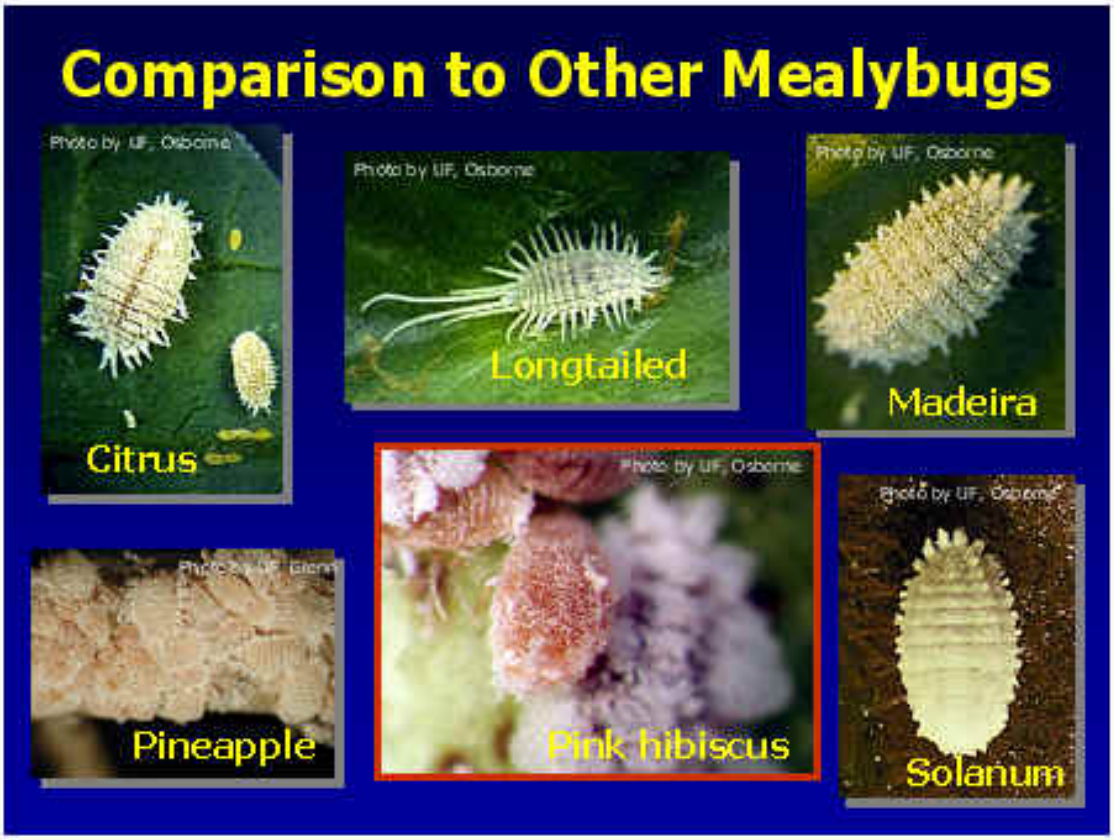
**Stellate scale**, *Vinsonia stellifera*, is from Puerto Rico, and has been reported in the Miami area.

Hosts:

- Fruit trees
- Ixora
- Schefflera
- Fruit trees
- Coffee

**Lobate lac scale**, *Paratachardina lobata lobata* was:

- First collected in Florida in August 1999.
- May become a pest on hibiscus, cocoplum, black olive, weeping fig, buttonwood, sand live oak, and was myrtle.
- Native to India and Sri Lanka
- Currently in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Date counties.




**Pink hibiscus mealybug**, *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*, has been reported in Broward and St. Lucie counties. This is a killer on over 200 plant species. Call DPI, if you find a suspect outbreak: (239) 593-2773

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