

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Brown Ambrosia Aphid

Scientific Name: *Uroleucon ambrosiae*

Order and Family: Hemiptera, Aphididae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		
Larva/Nymph		
Adult	2.5-3.5 mm	Red-brown to dark brown or dark red in color.
Pupa (if applicable)		

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Piercing/sucking mouthparts

Host plant/s: Primarily feeds on plants in the Asteraceae family. Preference for the giant ragweed, *Ambrosia trifida*.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Adults and nymphs feed primarily on their host plants, but geographically different groups of this species will feed on other plants. Accounts of feeding on lettuces, papaya, and beans indicate that this species will become a pest if given the chance. *U. ambrosiae* has been implicated as a vector of common bean mosaic virus.

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