

A P H Y T I S M E L I N U S

Use: Aphytis melinus is a parasite that is effective on several different kinds of scale, including: red scale, yellow scale, and oleander scale. They are commonly used on citrus trees.

Coverage: Use one parasite per 20 to 30 scales, or 5-100 per plant, or 10,000 per acre. For best results, use 3 to 4 releases at 2 week intervals.

Release: Be sure to release on the same day received, do not store. Keep out of direct sunlight and allow them to adjust to ambient temperature before releasing. They may be released in temperatures from 50 to 100 degrees.. The parasites typically fly about 6 trees or plants in a day. Release them by opening the container and allowing the adult parasites to fly out as you walk, tapping the container every sixth tree or plant.

Life Cycle: The female Aphytis Melinus lay from 1 to 5 eggs in the host scale, depending on size. The eggs hatch and feed on the scale, which kills it. In about 12 days they become adults, and the females begin parasitizing more scales. The adults live about 26 days.

General Information: Aphytis melinus has been used for scale control since 1956 when it was imported from India and Pakistan. If possible, it's a good idea to wash down the infested plants and trees before release. This removes some of the honeydew secretions, making it easier for the parasites. Also avoid using in areas with heavy ant infestations as the ants will drive away the parasites.



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