

Coniferous Fiorinia Scale (*Fiorinia japonica*)

Other common names: Japanese fiorinia scale, Japanese scale.

Distribution: Known from India, Sri Lanka, China, Taiwan, Japan, Philippines, Australia, Mauritius, and France. Introduced into the U.S.: DC, MD, VA, and CA.

Hosts and damage: Recorded on plants from genera *Abies*, *Cedrus*, *Pinus*, *Picea*, *Cupressus*, *Juniperus*, *Taxus*, *Podocarpus*, *Cephalotaxus*, *Tsuga*, *Torreya*, *Sciadopitys*, etc. Feeding causes yellow stippling of the leaves. Heavy infestations may defoliate plants and stunt their growth.

Field ID: *F. japonica* can be found feeding on lower and upper leaf surfaces. **Adult female** (1.0-1.5 mm long) with terminal exuvium and oblong oval, yellowish-brown cover that often has dark median area. **Male** is smaller than female and has an elongate, white cover.

