

# Jacaranda Bug

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*Orthezia insignis*

### Description

- The Jacaranda bug which looks a little like a whitefly is a sucking insect that takes the sap from the tree.
- Females are wingless and usually legless and are attached to a plant, often forming a small, waxy plate
- Males have one pair of wings but lack mouthparts and do not feed



A Jacaranda Bug adult with the oval grey egg of the predator laid on its back.

Photo: Simon Fowler

### Distribution

- Found in certain areas where Gumwood Trees are established, for example at Peak Dale
- To date it is not known on any cultivated crop

### Habitat

Habitat includes:

- Agricultural areas
- Natural forests
- Planted forests
- Ruderal/disturbed
- Scrub/shrublands



An infestation of Jacaranda Bugs.

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