

Cycad Aulacaspis Scale on Sago Palms

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Q: What's this on my Sago Palm?

A: Cycad Aulacaspis Scale or CAS infestations are much worse than other armored scale insects that affect cycads because it is relatively new in Texas and because it can colonize every part of the plant, including roots. Several insecticides are available and registered to control scale insects. The choice of insecticide is less critical than how the insecticide is applied. Complete plant coverage is essential to control as scales can infest all plant parts. Contact foliar sprays such as horticultural oils and insecticidal soaps require 2 to 3 applications (5 to 10 days apart). Systemic insecticides usually are more effective when applied as soil drenches. Use only products that are registered for ornamental plant use in Texas.



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