

## CRYPTOLAEMUS

*Cryptolaemus montrouzieri* are ladybird beetles that **prey on mealybug** & other insects such as Cochineal & some soft scales. These beetles are **high-density feeders** with a voracious appetite for mealybug.




### CROPS

Citrus, vineyards, vegetable, flowers, blueberries, persimmons, cannabis, fruit crops & ornamentals.

### EFFECTIVE AGAINST



Vine mealybug (*Planococcus ficus*)  
 Citrus mealybug (*Planococcus citri*)  
 Long-tailed mealybug (*Pseudococcus longispinus*)  
 Oleander mealybug (*Paracoccus burnerae*)  
 Citrophilous mealybug (*Pseudococcus calceolariae*)  
 Pink hibiscus mealybug (*Maconellicoccus hirsutus*)



### STORAGE



Available in:  
 50 Adults in biodegradable cylinders

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- **Cryptolaemus** are sold & supplied in adult form.
- Remove the sticker from the cylinder exposing the exit hole.
- Place the sticker on the tree so that you can locate the release site at a later date.
- Position the cylinder inside the tree at head height & if possible, in close proximity to mealybug.
- Once the predators exit the packaging, they will most likely fly a few meters, settle & start looking for mealybug.

### RELEASE TIPS

The adults can be stored prior to release if necessary but not for longer than **2 days**. *Cryptolaemus* are best released in spring and early summer, before mealybug populations build up to high levels. Do not release *Cryptolaemus* too soon after applying toxic chemicals