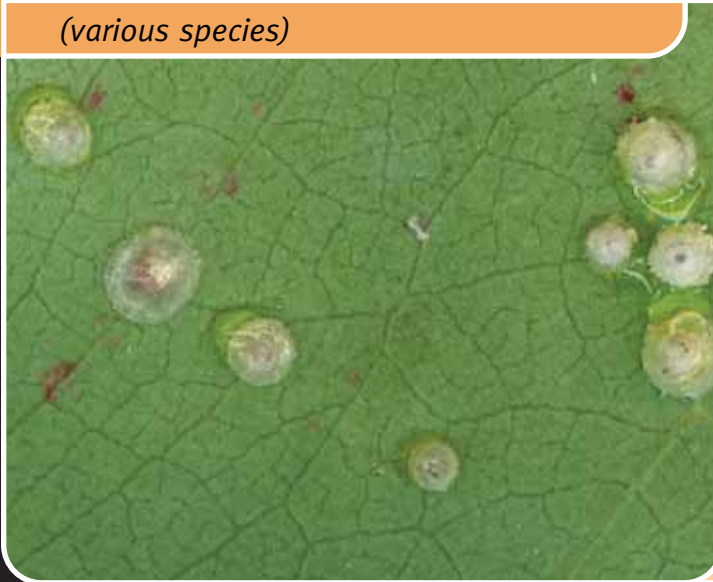


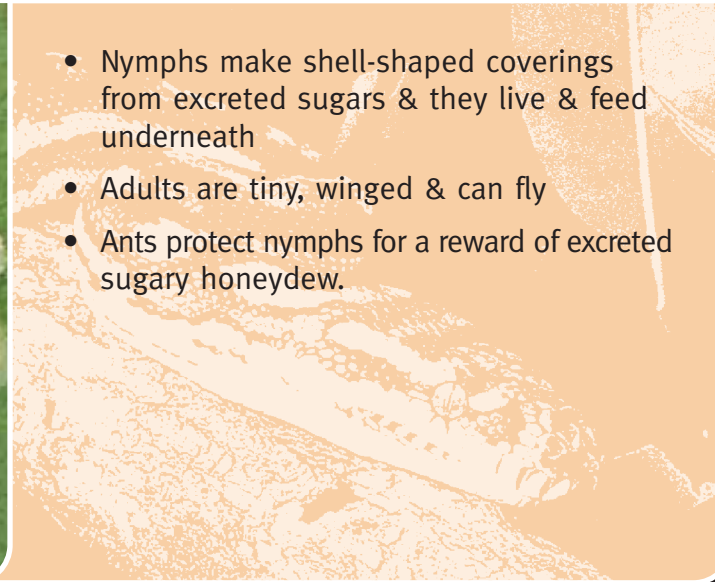
## Lerps

*(various species)*



## Adaptation to environment

- Nymphs make shell-shaped coverings from excreted sugars & they live & feed underneath
- Adults are tiny, winged & can fly
- Ants protect nymphs for a reward of excreted sugary honeydew.



## Feeding Relationships

### What do I eat?

- Sap from leaves, especially eucalypts like Forest Red Gum.

### What eats me?

- Sweet 'manna' shells made by these insects are a popular food for birds, small mammals & other insects.

- Diameter 2-3 mm • Can be found on gum tree leaves.