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WHITE WAX SCALE

Also known as waxy scale, this type of scale is known to be 'soft scale'. They are easier to see due to their build up of natural coating around them, which makes them harder to treat.

For the smaller, 'hard scale', [click HERE](#).

Wax scale are seen more often when the weather starts to cool down in autumn, and most commonly seem to cluster around the mid ribs of leaves. They can also be found at weaker points on a plant, such as a fork where branches divide.

This scale will also produce honeydew, a sticky substance they excrete which can be farmed by ants, and fungi start to grow on it causing '[sooty mould](#)'.

PREVENTION

Healthy plants are less likely to suffer from insects like scale. Feed plants regularly, do what you can to improve the soil and make sure that plants are well watered.

NATURAL TREATMENT

Spraying as a preventative program is better than trying to treat a bad infestation.

Spray plants thoroughly (until they start to drip) with [Bioneem](#) and [Eco Spread](#). For heavy infestations spray in a cluster of 2-3 sprays at 7 day intervals.

Then spray monthly for maintenance and prevention.

If possible, spray in the evening to avoid harming any beneficial insects in your garden.

Don't use oil-based sprays on ferns or fine-leafed palms. For these plants use a pyrethrum spray.

OTHER TREATMENT

Spray at first sign of insects spray with [Groventive Garden](#) with the addition of [Ecospread](#) added to the water, this will improve efficacy. Repeat at 14-28 days intervals as required for effective control.

Use [Bioneem oil](#) for maintenance and winter dormant spray.

When using sprays and chemicals always read the label and follow instructions carefully. Spray in the evening to avoid harming beneficial insects.



WHITE WAX SCALE PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS

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GROVENTIVE GARDEN

A two-way systemic insecticide, safe for bees and most beneficial insects, providing control of sucking insects including harder to control species. Approved for use on roses, pot plants, hedging, flowers and ornamentals.



BIONEEM INSECTICIDE

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