

*Hypogeococcus pungens*:  
Have you seen me?

**Field Characters:**

Body red to pink, about 3mm long, without lateral filaments. Body fluids reddish. Oval to round-shaped body. No ovisac, but produces large amounts of wax. Oviparous, eggs pink, hatch soon after being laid. Feeding tends to cluster at nodal regions of plants, or on actively dividing growth tips on their cactus host, usually in protected areas.

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The Harrisia cactus mealybug attacks most of the organ-pipe cactus species. Also is reports in *Portulaca* and *Althernanthera* species.

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*Pilocereus royenii*



*Melocactus intortus*



*Portulaca grandifolia*