

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Ant-like Gall Fly, Hairy Gall Wasp

**Scientific Name:** *Andricus lasius*

**Order and Family:** Hymenoptera, Cynipidae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>	20.0 – 50.0 mm (gall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• forms a roly-poly gall covered in filaments on oak leaves and twigs</li></ul>
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	2.0 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• white</li><li>• grub like</li><li>• rarely seen</li></ul>
<b>Adult</b>	5.0 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• small</li><li>• red and brown</li><li>• clear wings nearly twice the length of the body</li><li>• antennae are as long as legs</li></ul>

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Chewing (larvae)

**Host plant/s:** Huckleberry Oak, Canyon Live Oak

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):**

For the most part, damage is insignificant to the oak tree. The galls form on the leaves and are more of a curiosity to the observer than a detriment to the host. Galls could become unsightly in ornamental varieties. They also can cause some dieback when galls form on inter-nodal sections of twigs.

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