

Biological Control of Strawberry Guava:

Selecting cuttings with mature *Tectococcus ovatus* for dispersal



Galls large but still immature, leaves and stem tender and pliable

At correct stage, leaves are fully formed and stiff, stem rigid but still green and not woody.

Galls darkened or rotting, leaves darker and aging, stem turning woody.

Too young

Just right

Too old



10x magnified views of female galls in cross-section.

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