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## First report of *Melanaphis bambusee* (Homoptera: Aphididae) in the Neotropical Region

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*Melanaphis bambusee* (Fallaway, 1910) was collected in Belo Horizonte city (19°55'57" S; 43°56'32" W), Minas Gerais State, Brazil, on 2001/08/02, by Ana Lucia B.G. Peronti, on *Bambusa cf. metake* Sieb. Ex Miq. (Poaceae). This collection represents the first occurrence of this species in the Neotropical Region. The material was identified by one of us (FAI). *M. bambusee*, east Asian origin, has been reported previously from the *Pourthiaea villosa* (Rosaceae) as primary host in Japan and *Arundinaria*, *Bambusa*, *Phyllostachys*, *Plejoblastus* (Bamboos) as secondary hosts in Japan, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, India, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Hawaii and U.S.A (Blackman and Eastop 1994, Ilharco 1995). The specimens are deposited in

the Aphid Collection of the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department of the Federal University of São Carlos (Coleafis/DEBE/UFSCar) at São Carlos city, São Paulo State, Brazil (sample number 925), and also in the Aphids Collection of the National Agronomic Station (CAEAN) at Oeiras city, Portugal (sample number 6460a).

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