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In spite of these criticisms, this book is an important synopsis of the Sphingidae of the world, and will be indispensable to those of us who collect hawk moths. Unfortunately, the hefty price tag may discourage many people from buying this book.

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COX, J. M. 1987. Pseudococcidae (Insecta: Hemiptera). Fauna of New Zealand [number] 11, 230 pages. Science Information Publishing Centre, DSIR, P. O. Box 9741, Wellington, New Zealand (US\$ 29.82).

The 116 species of Pseudococcidae (67 newly recorded and 61 new to science) known to occur in New Zealand are treated in about 100 pages of text, complemented with 119 pages of excellent illustrations, showing both habitus and detailed structural features of many species. Only females are keyed and described, since males are known for very few species. Known host plant records are listed for each mealy bug species in the text, and the mealy bugs recorded for each known host plant are listed in an appendix.

This volume is another excellent contribution to the entomological literature, meeting in all respects the high standards required by the Editorial Advisory Group and the Series Editor of the "Fauna of New Zealand".

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Ball, George E. 1987. "Notice of Pseudococcidae (Insecta: Hemiptera) by J. M. Cox." *Quaestiones entomologicae* 23(3), 371–371.

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