



Record of parasitoids of some scale and mealybug pests of mango from West Bengal, India

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ABSTRACT: A survey of parasitoids of scale and mealybug pests of mango was conducted in Malda district of West Bengal, India during 1999-2000. *Chartocerus* sp., *Azotus* sp. and *Gyranusoidea tebygi* Noyes was recorded on *Rastrococcus invadens* Williams. On *Rastrococcus iceryoides* Green, *Chartocerus walkeri* Hayat, *Aprostocetus* sp., *Promuscidea unfasciiventris* Girault, *Anagyrus pseudococci* Girault and *Anagyrus mirzai* Agarwal and Alam were recorded. Two species of *Aprostocetus*, *Encyrtus* sp. and *Austroterobia maldica* Narendran and Das were recorded on *Icerya minor* Green. *Coccophagus ceroplastae* (Howard) and *Promuscidea unfasciiventris* were recorded from *Pulvinaria polygonata* (Cockill.).

KEYWORDS: *Icerya minor*, mango pests, parasitoids, *Pulvinaria polygonata*, *Rastrococcus* spp.

Several parasitoids of coccid and pseudococcid pests of mango have been reported earlier (Tandon and Lal, 1978; Hayat, 1979; Tandon and Srivastava, 1980; Narasimhan and Sankaran, 1985; Srivastava and Verghese, 1987; Noyes, 1988 and 1990; Narasimhan and Chacko, 1988; Dinesh and Sinha, 1991). While studying pests of mango at Malda, a survey of parasitoids of scale and mealybug pests of mango was conducted at mango orchard of Regional Research station, Manikchak, Malda, West Bengal during the year 1999-2000. The orchard was not sprayed with any insecticide.

The parasitoid recorded on *Rastrococcus invadens* Williams were *Chartocerus* sp. (Signiphoridae) and *Gyranusoidea tebygi* Noyes (Encyrtidae). Noyes (1988) recorded *G. tebygi* from *Rastrococcus* sp. on mango from India and it was

utilized as a potential biocontrol agent against *R. invadens* in West Africa (Moore *et al.*, 1998). An aphelinid, *Azotus* sp. was recorded for the first time on *R. invadens*.

Aprostocetus sp. (Eulophidae) was recorded for the first time from India on *Rastrococcus iceryoides* Green. Other parasitoids recorded from this host were *Promuscidea unfasciiventris* Girault (Aphelinidae), *Chartocerus walkeri* Hayat (Signiphoridae) and *Anagyrus pseudococci* Girault and *Anagyrus mirzai* Agarwal and Alam (Encyrtidae). Tandon and Lal (1978) recorded four species of parasitoids on *R. iceryoides* from Uttar Pradesh parasitizing up to 42 per cent in group and reported *P. unfasciiventris* and *A. pseudococci* the major species. A pteromalid parasitoid, *Austroterobia maldica* Narendran and Das was

recorded from Malda on *Icerya minor* Green (Narendran and Das, 2000). From the same host, two species of *Aprostocetus* and one encyrtid, *Encyrtus* sp. were recorded.

Two parasitoid *Coccophagus ceroplastae* (Howard) and *P. unfasciatiiventris* were recorded from *Pulvinaria polygonata* (Cockll.).

All these above parasitoids are new records on the respective hosts in West Bengal.

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