

Phytophagous and Predatory Mites Inhabiting Citrus Trees in Assiut Governorate, Upper Egypt

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Abstract

Mites play an important role in citrus production whether as pests or beneficial predators. Based on published works, about 149 identified mite species representing 39 families were previously reported from citrus orchards in Egypt. Field surveys were conducted fortnightly from October 2014 to February 2016 in twenty-eight citrus orchards of eight districts in Assiut Governorate, Egypt to determine the species composition of phytophagous and predatory mites. Also, the incidence and distribution of the most important species were reported. Samples were taken from plant leaves, buds and fruits. The citrus brown mite, *Eutetranychus orientalis* (Klein, 1936) (Tetranychidae), the red and black flat mite, *Brevipalpus phoenicis* (Geijskes, 1939) (Tenuipalpidae) and the broad mite, *Polyphagotarsonemus latus* (Banks, 1904) (Tarsonemidae) seemed to be the most common phytophagous species found in citrus orchards. Several predatory mite species of numerous families were also recorded, of these, *Amblyseius swirskii* Athias-Henriot, 1962; *Typhlodromus* (*Typhlodromus*) *pyri* Scheuten, 1857 (Phytoseiidae) and *Agistemus exsertus* González-Rodríguez, 1963 (Stigmaeidae) were found to be the most abundant predatory species inhabiting the leaves of mandarin, lime and orange, while *Cheletogenes ornatus* (Canestrini and Fanzago, 1876) and *Hemicheyletia bakeri* (Ehara, 1962) (Cheyletidae) were observed mostly on the fruits. Quantifying the presence of various predatory species inhabiting citrus trees will be an important step for pest mites control. In subsequent studies these predators can be used in biological control programs.

Keywords: Mites, citrus, Egypt, diversity, Phytoseiidae.

Introduction

Citrus is the most popular fruit in Egypt. Egypt is one of the largest citrus-growing countries and remains a leading orange producer and exporter in the world (FAOSTAT, 2008; GAIN-USDA, 2015). Faunistic studies focusing on citrus mites in Egypt are still limited. Few comprehensive surveys were conducted (Zaher *et al.*, 1970; Rasmy *et al.*, 1972; Abo-Korah, 1981; Zaher, 1984a,b,

1986; Kandeel and Nassar, 1986; Rahil and Abd-El-Halim, 2000). A recently published checklist, compiled from previous publications, included 149 mite species pertaining to 39 families extracted from Egyptian citrus orchards (Abdelgayed *et al.*, 2015). This work presents the species composition of phytophagous and predatory mites so far reported from citrus trees in Assiut Governorate and adds information about their inci-

dence and distribution. Such information is needed to support future ecological works on Egyptian citrus mites.

Materials and Methods

Mite collections were made during the period from October 2014 until February 2016, from eight districts of Assiut Governorate. The plant parts (leaves, fruits and buds) of different citrus trees (orange, mandarin, grapefruit, lemon and lime) were sampled in searching for mites. Mites were collected by direct observation under a stereoscopic microscope of 40-100 times magnification force and the specialized hand-held aspirators (BioQuip[®], CA, USA) used after modifying the collecting chamber by adding a small piece of light cloth (Negm *et al.*, 2012). After direct examination under the stereomicroscope, the plant materials were put in Tullgren funnels. The extracted mites were cleared in lactic acid, mounted in Hoyer's medium and studied under a phase contrast research microscope (BH-2, Olympus[®], Japan) of 40-2000 times magnification force. The main classification works followed in the identification of certain mite groups were as follows: Anystidae (Otto, 1999), Bdellidae (Atyeo, 1960; Omukunda *et al.*, 2012; Eghbalian *et al.*, 2016), Blattisociidae (Lindquist and Moraza, 2012; Moraes *et al.*, 2015), Caligonellidae (Swift, 1996), Cheyletidae (Fain *et al.*, 2002; Negm and

Mesbah, 2014), Cunaxidae (Skvarla *et al.*, 2014), Eupodidae (Olivier and Theron, 1997), Iolinidae and Tydeidae (Ueckermann and Grout, 2007), Phytoseiidae (Chant and McMurtry, 2007; Abo-Shnaf and Moraes, 2014), Raphignathidae (Fan and Zhang, 2005), Stigmaeidae (Khanjani and Ueckermann, 2002), Tarsonemidae (Zhang, 2003; Nucifora and Vacante, 2004), Tenuipalpidae (Meyer, 1979; Mesa *et al.*, 2009) and Tetranychidae (Jeppson *et al.*, 1975). The voucher material, preserved as slide-mounted specimens, is deposited in the Acari collection of the Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, Assiut University, Egypt.

Results and Discussion

In the present study, thirty-nine mite species in 19 families have been so far reported from citrus trees in Assiut (Table 1). Of these, nine species belong to phytophagous mite families (Tarsonemidae, Tenuipalpidae and Tetranychidae), twenty-three species pertaining to families composed mostly of predaceous mites (Anystidae, Bdellidae, Blattisociidae, Cheyletidae, Cunaxidae, Melichariidae, Phytoseiidae, Raphignathidae and Stigmaeidae). The remaining species belong to families of different feeding habits (Caligonellidae, Camerobiidae, Ereynetidae, Eupodidae, Iolinidae, Oribatulidae and Tydeidae).

Table 1. Mite fauna reported from citrus trees during the period from October 2014 to February 2016 in Assiut Governorate, northern Upper Egypt.

Mite taxa	Plant part and host	Locality*	Incidence**
Anystidae			
<i>Anystis</i> sp.	Leaves of grapefruit, <i>Citrus × paradisi</i> Macfadyen	1, 2	+
<i>Paratarsotomus</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin, <i>Citrus reticulata</i> Blanco	1	+
Bdellidae			
<i>Cyta</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin	1	++
<i>Spinibdella</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin	2	+
Blattisociidae			
<i>Lasioseius parberlesei</i> Bhattacharyya	Leaves of mandarin	3	+
Caligonellidae			
<i>Molothroglyphus</i> sp.	Leaves of sweet orange, <i>Citrus × sinensis</i> (L.) Osbeck	2	+
Camerobiidae			
<i>Neophyllobius</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin and orange	1	++
Cheyletidae			
<i>Acaropsella volgini</i> (Gerson)	Fruits of mandarin	5	+
<i>Cheletogenes ornatus</i> (Canestrini and Fanzago)	Fruits of orange and mandarin	1, 2, 3, 5	+++
<i>Hemichyletia bakeri</i> Ehara	Leaves and fruits of mandarin; leaves of grapefruit	1, 2, 5, 6	+++
Cunaxidae			
<i>Cunaxa capreolus</i> (Berlese)	Leaf litter under lime trees, <i>Citrus aurantifolia</i> (Christm.) Swingle	4	+
<i>Dactyloscirus</i> sp.	Leaf litter under orange and grapefruit	1	+
<i>Neocunaxoides ovatus</i> ? Lin, Zhang and Ji	Leaf litter under grapefruit	1	+
Ereynetidae			
<i>Ereynetes</i> sp.	Leaves of orange	6	+
Eupodidae			
<i>Eupodes</i> sp.	Leaves of orange	1, 2	+
Iolinidae			
<i>Pronematus</i> sp.	Leaves of lime; fruits of orange and mandarin	1, 5, 6	+++
Melicharidae			
<i>Proctolaelaps aegyptiacus</i> Nasr	Leaves of mandarin	3	+
<i>P. holovertris</i> Moraes, Britto, Mineiro & Halliday	Leaves of mandarin	1, 2, 5, 6	+++
<i>Proctolaelaps pygmaeus</i> (Müller)	Leaves of lemon, <i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Burm.f.; fruits of mandarin	1, 2, 5	+++
Oribatulidae			
<i>Zygoribatula tadrosi</i> ? Popp	Fruits of grapefruit	1	+
Phytoseiidae			
<i>Amblyseius swirskii</i> Athias-Henriot	Leaves of mandarin and grapefruit; leaves and fruits of orange	1, 2, 3	+++
<i>Euseius scutalis</i> (Athias-Henriot)	Leaves of orange	1	++
<i>Neoseiulus barkeri</i> Hughes	Lower leaves of orange and on bermuda grass, <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers., associated with thrips	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	+++
<i>Proprioseiopsis messor</i> (Wainstein)	Fruits of mandarin	1	+
<i>P. ovatus</i>	Lower leaves of grapefruit and orange	1, 2	+
<i>Typhlodromus (Typhlodromus) pyri</i> Scheuten	Leaves of mandarin and orange, associated with <i>E. orientalis</i> and tenuipalpid mites	2, 3, 6	+++
Raphignathidae			
<i>Raphignathus</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin	6	+
Stigmaeidae			
<i>Agistemus exsertus</i> González-Rodríguez	Leaves of lime and mandarin	4	+++
<i>Stigmaeus</i> sp.	Lower leaves of mandarin	2	+
Tarsonemidae			
<i>Polyphagotarsonemus latus</i> (Banks) ¹	Leaves of orange and mandarin; fruits of orange	1, 2, 3, 6	+++
Tenuipalpidae			
<i>Brevipalpus phoenicis</i> (Geijskes)	Leaves and fruits of mandarin; leaves of lemon and lime	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	+++
<i>Cenopalpus pulcher</i> (Canestrini and Fanzago)	Leaves of mandarin and lemon	4	++
<i>Tenuipalpus eriophyoides</i> Baker	Leaves of lemon	1	++
<i>Tenuipalpus</i> sp.	Leaves of lemon	1	+
Tetranychidae			
<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> (Klein)	Leaves of orange, mandarin, grapefruit, lime and lemon; fruits of mandarin, grapefruit and orange; buds of lime	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	+++
<i>Oligonychus</i> sp.	Leaves of mandarin	1, 2, 8	++
<i>Tetranychus urticae</i> Koch	Leaves of orange, grape fruit and lime	1, 2, 7	++
<i>Tetranychus</i> sp.	Leaves of orange	6	+
Tydeidae			
<i>Tydeus</i> sp.	Fruits of orange	1	+

¹ New host record in Egypt.

* (1) Assiut; (2) Abuteeg; (3) Elbadary; (4) Sahel Seleim; (5) Sedfa; (6) Manfalout; (7) Elghanayem; (8) Elfatah.

** (+) few numbers; (++) moderate numbers; (+++) high numbers.

The citrus brown mite, *Eutetranychus orientalis* (Klein, 1936) is a primarily pest of citrus and was reported from many parts of the world. *E. orientalis* was firstly reported from Egypt by Sayed (1942). It feeds on the upper side of the leaves close to the midrib. It is widespread on citrus trees in Assiut Governorate (Salman *et al.*, 1975; Darwish, 1976). This species can be observed by its egg shells' numbers and exuviae on the leaves. *E. orientalis* seems to reach very high population levels causing extensive yellowish discoloration of the citrus leaves in the studied areas. On the other hand, the red and black flat mite, *Brevipalpus phoenicis* (Geijskes, 1939) is a harmful species on citrus in many parts of the world including Egypt (Zaher *et al.*, 1970; Rasmy *et al.*, 1972; Salman *et al.*, 1975; Rahil and Abd-El-Halim, 2000; Halawa and Fawzy, 2014). Certain citrus species are liable to be severely attacked by this pest mite. Further observations will provide better insight into this. The broad mite, *Polyphagotarsonemus latus* (Banks, 1904), firstly recorded from citrus in Egypt, was extensively found on leaves of orange and seems to be an important pest of this crop especially in Manfalout district, based on its high densities and subsequent discoloration of leaves. The phytophagous flat mites, *Cenopalpus pulcher* (Canestrini and Fanzago, 1876) and *Tenuipalpus eriophyoides* Baker, 1948 were found in moderate numbers infesting the leaves of lemon and mandarin in Sahel Seleim and Assiut districts. Although the citrus bud mite, *Aceria sheldoni* (Ewing, 1937) and the citrus

rust mite, *Phyllocoptruta oleivora* (Ashmead, 1879) (Eriophyidae) were commonly reported from the northern parts of Egypt, they were missed in the present survey. This maybe mainly due to their adaptability to high humidity conditions (Jeppson *et al.*, 1975) which is not available in central and southern parts of Egypt.

Predatory species mostly belong to the families Phytoseiidae, Stigmaeidae and Cheyletidae. *Amblyseius swirskii* Athias-Henriot, 1962 and *Typhlodromus (Typhlodromus) pyri* Scheuten, 1857 were the most numerous phytoseiid species. They were commonly found on mandarin and orange leaves mostly in association with *E. orientalis* and tenuipalpid species. *Neoseiulus barkeri* Hughes, 1948 was found on lower leaves of orange and on bermuda grass, *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers. (Poaceae) directly in association with thrips. Among other predatory species recorded, *Cheletogenes ornatus* (Canestrini and Fanzago, 1876) and *Hemicheyletia bakeri* (Ehara, 1962) were reported in high numbers especially on leaves and fruits of mandarin. It is good to note that *H. bakeri* was found preying on citrus red mite, *Panonychus citri* (McGregor) in Ehime prefecture of Japan (Razaq *et al.*, 2001), which indicates that it may work well against *E. orientalis*.

In conclusion, this preliminary survey of citrus mites in Assiut has shown a diverse mite fauna, characterized by high numbers of predatory species. The high abundance of predatory phytoseiid species may be related to the extensive use of pesticides, hopefully to have some resis-

tant strains of predators. Care should be taken for such control tactic.

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الملخص

تلعب الأكاروسات دوراً هاماً في إنتاج الموالح سواء كآفات ضارة أو مفترسات نافعة. وبناءً على الأعمال البحثية المنشورة، تم تسجيل ١٤٩ نوع من الحلم ضمن ٣٩ فصيلة من بساتين الموالح في مصر. تم إجراء دراسة حصرية في الفترة من أكتوبر ٢٠١٤م إلى فبراير ٢٠١٦م في ٢٨ مزرعة من ثمانية مراكز تابعة لمحافظة أسيوط، مصر، لتحديد التركيب النوعي للحلم الضار والمفترس. تم أيضاً تسجيل التواجد والتوزيع للأصناف ذات الأهمية الإقتصادية. أخذت العينات كل اسبوعين من الأوراق النباتية والبراعم والثمار، وقد سجلت كل من هذه الأنواع الضارة، حلم الموالح البني (*Eutetranychus orientalis* (Klein, 1936)، الحلم المبطن الأحمر والأسود (*Brevipalpus phoenicis* (Geijskes, 1939) والحلم العريض (*Polyphagotarsonemus latus* (Banks, 1904) بكثافة عالية باعتبارها الأكثر شيوعاً. كما سجلت العديد من الأنواع المفترسة التابعة لأكثر من فصيلة مثل: *Amblyseius swirskii* Athias-Henriot, 1962 و *Typhlodromus (Typhlodromus) pyri* Scheuten, 1857 من فصيلة Phytoseiidae، والحلم *Agistemus exsertus* Gonzalez-Rodrigues, 1963 من فصيلة Stigmaeidae، واعتبرت هذه الأنواع الثلاثة هي الأكثر وفرة على أوراق اليوسفي والليمون والبرتقال، في حين أن الأنواع *Cheletogenes ornatus* (Canestrini & Fanzago, 1876) و *Hemicheyletia bakeri* (Ehara, 1962) من فصيلة Cheyletidae لوحظ أغلبها على الثمار. يعتبر تسجيل العديد من الأنواع الأكاروسية المفترسة على أشجار الموالح خطوة هامة نحو كيفية تفعيل الإستفادة منها مستقبلياً في برامج مكافحة البيولوجية.