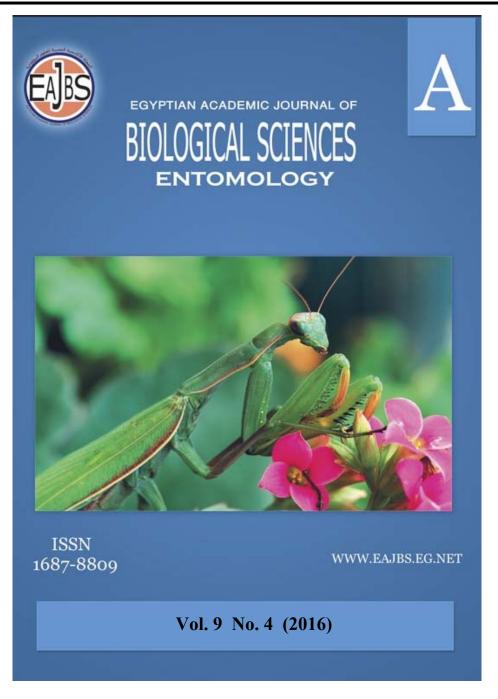
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Morphological Identification of Aphid Species Infesting Some Ornamental plants in Taif Governorate

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# ABSTRACT

Aphid species were surveyed and identified from 18 ornamental plant in different localities in Taif governorate, KSA through 2015/2016 seasons. Eleven aphid species were recorded only on 14 ornamental host plants. Rhodobium porosum, Brachyunguis tamarics and Acyrthosiphon pisum were recorded on Rosa damascene var trigintipetala. There were two aphid species were recorded on Tecoma stans; Brachyunguis tamarics and Aphis compositae. Aphis compositae was more abundant. One aphid species was collected and identified on Rosa damascena, this species was known as Rhodobium porosum. For Jasminum grandiflorum, *Cestrum* sp. and *Tegetes marigold*, only one aphid species was recorded; namely Myzus persica, this aphid species was observed with very high density on *Cestrum* sp., followed by Jasminum grandiflorum but the lowest abundant was recorded on *Tegetes marigold*. Brachyunguis tamarics also was the only recorded species on Hibiscus rosa-sinensis., it was observed in weak density. The four ornamental plants; Bougainvillea sp., Nerium oleander, schefflera actinophyll and Ruta graveolens, recorded no aphid infestation through the two tested seasons 2015 and 2016. Four aphid species were identified on Ocimum basilicum during the season: these species were Rhopalosiphum maidis, Aphis copmpositae, Macrosiphum avenae and Rhodobium porosum, the lowest observed abundant species was Rhodobium porosum. On Plectranthus amboinicus, there was only one recorded aphid species, it was identified as Macrosiphum avenae, and was recorded in high density. Brachynguis tamaricis was the only species recorded on *Petunia* sp. and *Caesalpinia* pulcherrima, was demonstrated with high density on petunia sp. On Rosa damascene var semperflorens, there were four recorded species namely as; Macrosiphum rosae, Macrosiphum avenae,

Rhodobium porosum, and Amphorophora agathonic. Only one aphid species was recorded on each of Artemisia vulgaris and Achillea Arabica, they are Macrosiphoniella absinthii and Liapapphis erysimi respectively.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Ornamental plants considered very important plants according to its beauty, smell and medical purpose. These plants were attacked by various insects pests including different aphid species which cause high annual losses. This pest may cause stopping the growth of leaf and flower buds, twigs and stems by sucking sap and also prohibits flowering and causes weakness of flower buds which lead to deformities and mottled petals. (Mehrparvar et al. 2009). Aphids cause indirect losses by secreting honeydew that attract many insects such as flies, ants and wasps, moreover, sooty mold will start to grow and finally photosynthesis and yield will be reduced. Furthermore, aphids are responsible for transferring viral diseases from infested plant to healthy plants. (Blackman and Eastop 2000). (Dawood 1971) recorded many species of aphids that attack ornamental plants in Egypt. The commonest species were Aphis gossypii, Aphis craccivora and Myzus persicae in which caused large damage on *Chrysanthemum indicum*, *Antirrhinum majus* and *Rosa* spp. (Blackman and Eastop 1984) recorded thirty-one species of aphids on Rosa spp., The most abundant were Macrosiphum rosae; potato aphid, and Macrosiphum euphorbia. Also (Blackman and Eastop 2000) have been reported about 55 aphid species already for roses. (Perontil and Silva 2002) collected a total of 25 aphid species from 49 ornamental plant species in Brazil; 12 aphids were monophagous, four oligophagous and nine polyphagous. (Salem 2009) recorded that five aphid species were attacking nine annual ornamental plants in Egypt. A. gossypii on Verbena hybrida, S. farinacea, S. splendens, S. splendens, Coreopsis auriculata and A. mathiola on Mathiola incana. Myzus persicae on Antirrhinum majus. Lipaphis erysimi on Ageratum houstonianum. Capitophorus elaeagni on Gazania splendens. (Rafi et al. 2010) recorded and identify aphid species that attack some ornamental plants in Aligarh. Aphis gossypii recorded on Hibiscus rosa-sinensis. Macrosiphum roseiformis recorded on Rose, Aphis crccivora on Argimon sp., Aphis craccivora on Bougainvillea sp., Uroleucon compositae on Calendula, Aphis fabae solanella on Castrum nocturnum. Yovkova et al. (2013) listed aphids that infesting some ornamental plants in Bulgaria, which includes 114 species from 95 genera. Studying about use of morphological traits for extant aphid species is necessary.

This study aimed to use morphological traits for identification aphids that infest some ornamental plants in Taif governorate.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

## **Experimental design:**

This study was conducted at Taif governorate, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was carried out through 2015/ 2016 season. Eighteen ornamental host plants were chosen randomly from different localities at Taif governorate. The investigated ornamental plants are: *Tecoma stans* is belonging to family Bignoniaceae, *Bougainvillea* sp. is belonging to family Nyctaginaceae, *Nerium oleander* is belonging to family Apocynaceae, *Schefflera actinophylla* is belonging to family Araliaceae, *Rosa damascene, Rosa damascena* var. *trigintipetala* and *Rosa damascena* var *semperflorens* are belonging to family Rosaceae, *Jasminum* 

grandiflorum is belonging to family Oleaceae, Cestrum sp. is belonging to family Solanaceae, Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is belonging to family Malvaceae, Tegetes marigold and Achillea arabica are belonging to family Compositae, Ruta graveolens is belonging to family Rutaceae, Ocimum basilicum and Plectranthus amboinicus are belonging to family Lamiaceae, Petunia sp. and Caesalapinia pulpherrima are belonging to family Fabaceae, Artemisia Vulgaris is belonging to family Asteraceae **Collecting and preservation aphid species infesting ornamental plants:** 

Aphids infesting the mentioned host plants were collecting throughout two seasons (2015 and 2016). Aphid colonies often consist of winged and wingless form, the proportion of adults in the sample can be increased by keeping the plant parts that infested with apterous form alive for a few days in a cool place in glass jar covered with muslin clothe before preserving them. Specimens of alate form were collected with a soft brush to transfer aphids and preserved into sample tubes containing 75% ethanol alcohol with few drops of glycerin for the proper identification of host species, then the tubes labeled carefully. Ornamental aphid species which collected during this experimental period were brought to the laboratory for identification. The different characters of taxonomic importance were examined with an eyepiece micrometer at 400× magnification using a light microscope (Leica DM 2500). The collecting and preserving technique was based mainly on (Hille Ris Lambers 1950) method.

## Preparation of mounted specimens:

Collected aphid species alate form were killed and preserved in 75% ethyl alcohol. Preserved alate forms of aphid species were cleaned with distillated water for several times, and then macerated in sodium hydroxide solution 10 % overnight at room temperature (this period may increase in cases of black specimens). Aphid samples were washed in 5% glacial acetic acid. Samples were dehydrated by gradually series of ethyl alcohol concentrations. (Ten minutes for each concentration of 50, 70, 85, 90, and 95%, respectively). For clearing specimen, samples were cleared by socked in freshly chloral-phenol solution (1 vol. chloral hydrate: 1 vol. phenol) for 15 min. cleared specimen was transferred to clean micro slide glass with 2 drops of Swan's gum chloral media (Eastop and van Emden 1972; El-Kady 1959)., carefully covered by a clean cover slip to avoid any air bubbles, and then the slides left horizontally on a hot plate at 40 °C for 2 days to dry. Mounted specimens were identified by using taxonomic keys of aphids such as (Habib & El-Kady, 1961; Blackman & Eastop, 1984 and 2000) to identify species.

Obtained data were analyzed by using SAS package (SAS Institute 1997), significant differences were determined by analysis of variance (ANOVA) and based on the least significant differences using General Linear Model procedure (proc GLM). These tests followed by using Duncan's test at 0.05 probability level (Duncan 1955).

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSION**

#### Survey of aphid species infesting some annual ornamental plant:

Aphid species were surveyed from eighteen ornamental plants in different localities in Taif governorate, KSA through 2015/2016 seasons. Eleven aphid species were recorded and belonging to (Family: Aphidiae) and (Subfamily: Aphidinae), with two tribes (Macrosiphini and Aphidini). Aphids of tribe Macrosiphini are the most abundant whereas eight aphid species were belonging to this tribe, but three aphid species were belonging to tribe Aphidini.

Data in table (1), show the determined aphid species on the ornamental plants. Three aphid species were recorded on Rosa damascena var trigintipetala, they are Rhodobium porosum.Brachyunguis tamarics and Acyrthosiphon pisum, these species were nearly equal in abundant where they formed weak densities. Fore *Tecoma stans*, there were two aphid species, Brachyunguis tamarics and Aphis compositae. Aphis compositae was more abundant. One aphid species was collected and identified on Rosa damascena, this species was known as Rhodobium porosum, this species was weak abundant. For Jasminum grandiflorum, Cestrum sp. and Tegetes marigold, only one aphid species was recorded; namely Myzus persica, this aphid species was observed with very high density on *Cestrum* sp., followed by Jasminum grandiflorum but the lowest abundant was recorded on Tegetes marigold. Brachyunguis tamarics also was the only recorded species on Hibiscus rosa-sinensis., it was observed in weak density. Data also showed that the four ornamental plants; *Bougainvillea* sp., Nerium oleander, schefflera actinophyll and Ruta graveolens, recorded no aphid infestation through the experimental period. Four aphid species were identified on Ocimum basilicum during the two tested seasons; these species were Rhopalosiphum maidis, Aphis copmpositae, Macrosiphum avenae and Rhodobium porosum, the lowest observed abundant species was *Rhodobium porosum*, the other three species were nearly equal abundant. On Plectranthus amboinicus, there was only one recorded aphid species, it was identified as Macrosiphum avenae, this species was recorded in high abundant. Brachynguis tamaricis was the only recorded species on Petunia sp. and Caesalpinia pulcherrima, where the most density was demonstrated on petunia sp.On Rosa damascenavar semperflorens, there were four recorded species namely as; Macrosiphum rosae, Macrosiphum avenae, Rhodobium porosum, and Amphorophora agathonic, while Macrosiphum rosae was the most observed abundant species but Amphorophora agathonic was recorded the lowest abundant on this host plant. Only one aphid species was recorded on each of Artemisia vulgaris and Achillea Arabica, they are Macrosiphoniella absinthii and Liapapphis erysimi respectively; these species were noticed in high densities.

The obtained results on *Rosa* spp. were agreed with the finding of (Merhrparvar *et al.* 2009; Rezvani 2001; Blackman and Eastop 1984). For Artemisia vulgaris, one aphid species was identified and recorded, this species was Macrosiphoniella absinthii, this species was formed moderate density. On Achillea Arabica, there was only one recorded species with moderate abundant; this species was identified as *Liapapphis* erysimi (Kaygin et al. 2009) in Turkey, identified 28 aphid species belonging to 14 genus and 4 tribes of the super family Aphidoidea on 38 host ornamental plants. Aphis affinis was recorded on Mentha sp., Aphis gossypii recorded on Hibiscus mutabilis L., Aphis nasturtii (Kaltenbach 1843) was recorded on Hibiscus esculantus. It was shown that recorded aphid species mostly infected Nerium oleander by Aphis nerii . Hyadaphis foeniculi was recorded on Petrosalinum sp. Macrosiphum and Macrosiphum rosae were recorded on Rosa damascena var euphorbiae trigintipetala, Rubus fructicosus, Taraxacum officinale, Rosa canina. Myzuspersicae recorded on Cyclamen sp. (Halima 2013) in Tunisia identified Aphis Eugenia as a new record on Hibiscus rosacinensi and Hibiscus mutabilus, while he recorded Aphis Eugenia on Hibiscus rosacinensis and Hibiscus mutabilus but Toxoptera aurantii and Myzus persicae were identified only on Hibiscus rosacinensis. Our obtained results recorded no aphid infestation on schefflera actinophylla, while the same author recorded Aphis spirecola on this host ornamental plant, this last mentioned species also was found on Bougainvillea sp. beside Macrosiphum euphorbiae. Aphis craccivora, Aphis gossypii and Aphis fabae were recorded on Tecoma smithi. Aphis

fabae, Macrosiphum rosae and Rodbium porosum was recorded on Rosa indica, while Pseudaphis abyssinicae was identified on Rosa sp. This author also determined Aphis fabae on Cestrum nocturnum, Cestrum parquii, S. nigrum, while in our current study only on recorded species namely as Myzus persicae on cestrum sp. In India, (Rafi 2010) recorded Aphis craccivora on Bougainvillea sp., while in the current study, there were no aphid infestation on this ornamental plant. Aphis fabae was observed on Cestrum nocturnum, Aphis gossypii and Macrosiphum roseiformison were recorded Hibiscus rosa-sinensis. Our results were agreed with (Jalalizand et al. 2012) where they identified the collected aphid samples of Rosae in Iran according to morphological traits, these samples were belonged to species *Macrosiphum rosae*, Aphis gossypii, and Metopolophium dirhodum. (Labanowski 2008) in Poland recorded Macrosiphum euphorbiae and Nectarosiphon ascalonicus on Schefflera arboricola, while he identified Aphis nerii on Nerium oleander. (Peronti et al. 2002) also found Aphis nerii only on Nerium oleander, and Macrosiphum rosae has been found in Brazil only one species on Rosaceae. (Maicoshi1993) in Riyadh, recorded A.gossvpii and M. euphorbia on Tecoma stans and Rosa sp.; also M. rosae was demonstrated on Rosa sp. Nerium oleander was infested with Aphis nerii. Brachynguis tamaricis was observed on Tamarix sp. Myzus persicae was recorded on Bouganivillea sp., Cestrum noturnum, Hibiscus rosa-sineis and Tegetes sp.

As shown in (Table 1), eleven identified species were found on the eighteen ornamental plants during the investigated season 2015 /2016 at Taif governorate. Statistical analysis showed highly significant differences between aphid densities, where Rosa *damascene* var *semperflorens* and *Ocimum basilicum* were the most attractive hosts to the aphids. Morphological characters of eleven aphid species were showed and represented in figures (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11).

The cultivation of pest resistant plant is one way to counter pests. In recent years, studies conducted in the field of production and use of crop varieties resistant to insects has helped to significantly increase food production in major agricultural areas. In most pests management programs the subject of plant resistance to insects and the subject of the host preference of pests are important. In most cases, insect resistant varieties decrease the physical ability and physiological status of insect pests, (Baldin *et al.* 2007). There are several factors that make resistant plants inappropriate host plant for pests, different parts of plant, the plant age, the hairy leaves, chemical substances effective for feeding in aphid populations, (Toscano *et al.* 2002; Snyder *et al.* 1998).

Host plant resistance to pests is ubiquitous but there exists a great deal of variation in the levels expressed by plants. The level of resistance will obviously depend on the specific morphological and biochemical defenses utilized by the plant, but ultimately the expression and stability of the resistance characters depend on the plant genotype, the pest genotype and the genetic interactions between the plant and the pest (Gallun & Khush 1980; Han *et al.* 1991 and Nosser 1996)

(Goławska *et al.* 2008) identified plant phenolics with insecticidal properties towards insects. They compared of control and infested by *Acyrthosiphon pisum* (Harris) vegetative parts of pea plants. In the pea plants six flavonol aglycones were identified: quercetin, kaempferol+RCO-, kaempferol, tricin, apigenin+RCO-, and apigenin. In unfested plants relatively high concentration of total phenols, o-dihydroxyphenols and total flavonoids in comparison with control were observed. It suggests that phenolics have negative effect on insects and they are good for control of the insect pests.

Table (1): Determined Aphid species inhabiting some ornamental plants in Taifgovernorate, KSA during 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Host number	Host ornamental plants	Aphid species	Intensity of aphids	Significant litters
1	Rosa damascena var. trigintipetala	1.Rhodobium porosum 2.Brachyunguis tamarics 3. Acyrthosiphon pisum	+++++++	(d)
2	Tecoma stans	1.Brachyunguis tamarics 2. Aphis compositae	++ ++++	(b c)
3	Bougainvillea sp	-	-	(f)
4	Nerium oleander	-	-	(f)
5	schefflera actinophylla	-	-	(f)
6	Rosa damascena	1.Rhodobium porosum	+	(e)
7	Jasminum grandiflorum	Myzus persicae	++++	(c)
8	Cestrum sp.	Myzus persicae	+++++	(c)
9	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Brachyunguis tamarics	+	(e)
10	Tegetes marigold	Myzus persicae	+++	(d)
11	Ruta graveolens	-	-	(f)
12	Ocimum basilicum	<ul><li>1.Rhopalosiphum maidis</li><li>2. Aphis compositae</li><li>3. Macrosiphum avenae</li><li>41.Rhodobium porosum</li></ul>	++ ++ ++ +	(ab)
13	Plectranthus amboinicus	Macrosiphum avenae	++++	(c)
14	Petunia sp.	Brachynguis Tamaricis	++	(e)
15	Caesalpinia pulcherrima	Brachynguis Tamaricis	+	(e)
16	Rosa damascena var semperflorens.	1.Macrosiphum rosae 2.Macrosiphum avenae 3.Rhodobium porosum 4. Amphorophora agathonic	+++++ ++ ++ +	(a)
17	Artemisia vulgaris	1.Macrosiphoniella absinthii	+++	(d)
18	Achillea arabica	Liapapphis erysimi	+++	(d)
F value				123.6
L.S.D		++++ high $+++++$ yery high)		22.3

\*(+ very weak, ++ weak, +++ moderate, ++++ high, +++++ very high)

\*Means within a column for hosts followed by different letters are significantly different  $(D_{1}, 0, 0)$ 

(P < 0.05; using Duncan's multiple range clarifying by LSD test).

Helmi and Rashwan 2015, showed significant differences between different plant species/cultivars and population density of aphids, whiteflies, leafhoppers and thrips and also with their associated predators. Photosynthetic pigments (Chlorophyll a, Chlorophyll b and Carotenoids) analysis showed negative relationship with sap sucking insect's infestation. Also different leaf biochemical components such as total phenol, total soluble sugars and total free amino acids revealed negative relationship with sap sucking insect's infestation, while total flavonoids analysis showed insignificant differences. (Kamel and Gengaihi 2009) cited that total flavonoids group that is considered as a secondary plant metabolite had no biological activity either as anti-feedant or as repellant to different cucumber sap sucking insects. (Leite *et al.* 2006) demonstrated that plant chemical composition, levels of nitrogen and potassium beside density and structure of leaf trichomes can affect on intensity of pest attack.

So, resistant hosts and varieties could be utilizes as affected factor in the integrated pest management programs, (Han *et al.* 1991; Nosser 1996).

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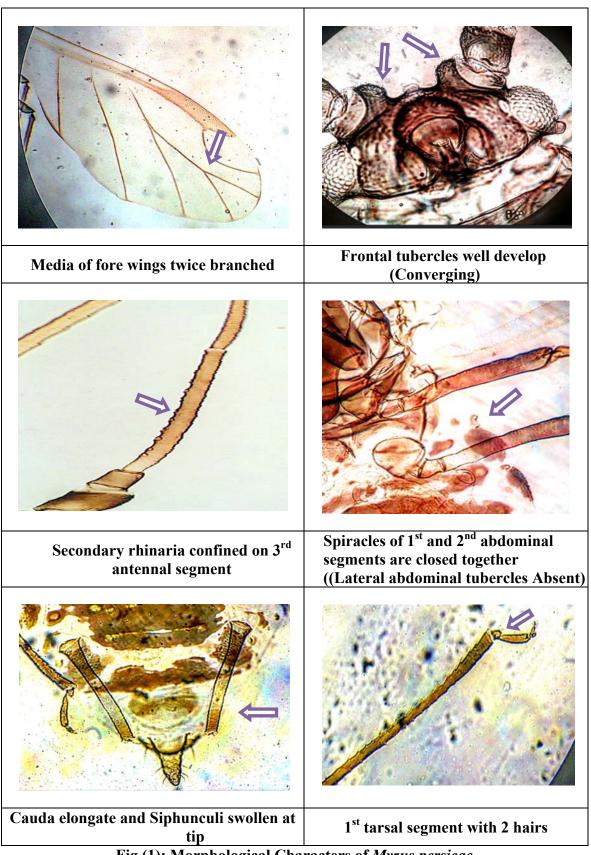


Fig (1): Morphological Characters of Myzus persicae

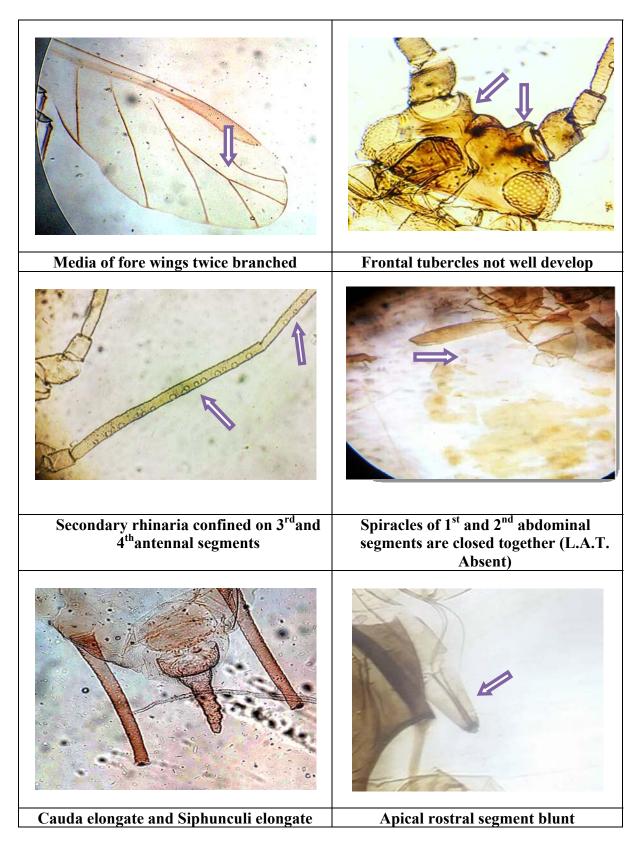


Fig (2): Morphological Characters of Rhodobium porosum

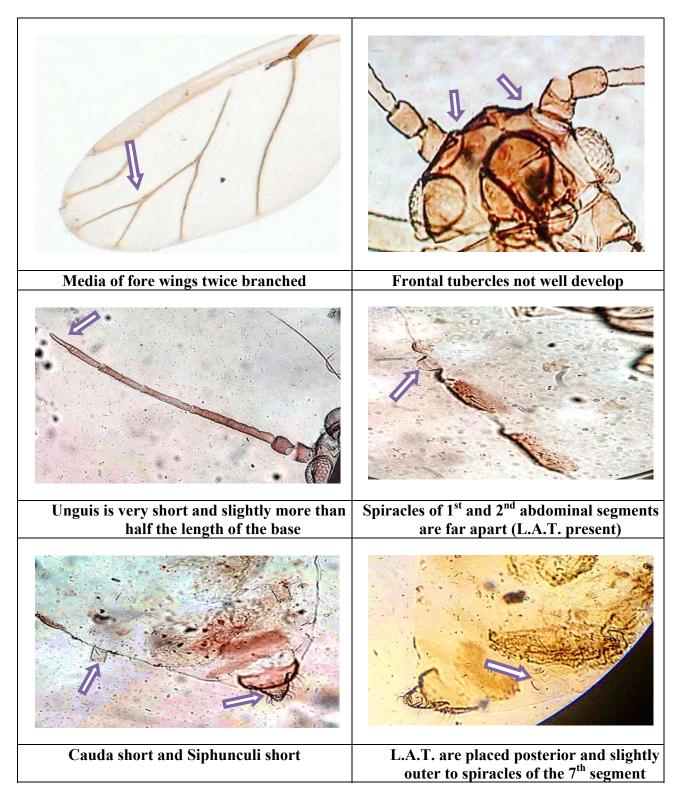


Fig (3): Morphological Characters of Brachyunguis tamarics.

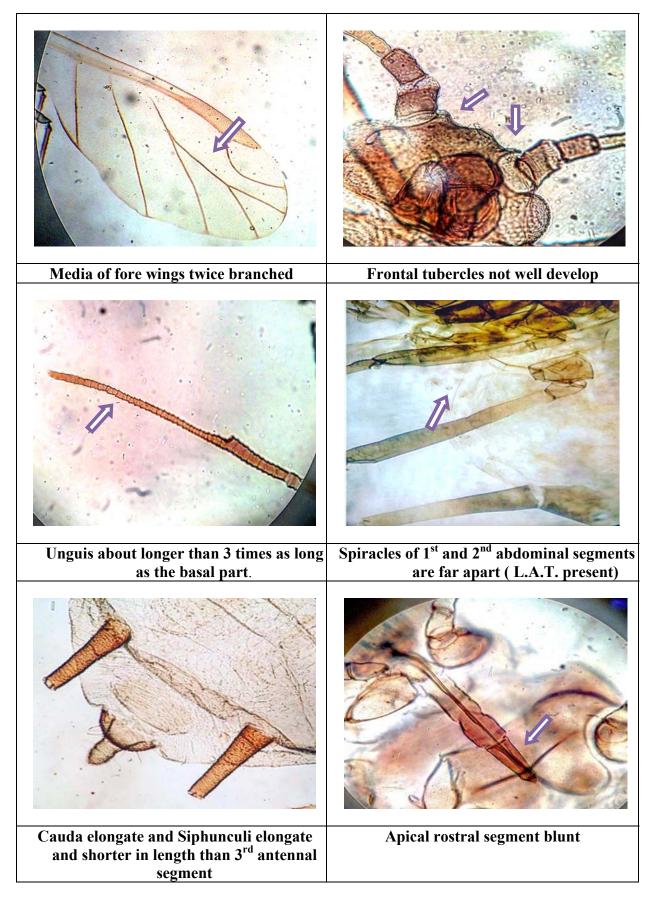


Fig (4): Morphological Characters of Aphis compositae.

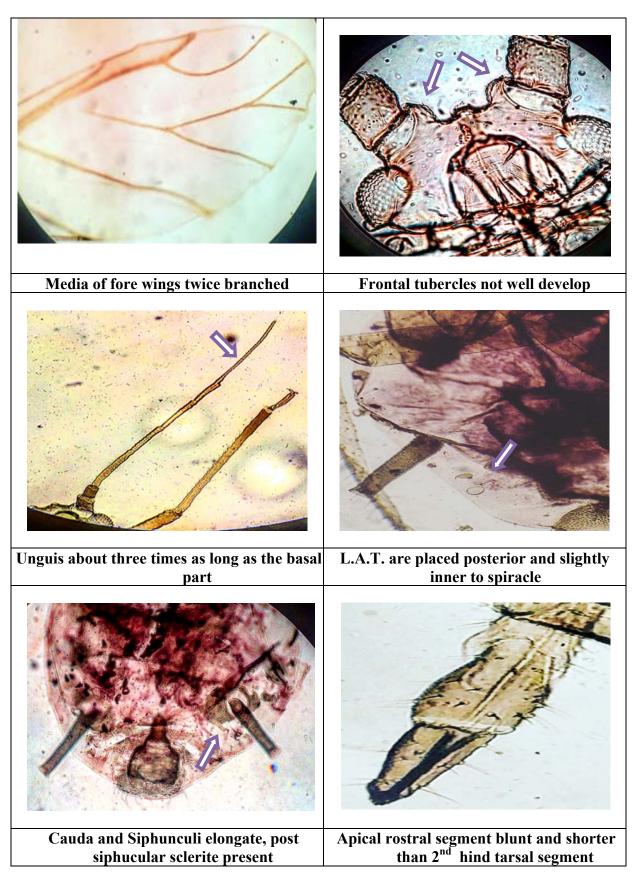


Fig (5): Morphological Characters of Rhopallosiphum maidis

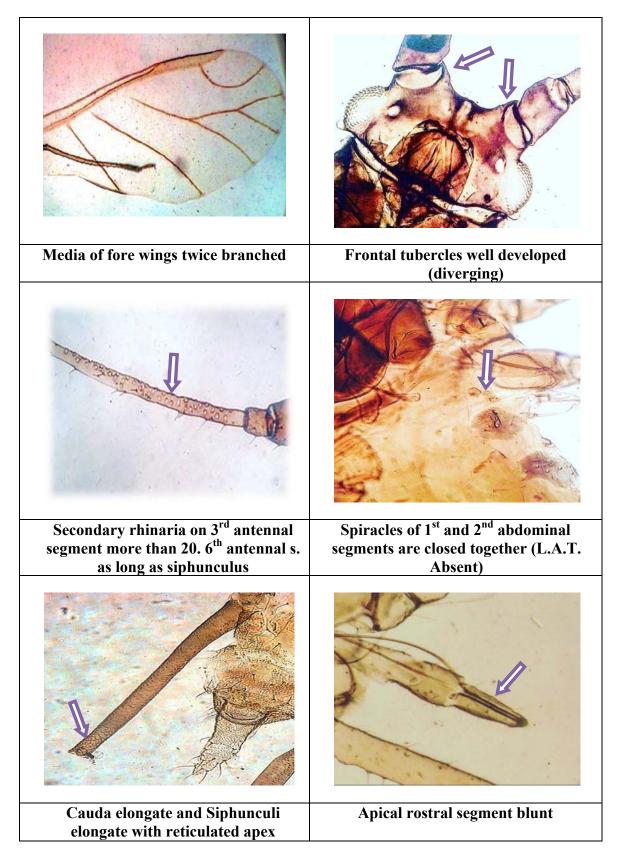
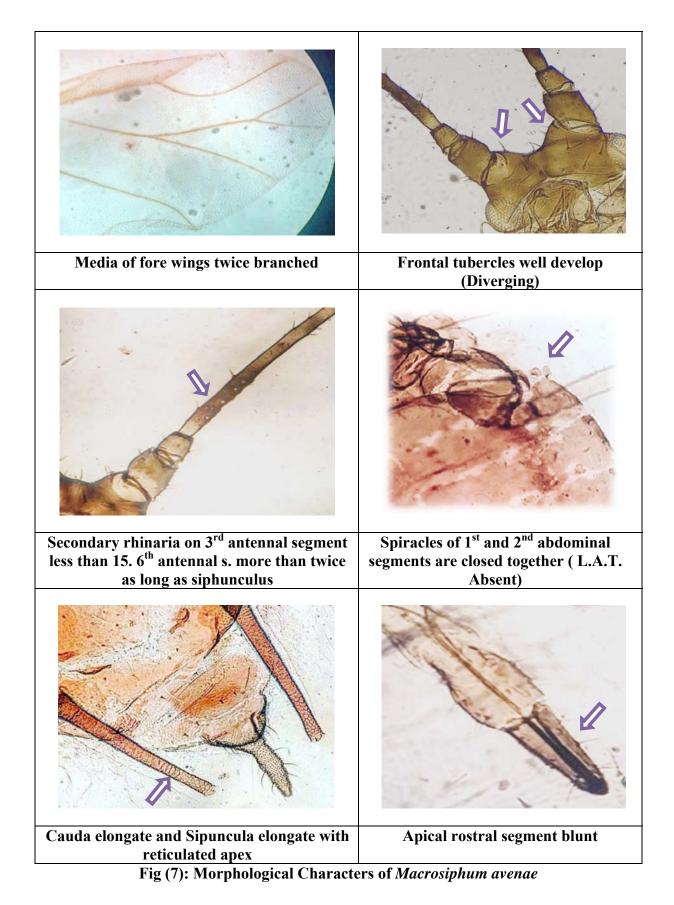
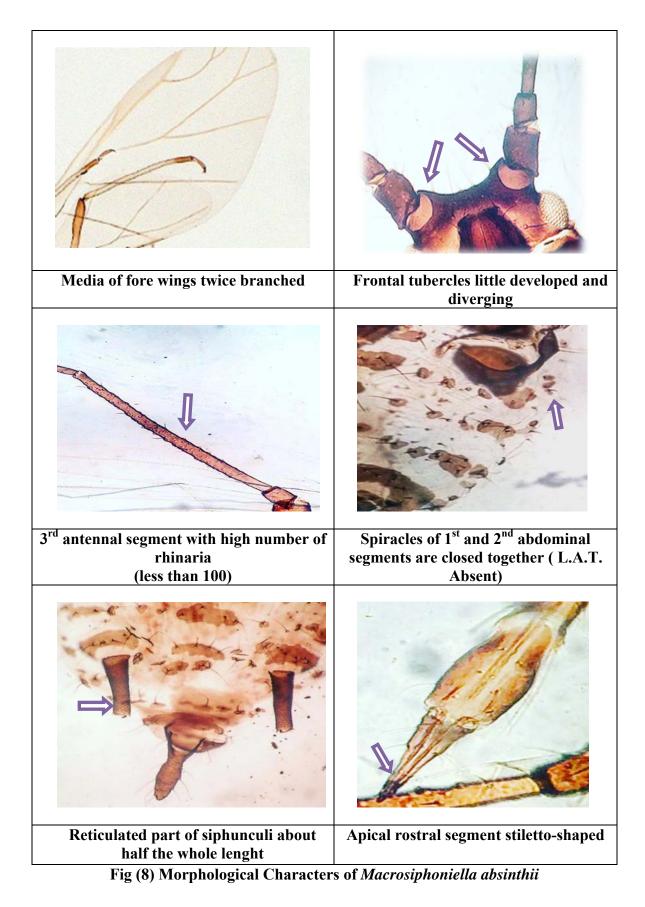


Fig (6): Morphological Characters of Macrosiphum rosae





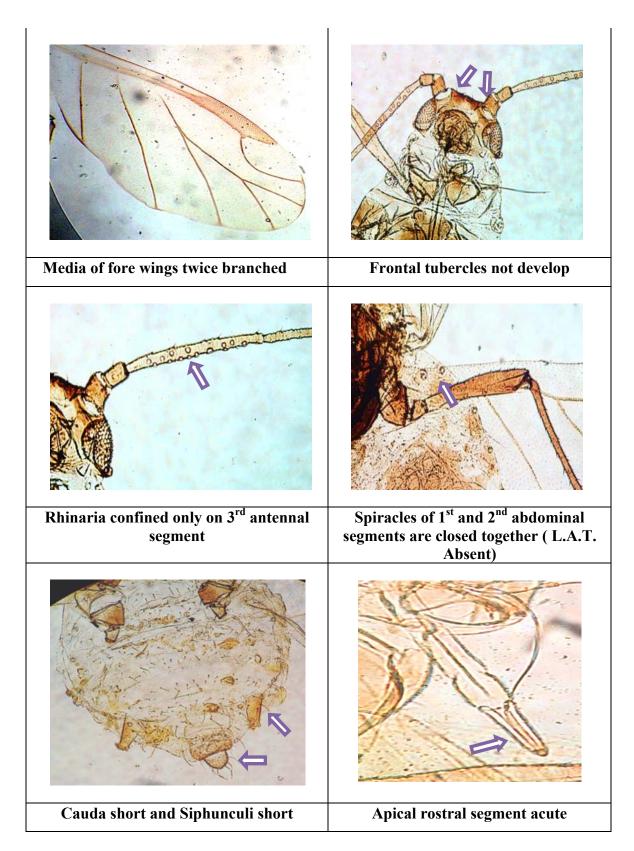


Fig (9): Morphological Characters of Lipapphis erysimi

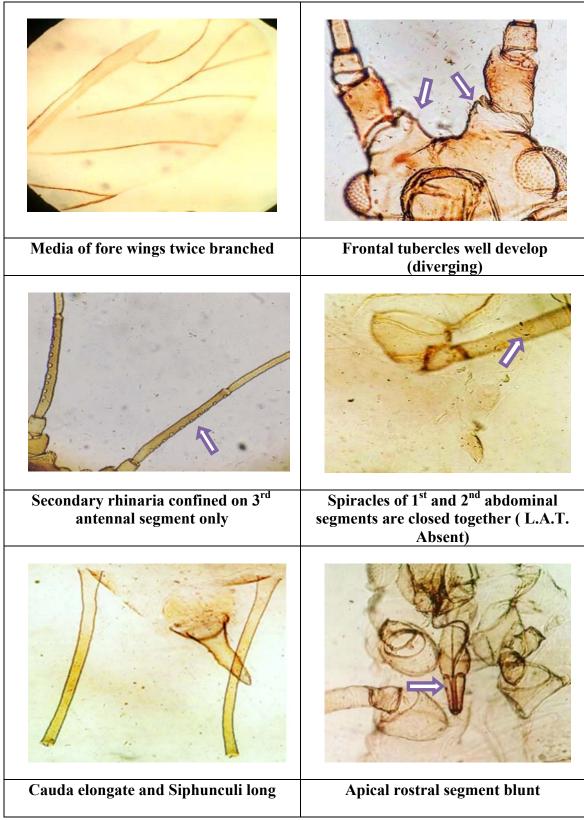


Fig (10): Morphological Characters of Acyrthosiphon pisum

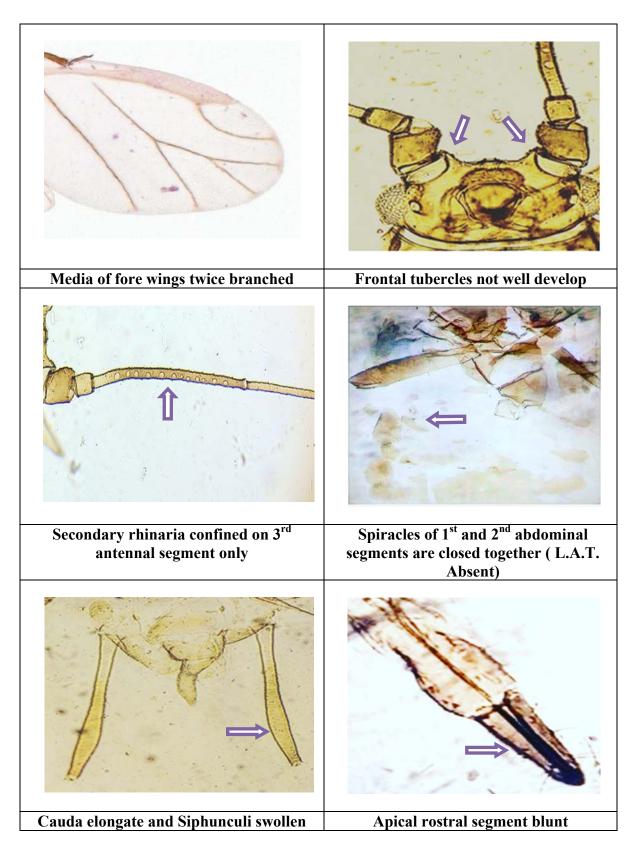


Fig (11): Morphological Characters of Amphorophora agathonic

## **ARABIC SUMMERY**

التعريف المور فولوجي لحشرات المن التي تصيب بعض نباتات الزينة في محافظة الطائف

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تم حصر وتعريف انواع المن على 18 عائل نباتي من نباتات الزينه المختلفة في محصر وتعريف الملكه العربية السعوديه خلال موسم 2016/2015. وسجل 11 نوع من حشرات المن على 14 عائل نباتي فقط من نباتات الزينة. وأوضحت النتائج أنه تم تسجيل ثلاثة أنواع من حشرات المن على نبات الورد الطائفي وهما Rhodobium porosum

أما النوع B. tamaricis هو النوع الوحيد ألذي تم تسجيله على نبات البيتونيا والسيز البينا. تم تسجيل اربعة أنواع مختلفة من حشرات المن على نبات ورد السلطان وهم Rhodobium. porosum. Macrosiphum avenae Macrosiphum rosae و كان النوع Macrosiphum rosae هو الأكثر شيوعاً على هذا النبات.

وقد تم تسجيل نوع واحد من حشرات المن على نبات الارتيمسيا Liapapphis ، اما نبات الاشيليا فقد تم تسجيل النوع *Macrosiphoniella. absinthii* erysimi عليه بتعداد متوسط.