

## Seasonal Abundance of the Important Scale Insects and Mealybugs and Their Natural Enemies on Mango Trees at Ismailia Governorate

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### ABSTRACT

Certain aspects of scale insect and mealybugs' population dynamics as well as their natural enemies infesting mango trees were studied throughout year 2013 in Ismailia Governorate, Egypt. The obtained data revealed the existence of two common scale insects were *Aulacaspis tubercularis* (Newstead), *Kilifia acuminata* (Signoret) and two mealybugs were *Planococcus citri* (Risso) and *Icerya seychellarum* (Westwood). The existence period of surveyed insects on mango trees covered all the year round. *A. tubercularis* showed the highest total mean values than others on 1<sup>st</sup> March (260.06 individuals/ branch), followed by *P. citri* that showed its highest total mean values on 1<sup>st</sup> May (149.28 individuals/ branch), then *I. seychellarum* showed the highest total mean values on 1<sup>st</sup> April (124.58 individuals/ branch), and at last *K. acuminata* peaked on 15<sup>th</sup> May (72.78 individuals/ branch). The overall means of total number of scale insects predators recorded on the mango trees showed the highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> May (15.34 individuals/ branch), followed by scale insects parasitoids that showed its highest values on 1<sup>st</sup> September (2.46 individuals/ branch). Meanwhile, the predacious mites showed their highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> February (4.58 individuals/ branch).

**Key words:** Scale insects, mealybugs, natural enemies, mango trees, Egypt.

### INTRODUCTION

Mango, (*Mangifera indica* L.) a member of family Anacardiaceae, is one of the most important tropical fruits of the world and economic fruit trees in Egypt. It is known as the king of fruits due to its sweetness, excellent flavour, attractive colour, delicious taste and high nutritive value (Litz, 1997).

Scale insects are the most important pests that attack mango trees in Egypt (Radwan, 2003 and Sayed, 2012). They are related insects of the order Hemiptera, suborder Sternorrhyncha. They comprise the superfamily Coccoidea, previously placed in the now deprecated suborder Homoptera (Ben-Dov *et. al.*, 2010). These insect pests are found within 23 families while only 12 out of that number are found in Egypt. The most important of these are 3 families of armored scale insects (Diaspididae), mealybug (Margarodidae and Pseudococcidae) and soft scale insects (Coccidae) and these are dangerous species that attack different important economic crops in Egypt. Most of these species belong to families that are polyphagous, eurymerous, and attack various parts of the host plant, leaves, stem, bark, fruits and roots.

The present work aimed to study certain aspects of the population dynamics of scale insects and mealybugs and its natural enemies associated with mango trees at Ismailia Governorate.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field survey of the most certain scale insects and mealybugs and their natural enemies was conducted during one year, 2013 on mango tree at Ismailia

Governorate. The selected mango orchard did not receive any pesticide treatments before and throughout the studying period. All trees received the same routine horticultural practices.

Samples of mango leaves were chosen to take samples from them was taken biweekly throughout year of the study. Selected trees were similar in size, shape, height and homogenous in infestations as possible. Five infested branches, about 15 cm long. 25 cm diameter, and from cardinal directions (north, south, east and west) and tree core of each selected trees were picked up using a garden scissor. The branches represented different sides, the peripheral inner zones, lower and middle strata of the shrubs. The collected samples were packed in paper bags, transferred to the laboratory and examined by the aid of a needle using a stereoscopic microscope at the laboratory of the Ismailia Agriculture Research Station.

A live stage of insects and natural enemies were categorized and counts were recorded. Specimens were enclosed in glass jars (15 cm diameter and 20 cm height). The jars were covered with muslin held in position by a rubber band and checked daily. The predators and parasitoids were separated from the collecting leaves parts during the initial examinations. The predacious, parasitic insects and mites were identified by members of the Biological Control Research Department, Plant Protection Research Institute, Doki, Giza, Egypt.

Population fluctuations of the scale insects and mealybugs and their natural enemies (predators and parasitoids) were estimated during one year. The main weather factors maximum temperature (Max.Temp.),

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minimum temperature (Min.Temp.), relative humidity (%R.H) were recorded to determine their effects on the population densities of the common surveyed scale insects. The biweekly records of these weather factors in Ismailia Governorate were obtained from Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC) - Agricultural Research Center, Dokki, Egypt, corresponding to the precise period of sampling dates. Simple correlation (r) and partial regression (b) values were calculated to obtain information about the relationship between the mean number of individuals/tree and the mean records of the three tested weather factors. The obtained results were statistically analysed using Costat software program.

### Results and Discussion

Survey and population dynamics for scale insects species on mango trees were taking placed around Ismailia city at Ismailia Governorate. This study was carried out from January to December 2013. Data showed that the infested mango trees with two common scale insects and two mealy bugs were *Aulacaspis tubercularis*, *Kilifia acuminata*, *Planococcus citri* and *Icerya seychellarum*. All stages (eggs, nymphs and adult females) of each scale insect species and mealybugs, were existed throughout the inspecting intervals.

### Population dynamics of *A. tubercularis*

Table (1) showed densities of the *A.tubercularis* stages (eggs, nymphs and adult females) on mango trees at Ismailia Governorate. The eggs stage showed three peaks, the first found was observed in 1<sup>st</sup> April, while the second was in 1<sup>st</sup> may and the third was peak in 1<sup>st</sup> October. On other hand, the nymphs' stages were reached their maximum in 1<sup>st</sup> March (120.28 individuals/ branch), while their minimum value found in 15<sup>th</sup> December (16.34 individuals/ branch). The percentages of total nymphs in relation to the total population were highest on 15<sup>th</sup> April (70.07 individuals/ branch). Three peaks for adult females were explained during 2013. The first peak was in 1<sup>st</sup> March, the second in 15<sup>th</sup> May and the third peak in 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The total population for *A. tubercularis* during year 2013 had maximum value in 1<sup>st</sup> March (260.06 individuals/ branch) at 9.9 – 20.9 °C and 59.5 % R.H., while the lowest value showed in 15<sup>th</sup> February (38.34 individuals/ branch) at 10.1- 20.4 °C and 65.7 % R.H. at 11.4 – 25.1°C and 56.3% R.H. These results revealed that *A. tubercularis* had three generations from early March to early May, while the second from early May to early October and the third from early October to early January. These results are in agreement with those obtained by Radwan (2003) and Sayed (2012) who indicated that *A. tubercularis* had three generations on mango at Beni- Swief and at Suez Governorates, Egypt respectively.

**Table (1):** Average numbers of, *A. tubercularis* and weather factors during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate.

Sampling dates	Mean no. individuals/branch						Climatic factors		
	Egg stage	Nymphal stage	Adult Females	Total	Nymph %	Temperatures °C		R.H.(%) Means	
						Minimum	Maximum		
Jan.	1 <sup>st</sup>	24.12	16.59	1.4	42.11	39.39	12.3	20.2	73.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	26.56	18.59	1.93	47.08	39.49	7.6	18.2	71.9
Feb.	1 <sup>st</sup>	27.28	19.31	2.18	48.77	39.59	8.7	20.4	64.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	21.59	15.53	1.22	38.34	40.51	10.1	20.4	65.7
Mar.	1 <sup>st</sup>	134.62	120.28	5.16	260.06	46.25	9.9	20.9	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	143.74	17.56	3.24	164.54	10.67	12.1	26.8	54
Apr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	48.36	42.62	3	93.9	45.39	10.8	26.2	54.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	39.74	100.52	3.18	143.46	70.07	11.4	25.1	56.3
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	129.88	65.24	4.52	199.64	32.68	13.1	27.5	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	105.54	59.42	6.62	171.58	34.63	16.7	31.7	62.3
June	1 <sup>st</sup>	38.64	32.64	5.62	76.9	42.44	18.8	33.6	51.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	48.72	30.44	2.36	81.52	37.34	19.6	33.4	54.1
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	34.42	26.64	1.46	62.52	42.61	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	37.56	28.28	1.16	67	42.21	24.8	28.3	74.8
Aug.	1 <sup>st</sup>	28.42	23.42	1.24	53.08	44.12	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	29.56	20.16	2.24	51.96	38.79	25.4	30.5	74.8
Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup>	44.22	27.56	0.84	72.62	37.95	24.1	30.1	70.2
	15 <sup>th</sup>	49.58	26.42	1.62	77.62	34.04	23.5	29.9	70.9
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	132.66	45.26	3.68	181.6	24.92	23.2	28.6	69.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	83.82	62.44	3.24	149.5	41.77	22.3	26.7	72.4
Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup>	75.66	33.22	2.14	111.02	29.92	20.8	27.4	68.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	23.34	24.14	1.18	48.66	49.61	16.6	23.9	66.7
Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.42	18.42	1	45.84	40.18	17.1	22.1	66.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	24.66	16.34	1.26	42.04	38.87	13.5	19	68.8

### Population dynamics of *K. acuminata*.

The egg stage had three peaks the first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup> March, the second in 15<sup>th</sup> May and the third was in 1<sup>st</sup> October table (2). Nymphal stage showed its maximum value in 1<sup>st</sup> April (43.62 10.8 – 26.2 °C and 54.8 % R.H., while its minimum value found in 15<sup>th</sup> December (6.12 individuals/ branch). Nymphal stage showed three peaks the first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup> April, the second in 15<sup>th</sup> May and the third was in 1<sup>st</sup> October. The maximum mean number of adults female be noticed in 1<sup>st</sup> March (1.26 individuals/ branch), while the lowest value was found in 15<sup>th</sup> December (7 individuals/ branch). As shown in table (2) illustrated, the greatest peak of total population abundance for *K. acuminata* occurred in 15<sup>th</sup> May (72.78 individuals/ branch) at 16.7

– 31.7 °C and 62.3 % R.H., while the lowest value showed in 15<sup>th</sup> December (13.26 individuals/ branch) at 13.5 – 19 °C and 68.8 % R.H. On other hand the percentages of total nymphs were highest on 1<sup>st</sup> April (68.13 individuals/ branch) at 10.8 – 26.2 °C and 54.8 % R.H. *K. acuminata* had three generations from early March to early April, the second from early April to early May and the third from early May to early October. These results were in agreement with those obtained by Habib *et al.*, (1971) showed that the *K. acuminata* increased its population density on mango trees at different directions in Qualubia Governorate, Egypt. Bakry *et al.* (2013) obtained that the half monthly of the *Kilifia acuminata* (Hemiptera: Coccidae) had two peaks of seasonal activity per year.

**Table (2):** Average numbers of *K. acuminata* and weather factors during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate

Sampling dates	Egg stage	Mean no. individuals/branch					Climatic factors		
		Nymphal stage	Adult females	Total	Nymph %	Temperatures °C		R.H.(%)	
						Minimum	Maximum		Means
Jan.	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.78	10.36	0.42	22.56	45.92	12.3	20.2	73.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	12.84	10.91	0.18	23.94	45.61	7.6	18.2	71.9
Feb.	1 <sup>st</sup>	15.36	12.64	0.26	28.26	44.73	8.7	20.4	64.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	15	13	0.36	28.36	45.84	10.1	20.4	65.7
Mar.	1 <sup>st</sup>	51.24	13.52	1.26	65.86	20.53	9.9	20.9	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	21.48	11.24	0.38	33.1	33.96	12.1	26.8	54
Apr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	20.16	43.62	0.24	64.02	68.13	10.8	26.2	54.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	17.22	12.58	0.3	30.1	41.79	11.4	25.1	56.3
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	14.18	14.64	1	29.82	49.09	13.1	27.5	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	36.46	35.84	0.48	72.78	49.24	16.7	31.7	62.3
June	1 <sup>st</sup>	18.62	10	0.14	28.76	34.77	18.8	33.6	51.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	16.48	11.82	0.34	28.64	41.72	19.6	33.4	54.1
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	12.12	7.48	0.22	19.82	37.74	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	15.36	13.52	0.32	29.2	46.3	24.8	28.3	74.8
Aug.	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.58	10.44	0.18	21.2	29.25	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.66	11	0.28	19.94	55.17	25.4	30.5	74.8
Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup>	16.12	8.82	0.4	25.34	34.81	24.1	30.1	70.2
	15 <sup>th</sup>	15.44	10.16	0.42	26.02	39.05	23.5	29.9	70.9
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	32.14	28.44	0.16	60.74	46.82	23.2	28.6	69.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	19.24	14.12	0.38	33.74	41.85	22.3	26.7	72.4
Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup>	10	7.84	1.12	19.1	41.05	20.8	27.4	68.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.62	6.26	0.16	15.04	41.62	16.6	23.9	66.7
Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.14	8	0.2	15.34	52.15	17.1	22.1	66.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	7	6.16	0.14	13.26	46.15	13.5	19	68.8

### Population dynamics of *P. citri*

Data in Table (3) indicated that *P. citri* egg stage had three peaks. The first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup> April, while the second in 15<sup>th</sup> June and the third peak in 1<sup>st</sup> November. The mean number for the nymphal stage for *P. citri* showed that the highest mean number found in 1<sup>st</sup> March (89.62 individuals/ branch), while the lowest value found in 15<sup>th</sup> December (14.16 individuals/ branch). Nymphal stage showed three peaks, the first was found in 1<sup>st</sup> March, the second in 1<sup>st</sup> May and the third peak found in 1<sup>st</sup> October. The percentages of total nymphs in relation to the total population were highest on 1<sup>st</sup> October (74.06 individuals/ branch). Females stage showed three peaks the first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup>

May, the second peak found in 1<sup>st</sup> May and the third in 15<sup>th</sup> October. The total population for *P.citri* during year 2013 had maximum value in 1<sup>st</sup> May (149.28 individuals/ branch) at 13.1 – 27.5 °C and 59.5 % R.H., while the lowest value showed in 15<sup>th</sup> December (33.12 individuals/ branch) at 13.5 – 19 °C and 68.8 % R.H. at 23.2 – 28.6 °C and 69.3 % R.H. Thus, indicating that *p.citri* had three generations from early March to last April, while the second from last April to early October and the third from early October to early January. So these data are consistent with Murray (1978) found that *Phenacoccus citri* were lowest in September on passion fruits in south-eastern Queensland and increased to peak populations in January-June.

**Table (3):** Average numbers of *P. citri* and weather factors during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate.

Sampling dates		Mean no. individuals/branch					Weather factors		
		Egg stage	Nymphal stage	Adult Females	Total	Nymph %	Temperatures °C		R.H.(%)
							Minimum	Maximum	Means
Jan.	1st	17.86	14.54	0.98	33.38	43.56	12.3	20.2	73.9
	15th	20.62	15.92	1.38	37.92	41.98	7.6	18.2	71.9
Feb.	1st	18.12	15.34	1.28	34.74	44.16	8.7	20.4	64.9
	15th	22.26	16.58	1.78	40.62	40.82	10.1	20.4	65.7
Mar.	1st	28.82	89.62	2	123.06	72.83	9.9	20.9	59.5
	15th	29.46	43.16	4.62	74.62	57.84	12.1	26.8	54
Apr.	1st	108.18	36.42	1.14	145.74	24.99	10.8	26.2	54.8
	15th	59.28	32.68	1.64	93.6	34.91	11.4	25.1	56.3
May	1st	43.42	102.22	3.64	149.28	68.48	13.1	27.5	59.5
	15th	28.56	62.54	2.84	93.94	66.57	16.7	31.7	62.3
June	1st	33.46	28.16	1.64	63.26	44.51	18.8	33.6	51.3
	15th	94.22	23.62	1.76	119.6	19.75	19.6	33.4	54.1
July	1st	30.24	17.28	0.96	48.48	35.64	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15th	26.66	14.56	1.82	43.04	33.83	24.8	28.3	74.8
Aug.	1st	21.14	24.32	1.22	46.68	52.09	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15th	17.48	29.46	0.78	47.72	61.74	25.4	30.5	74.8
Sept.	1st	17.26	16.54	1.28	35.08	47.15	24.1	30.1	70.2
	15th	24.58	20.18	1.88	46.64	43.27	23.5	29.9	70.9
Oct.	1st	22.62	66.64	0.72	89.98	74.06	23.2	28.6	69.3
	15th	34.44	41.42	2.84	78.7	52.63	22.3	26.7	72.4
Nov.	1st	83.68	22.76	0.92	107.36	21.19	20.8	27.4	68.5
	15th	56.32	22.14	1.42	79.88	27.72	16.6	23.9	66.7
Dec.	1st	26.56	16.58	1	44.14	37.56	17.1	22.1	66.8
	15th	18.12	14.16	0.84	33.12	42.75	13.5	19	68.8

### Population dynamics of *I. seychellarum*

Data in Table (4) showed the eggs stage had three peaks. The first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup> March, while the second peak in 1<sup>st</sup> May and the third peak in 1<sup>st</sup> October. On other hand, nymphs stage showed its maximum mean number in 1<sup>st</sup> April (90.46 individuals/ branch), while its minimum found in 1<sup>st</sup> January (11.35 individuals/ branch). Nymphs stage showed three peaks the first peak was found in 1<sup>st</sup> April, the second peak found in 15<sup>th</sup> May and the third in 1<sup>st</sup> November. The density of adults female stage for *I. seychellarum* showed its highest level in 1<sup>st</sup> August (2 individuals/ branch), whereas the lowest was on 15<sup>th</sup> December (0.18 individuals/ branch).

The total population for *I. seychellarum* during year 2013 had maximum value in 1<sup>st</sup> April (124.58 individuals/ branch) at 10.8 – 26.2°C and 54.8 % R.H., while the lowest value showed in 15<sup>th</sup> December (24.34 individuals/ branch) at 13.5 - 19 °C and 68.8% R.H. The percentages of total nymphs in relation to the total population were highest on 1<sup>st</sup> November (85.19 individuals/ branch) at 20.8 – 17.4°C and 68.5% R.H. Thus, indicating that *I. seychellarum* had three generations from early April to middle May, while the

second one from middle May to early November and the third one from early November to early January. These results were in agreement with those obtained by osman (2005) found that *I. seychellarum* had three to four successive overlapping generations.

### The relationship between the population dynamics and weather factors

The weather factors, minimum, maximum temperatures (°C) and mean relative humidity were studied with the biweekly total counts of *A.tubercularis* on mango trees during the studied period. Results showed that there were significant negative relationships between relative humidity and population densities of *A.tubercularis*, *P. citri* and *I. seychellarum* Table (5).

Analysis of variance in Table (5) showed that the combined effect of the studied factors was significant on *A. tubercularis*, *P. citri* and *I. seychellarum*. The explained values of total populations of *A.tubercularis*, *P. citri*, *I. seychellarum* and *K. acuminata* were 17.7, 40.4, 34.9, and 21.1%, respectively. The remaining unexplained variances assumed to be due to the influence of other unconsidered factors.

**Table (4):** Average numbers of *I. seychellarum* and weather factors during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate.

Sampling dates		Mean no. individuals/branch					Climatic factors		
		Egg stage	Nymphal stage	Adult Females	Total	Nymph %	Temperatures °C		R.H.(%) Means
							Minimum	Maximum	
Jan.	1 <sup>st</sup>	13.18	11.35	0.76	25.29	44.88	12.3	20.2	73.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	14.54	12.28	0.98	27.81	44.16	7.6	18.2	71.9
Feb.	1 <sup>st</sup>	16.28	15.42	0.24	31.94	48.28	8.7	20.4	64.9
	15 <sup>th</sup>	16	11.48	0.38	27.86	41.21	10.1	20.4	65.7
Mar.	1 <sup>st</sup>	31.18	21.64	0.3	53.12	40.74	9.9	20.9	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	82.82	28.52	1.12	113.22	25.19	12.1	26.8	54
Apr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	33.64	90.46	0.48	124.58	72.61	10.8	26.2	54.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	36.46	32.66	0.42	69.54	46.97	11.4	25.1	56.3
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	72.16	34.82	0.34	87.32	16.97	13.1	27.5	59.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	41.52	60.54	0.26	102.32	59.17	16.7	31.7	62.3
June	1 <sup>st</sup>	14.64	15.82	0.28	30.74	51.46	18.8	33.6	51.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	16.86	14.32	0.44	31.62	45.29	19.6	33.4	54.1
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	23.14	20.58	0.32	44.04	46.73	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	21.58	16.18	0.36	38.12	42.44	24.8	28.3	74.8
Aug.	1 <sup>st</sup>	22.44	10.64	0.22	33.3	31.95	24.4	30.6	71.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	15.12	13.46	1.24	30.58	44.02	25.4	30.5	74.8
Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup>	13.82	12.82	0.48	27.12	47.27	24.1	30.1	70.2
	15 <sup>th</sup>	24.18	22.14	0.18	36.5	33.26	23.5	29.9	70.9
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	52.54	16.48	0.88	65.14	17.62	23.2	28.6	69.3
	15 <sup>th</sup>	18.62	26.42	0.26	45.3	58.32	22.3	26.7	72.4
Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.54	65.82	0.36	77.26	85.19	20.8	27.4	68.5
	15 <sup>th</sup>	12.32	13.46	0.28	26.06	51.65	16.6	23.9	66.7
Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup>	12	13	0.2	25.2	51.59	17.1	22.1	66.8
	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.68	12.48	0.18	24.34	51.27	13.5	19	68.8

**Table (5):** Simple correlation (r), partial regression (P.reg.) and analysis of variance of weather factors (mim., max. temp., and mean relative humidity to the corresponding percentage of explained variance (% E. V.) throughout 2014 on certain scale insects infesting mango at Ismailia Governorate.

Species name	Weather factors						Analysis variance	
	Maximum Temperature		Minimum Temperature		Mean relative humidity		F.	E.V.%
	r.	P. reg.	r.	P. reg.	r.	P. reg.		
<i>A. tubercularis</i>	0.143	1.414	-0.133	-0.4339	-0.413	-3.129	1.429	17.7
<i>P. citri</i>	0.242	1.904	-0.184	-0.781	-0.619	-2.587	4.522	40.4
<i>I. seychellarum</i>	0.208	5.207	-0.221	-4.127	-0.512	0.003	3.568	34.9
<i>k. acuminata</i>	0.139	2.571	-0.192	-2.149	-0.376	0.227	1.781	21.1

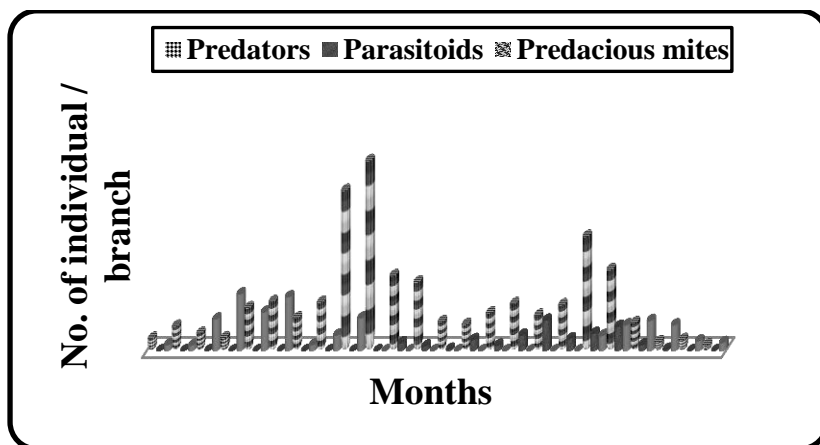
**Population dynamics of the associated natural enemies**

The surveyed predators were : *Chrysoperia carnea* (Neuroptera: Chrysopidae), *Cybocephalus rufifrons* (Coleoptera: Cybocephalidae), *Symphorobius pygmeueus* (Coleoptera: Hemerobiidae) , *Scymnus coccivora*, *Cydonia vicina nilotica* and *Cydonia vicina subsignata* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) while the predacious mites *Amblyscius zaheri* and *Amblyscius reticulates* (Phytosiidae: Mesostigmata) and the parasitoids were *Leptomastix abnormis* and *Anagyrus kamali*.

Data presented in table (6) and fig. (1) show the predators , parasitoids and predacious mites and their total means that were associated with scale insects infested mango trees in Ismailia Governorate throughout 2013 year. The overall means of scale insects and mealybug predators recorded on the mango trees showed the highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> May (15.34

individuals/ branch). *Symphorobius pygmeueus* was the highest predator mean number found on 15<sup>th</sup> May (6 individuals/ branch), followed by *Scymnus coccivora* that showed the highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> May (3.42 individuals/ branch).

On other hand the overall means of total number of scale insects and mealybug parasitoids on the mango trees showed the highest values on 1<sup>st</sup> September (2.46 individuals/ branch). *Leptomastix abnormis* was the highest parasitoid mean number found on 1<sup>st</sup> September (2 individuals/ branch), followed by *Anagyrus kamali* that showed the highest values on 1<sup>st</sup> November (0.48 individuals/ branch). Predacious mites showed its highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> February (4.58 individuals/ branch). *Amblyscius zaheri* was the highest parasitoid mean number found on 15<sup>th</sup> March (3.12 individuals/ branch), followed by *Amblyscius reticulates* that showed the highest values on 15<sup>th</sup> February (3 individuals/ branch).



**Figure (1):** Total mean numbers of predators, parasitoids and predacious mites associated with scale insects infested mango trees during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate.

**Table (6):** Total mean numbers of predators, parasitoids and predacious mites associated with scale insects infested mango trees during 2013 at Ismailia Governorate.

Sampling dates	Total No. individual/ branch			Total No. for N. enemies	
	Predators	Parasitoids	Pre. Mites		
Jan.	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	0	0.48	1.48
	15 <sup>th</sup>	1.98	0	0.44	2.42
Feb.	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.4	0	2.56	3.96
	15 <sup>th</sup>	1.04	0	4.58	5.62
Mar.	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.46	0	3.12	6.58
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3.96	0	4.34	8.3
Apr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.64	0	0.48	3.12
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3.9	0	1.26	5.16
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	12.94	0	2.64	15.58
	15 <sup>th</sup>	15.34	0	0	15.34
June	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.04	0.64	0	6.68
	15 <sup>th</sup>	5.54	0.38	0	5.92
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.34	0.12	0	2.46
	15 <sup>th</sup>	2.12	0.9	0	3.02
Aug.	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.04	0.44	0	5.06
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3.8	1.26	0	5.06
Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.86	2.46	0	5.32
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3.7	0.96	0	4.66
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.22	1.4	1.22	11.84
	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.54	1.96	2.08	10.58
Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.26	0.48	2.44	5.18
	15 <sup>th</sup>	0.72	0.12	2.08	2.92
Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.9	0	0.8	1.7
	15 <sup>th</sup>	0.48	0	0.66	1.14

The results agreed with those of Sayed (2013) who reported that the insect predator *Cybocephalus rufifrons flaviceps* Reitter is associated with mango white scale, *Aulacaspis tubercularis* in mango trees in Ismailia Governorate. Attia and Radwan (2013) also found that three primary parasitoids and two secondary parasitoids associated with *Kilifia acuminata*. Wakgari and Gilimoe (2003) identified eight primary and four secondary parasitoids and two predator species related to *Planococcus citri*.

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## التعداد الموسمي لأهم الحشرات القشرية و البق الدقيقي و أعدائهم الحيوية علي أشجار المانجو بمحافظة الإسماعيلية

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### الملخص العربي

تم حصر أهم أنواع الحشرات القشرية و البق الدقيقي لأشجار المانجو بمحافظة الإسماعيلية خلال عام ٢٠١٣ و أهم الأعداء الحيوية المصاحبة لهم. ويمكن تلخيص النتائج كالتالي:- انتشار نوعين من الحشرات القشرية وهما الحشرة القشرية البيضاء *Aulacaspis tubercularis* (Newstead)، والحشرة القشرية الرخوة *Kilifia acuminata* (Signoret)، ونوعان من البق الدقيقي هما بق الموالح *Planococcus citri* (Risso) وبق السيشلازم *Icerya seychellarum* (Westwood). كانت الحشرة القشرية البيضاء اعلي قيمة تعداد في أول شهر مارس بنسبة 260.06 % ياليه بق الموالح في أول مايو بنسبة 149.28% ثم بق السيشلازم أول ابريل بنسبة 124.58 و أخيرا الحشرة القشرية الرخوة في نصف شهر مايو بنسبة 15.34%. ومن خلال الدراسة أظهرت الأعداء الحيوية المصاحبة لهذه الآفات أن المفترسات كان اعلي نسبة تعداد لها في نصف شهر مايو بنسبة 15.34% بينما الطفيليات كان تعدادها 2.46% في أول شهر سبتمبر أما المفترسات الأكاروسية كان تعدادها بنسبة 4.58 في منتصف شهر فبراير.