

WHITEFLIES (HOMOPTERA: ALEYRODIDAE), SCALE INSECTS (HOMOPTERA: COCCOIDEA) AND THEIR PARASITOIDS IN QENA GOVERNORATE (UPPER EGYPT)

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Abstract

The present work dealt with the survey of whiteflies (Aleyrodidae), scale insects (Coccoidea) and their parasitoids as well as host plant and distribution of these species in Qena governorate during 2000-2001. Ten species of whiteflies and twenty nine species of scale insects were recorded in Qena governorate.

INTRODUCTION

Qena is the largest governorate in Upper Egypt, which is characterized by special weather conditions. Climatic factors has greatly influenced and at least restricted the distribution and abundance of animal and plant population (Huffaker and Gutierrez, 1990).

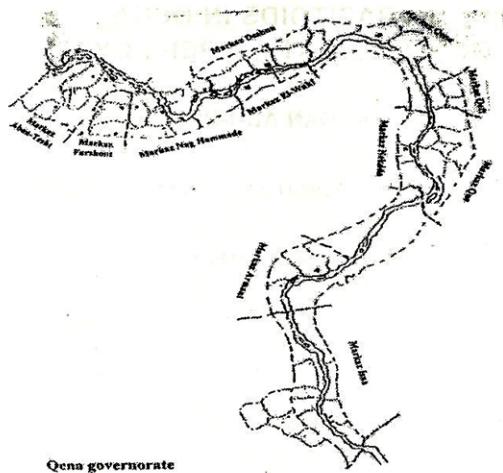
Priesner and Hosny (1940) recorded some species of scale insects and whiteflies from Qena governorate. Later, Bink-Moenen (1983) and Abd-Rabou, (1997,2000a,b) recorded several species for these pests in the same governorate.

The aim of the present work is to record the whiteflies, scale insects and their parasitoids in Qena governorate (Upper Egypt).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A survey was carried out all over Qena governorate during 2000-2001.

The infested host plants were examined in the field, using a pocket lens. Leaves from the different host plants were collected and placed separately in paper bags for further examination in the laboratory. Identification of whiteflies and scale insects were made by examining their pupal case mounted in Canada balsam, according to Abd-Rabou (1990) as follows:



The materials kept in a well-ventilated container until the emergence of any parasitoids occurred.

The material was soaked in 10% aqueous solution of potassium hydroxide in glass vials, which were put in a waterbath at 60°C for 30 minutes. The specimens were washed several times with distilled water, then soaked in 70% alcohol. Fat was dissolved by keeping the material 24 hours in chloral phenol, then removed by washing the specimens with 70% alcohol. Carbolic basic fuchsin was used, as a staining agent, after clearing with alcohol 70% then 90% for final dehydration. The specimens were cleared in carbol-xylol (one-minute), then tin clove oil for 24 hours and mounted in Canada balsam. Mounted specimens were examined using a stereomicroscope with a mounted square eyepiece. Identification of parasitoids was made by examining their adult mounted in Hoyer's medium as follows:

1. The specimens must be very dry before clearing and mounting and the drying time varies with specimen size.
2. Put 5 drops of mixture of glacial acetic acid (10 parts) and chloral phenol (1 part) into a cell on a plastic or glass cell culture well plate, with a lid.
3. Put the parasite specimen(s) into the cell with micromanipulation tools and add an additional drop of chloral phenol. Host remaining from isolated samples may be run through the clearing process in the cell with its associated parasite.
4. Maintain the parasite in this solution for 36-48 hours or until the specimens is appropriately cleared. The specimens become very soft during the clearing process. Holding the specimens for longer than 48 hours may cause the dissolution of membrane,

resulting in the disintegration of the specimen.

5. Cleared martial must be mounted on slide in Hoyer's medium as soon as it is sufficiently cleared.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Whiteflies, scale insects and their parasitoids recorded during a two years survey (2000-2001) in Qena governorate, are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Whiteflies and scale insects recorded from different localities in Qena Governorates during 2000-2001.

| Family | Species | Common name | Host plant | Parasitoid | Locality | Marital examined: |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Whiteflies (Aleyrodidae) | | | | | | |
| Family Aleyrodidae | 1. <i>Acaudaleurodes rachipora</i> (Sme) | The black aleurodidi | <i>Alhagi maurorum</i> | <i>Encarsia davidi</i> Viggiani | Markaz Arman | 10 pupal case, Sept. 2000 |
| | 2. <i>Aleurocanthus zizyphi</i> Prisener & Hosny | Nebk whitefly | <i>Zizyphus spina-christi</i> | <i>Encarsia lutea</i> (Masi) and <i>Eremocerus</i> sp. | El-Mahamid Markaz Isna | 6 pupal case, April 2001. |
| | 3. <i>Aleurolobus marlatti</i> (Quaintance) | Mignonette whitefly | <i>Z. spina-christi</i> | <i>Encarsia elegans</i> Masi | El-Terka Markaz Disha | 14 pupal case, Aug. 2000 |
| | 4. <i>Aleuroclava porosus</i> (Priesner & Hosny) | Porosus nebk whitefly | <i>Z. spina-christi</i> | No parasitoids were recorded from this species. | Fawa Bahny Markaz Luxor | 3 pupal case, Oct. 2000 |
| | 5. <i>Aleuroplatus acaciae</i> Bink-Moenen | Sunt whitefly | <i>Acacia nilotica</i> | <i>E. lutea</i> | Monshaat El-Omary Markaz Luxor | 9 pupal case, Jan. 2001 |
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| | 6. <i>Bemisia afer</i> (Priesner & Hosty) | Sycamore whitefly | <i>A. nilotica</i> | <i>E. lutea</i> (Masi) and <i>Eretmocerus</i> sp. | Markaz Armant | 10 pupal case, Jan. 2001 |
| | 7. <i>Bemisia (tabaci</i> Complex) Gennadius | Cotton whitefly | <i>Lantana camara</i> , <i>Lycopersicum</i> <i>esculentum</i> and <i>Saccharum</i> <i>officinarum</i> | <i>E. davidi</i> , <i>E. lutea</i> , <i>Eretmocerus corni</i> Haldeman and <i>E. mundus</i> (Mercet) | El-Rosykat Markaz Qena and Luxor | 21 pupal case, July 2001 |
| | 8. <i>Ramessaeus folioli</i> Zahradník | Egyptian whitefly | <i>A. nilotica</i> | <i>Encarsia ramesei</i> Polaszek and <i>Eretmocerus</i> sp. | El-Ashraf Monshaat El-Omari | |
| | 9. <i>Siphoninus</i> <i>phillyreae</i> Hal. | Pomegranate whitefly | <i>Punica granatum</i> | <i>Encarsia inaron</i> (Walker) | Markaz Armant | 7 pupal case, Nov. 2000 |
| | 10. <i>Tetraneurodes</i> <i>leguminicola</i> Bink-Moenen | Leguminous whitefly | <i>A. nilotica</i> | <i>E. davidi</i> and <i>Euderomyphale</i> <i>chelidoni</i> Erdos | Abou-Gomory Markaz Armant | 12 pupal case, May 2001 |
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| Family | Species | Common name | Hosp plant | Parasitoid | Locality | Marital examined: |
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| II. Scale insects (Coccoidea) | | | | | | |
| Family Aclerdidae | 11. <i>Aclerda takahashii</i> Kuwana | Unknown | <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> | No parasitoids were recorded from this | Markaz Qus | 2 females, Dec. 2000 |
| Family: Asterolecaniidae | 12. <i>Russelaspis pustulans</i> (Cockerell) | Fig pit scale | <i>Acacia arabica</i> | No parasitoids were recorded from this species | El-Mahasen Markaz Qeft | 4 females, Dec. 2000 |
| Family: Coccidae | 13. <i>Ceropoma africana</i> Macfie | African wax scale | <i>Ficus nitida</i> | <i>Metaphycus</i> sp. | El-Shaahya Markaz Qena | 16 females, Feb. 2001 |
| | 14. <i>Coccus hesperidum</i> L. | Brown soft scale | <i>Bambusa</i> sp. | <i>Alaptas priseneri</i> , <i>Coccophagus scutellaris</i> (Dalman), <i>Diversinervus elegans</i> Silvestri and <i>Marietta leopardina</i> | El-Tawabia Markaz Qena | 23 females, March 2001 |
| | | | | | | El-Ashraf |

| Family | Species | Common name | Hosp plant | Parasitoid | Locality | Marital examined: |
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| 15. | <i>Paraissetia nigra</i> (Neitner) | Niger soft scale | <i>Ficus sycomorus</i> | <i>Delegans, Metaphycus africanus</i> Compere, <i>Paracerapierocerus africanus</i> Girault, <i>Scutellista cyaneae</i> (Mots.) | Markaz Armant and Isna | 4 females, Nov. 2001 |
| 16. | <i>Polyinaria tenuivirata</i> | Sugar cane soft scale | <i>S. officinarum</i> | <i>C. scutellaris</i> | El-Masonaa | |
| 17. | <i>Saissetia coffeae</i> (Walker) | Hemispherical soft scale | <i>Ficus nitida</i> | <i>Alaptus</i> sp. D. <i>elegans, C. scutellaris</i> and <i>M. leopardina</i> | El-Mahamid All over Qena governorate Markaz Luxor | 15 females, Oct. 2000 |
| | | | | | | 12 females, Dec. 2001 |
| 18. | <i>Saissetia oleae</i> (Walker) | Mediterranean soft black scale | <i>Ficus nitida</i> | <i>C. scutellaris, M. leopardina,</i> <i>Metaphycus zebratus</i> (Mercet) and <i>S. cyaneae</i> | El-Aodysat qably Markaz Qena | 5 females, Jan. 2001 |
| | | | | | El-Ashraf | |

| Family | Species | Common name | Host plant | Parasitoid | Locality | Marital examined: |
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| | 19. <i>Waxiella mimosae</i> | Acacia wax scale | <i>Acacia tortilis</i> | <i>A. priseneri</i> , <i>Blastothrix erythrostelethus</i> (Walker), <i>Bothriophryne acaciae</i> (Risbec), <i>M. zebraeus</i> , <i>P. africanus</i> , <i>S. cyaneae</i> and <i>Marietta picta</i> (André) | Markaz Qena | 11 females, Dec. 2001 |
| Family: Diaspididae | 20. <i>Abgrallaspis cyanophylli</i> (Signoret) | Chaff scale | <i>Ancaetus pritchardia</i> | <i>Encarsia lounshuryi</i> (Berlese & Paloli) | Markaz Abou-Tesh | 4 females, Feb. 2001 |
| | 21. <i>Adiscodiaspis tamaricicola</i> Malenotti | Tamarix scale | <i>Tamarisk</i> sp. | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Kasr Nagaty Markaz Qus | 3 females, April 2001 |

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| | 22. <i>Aonidiella aurantii</i> (Maskell) | Red scale | <i>Ficus nitida</i> | <i>E. lounsburyi</i> and <i>M. leopardina</i> | Markaz Qena | 18 females, Nov. 2000 |
| | 23. <i>Artemisiaspis farssetiae</i> (Hall) | Farsetia scale | <i>Tamarax</i> sp. | No parasitoids were collected from these species | El-Ashraf | |
| | 24. <i>Aspidaspis longilobus</i> (Hall) | Long taild scale | <i>Tamarax</i> sp. | No parasitoids were collected from these species | El-Negoh | 15 females, April 2001 |
| | 25. <i>Chrysomphalus aonidum</i> (L.) | Black scale | <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. | <i>E. lounsburyi</i> | Markaz El-Wakf | 13 females, Jan. 2001 |
| | 26. <i>Chrysomphalus dictyospermi</i> (Morgan) | Dictyospermum scale | <i>Ficus nitida</i> | <i>E. lounsburyi</i> , <i>Habrolepis aspidotii</i> Compere & Annecke and <i>M. leopardina</i> | El-Qalamina El-Thafra Markaz Isna | 5 females, Oct. 2000 |
| | | | | | El-Shaqab | 3 females, June 2001 |

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| | 27. <i>Contigaspis zillae</i> (Hall) | Zilla scale | <i>Calatropis procera</i> | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Markaz Deshna | 1 female, June 2001 |
| | 28. <i>Lineaspis striata</i> (Newstead) | Arborvitae scale | <i>Thuja ouantail</i> | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Fawa Bahry | 3 females, June 2001 |
| | 29. <i>Nilotaspis bicuspis</i> (Hall) | Cuspid scale | <i>A. maurorum</i> | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Markaz Isna | 11 females, Jan. 2001 |
| | 30. <i>Nilotaspis isis</i> (Hall) | Isis scale | <i>Tamarax</i> sp. | <i>E. lounsburyi</i> | El-Rosykat | 7 females, April 2001 |
| | 31. <i>Partatoria oleae</i> (Colvée) | Olive scale | <i>Oleander</i> sp. | <i>Aphytis diaspidis</i> How. And <i>M. picta</i> | Markaz Qena | 3 females, Dec. 2000 |
| | | | | | El-Tawabia | |

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| | 32. <i>Pseudotargionia glandulosa</i> (Newstead) | Acacia scale | <i>Acacia</i> sp. | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Markaz Luxor | 11 females, May 2001 |
| | 33. <i>Salicicola aificana</i> (Newstead) | Willow scale | <i>Salix</i> sp. | No parasitoids were collected from these species | Monshaat El-Omary | |
| | 34. <i>Lecanodiaspis aificana</i> (Newstead) | African scale | | | Markaz Deshna | 8 females, Nov. 2000 |
| Family: Lecanodiaspididae | 35. <i>Icerya aegyptiaca</i> (Douglas) | Egyptian mealybug | <i>Psidium guajava</i> | <i>Enargopeltella nigra</i> Mercet | Fawa Bahry | |
| Family: Margarodidae | | | | | Markaz Luxor | 7 females, May 2001 |
| | | | | | El-Adysaat Qably | |
| | | | | | Markaz El-Wakf | |
| | | | | No parasitoids were collected from these species | El-Qalamina | 16 females, April 2001 |
| Family: Pseudococcidae | 36. <i>Dysmicoccus trispinosus</i> (Hall) | Unknown | Half grass | <i>Amagyrus greeni</i> Howard and <i>Lepromastidae abromis</i> (Girault) | Markaz Nag Hammadi | 15 females, March 2000 |
| | | | | | El-Qamana | |

| Family | Species | Common name | Hosp plant | Parasitoid | Locality | Marital examined: |
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| 37. | <i>Kirichenkella sacchari</i> (Green) | Saccharum mealybug | Half grass | <i>Anagyrus pseudococcii</i> (Girault) | Markaz Deshna | 4 females, Dec. 2000 |
| 38. | <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> (Green) | Hibiscus mealybug | <i>Salix</i> sp. | <i>Anagyrus kamali</i> Moursi | Fawa Bahy Markaz Nag Hammadi | 10 females, Sept. 2001 |
| 39. | <i>Saccharicoccus sacchari</i> (Cockerell) | Pink sugar cane mealybug | <i>S. officinarum</i> | <i>L. abnormis</i> , <i>A. pseudococcii</i> , <i>A. saccharicola</i> Timberlake, <i>Mieroteryx</i> sp. and <i>Paraphaenaoadiscus</i> sp. | EI-Showarya All over Qena Governorate | 7 females, Aug. 2000 |

Thus, ten species of whiteflies and twenty-nine species of scale insects were collected from Qena governorate. Priesner and Hosny (1940) recorded the scale insect *P. oleae* Colv., *S. oleae* and *S. coffeae*. The whiteflies and the scale insect *A. acacia*, *T. leguminicola*, *Ramsesseus follioti*, *S. sacchari* were recorded from Qena and Luxor by Bink-Moenen (1983) and Abd-Rabou (1997 & 2000b). As to the parasitoids encountered with the different species of whiteflies, 9 species belonging to the genera Encarsia, Eretmocerus and Enderomphale were identified.

The parasitoids associated with the different scale insects were 29 species belonging to different genera.

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الذباب الأبيض والحشرات القشرية وطفيلياتهما في محافظة قنا

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