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RECORDS OF HYMENOPTEROUS PARASITES OF THE RICE LEAF FOLDER CNAPHALACROCISMEDINALISGUEN, IN KERALA

While conducting a survey of important parasites of Crop pests in different parts of the State during 1971-73, Apanteles syleptae Ferriere (Braconidae), Goniozus sp. (Braconidae) Coeleniussp. (Bethylidae) and Elasmus. sp. (Elasmidae) were recorded on larvae of Cnaphalacrocismedinalis. Of these Asyleptae and Coelenius sp. are new reports. Goniozus sp. and Flasmus sp. were relatively more numerous, the degree of their parasitism being more than one per cent. These were previously recorded by Rao et al. (1969). Goniozos sp. could be successfully reared under laboratory conditions on leaf folder larvae confined in cages on potted paddy plants.

The pupal parasites recorded on the leaf folder were *Tetrastichus* israeli Mani and Kurien (Eulophidae) and Brachymeria excarinata Gahan (Chalcididae). The extent of pupal parasitism in different localities was quite negligible. *T. israeli* is a new record on *C. medinalis B excarinaat* has been previously recorded from Philippines (Thompson, 1944-47) and India (Rao et al. 1969).

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