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**NEW HOST RECORDS FOR THE CHALCID PARASITE
BRACHYMERIALASUS (WALKER) (HYMENOPTERA: CHALCIDTDAE)***

Brachymeria lasus is an important entomophagous pupal parasite of a wide range of pests of crops and vegetables. Although more than a hundred hosts of this parasite have been reported (Habu, 1960 and Thompson, 1954) from many parts of the world only very few hosts are recorded from the Oriental and Australian regions and particularly from India where this parasite had been first discovered and described by Walker in 1841. The following is a list of new hosts of this parasite recorded for the first time (The records from New Guinea are from collections received from Dr. Stibick, Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries, Konedobu, Papua, New Guinea and records from North India are from collections received from Dr. Sen Sarma Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun. All the other records are from the collection of the authors).

1. *Noctuid pests*: *Cirphis* on paddy (Tanjore - S. India); *Cosmophila erosa* H. on ladies finger (Calicut - S. India); *Earias insulana* B. on millets (Mysore - S. India); *Laphyza exigua* H. on millets (Mysore - S. India); *Pericyma crugeri* (B.) on *Delonix regia* and on *Pectophorum ferrugineum* (New Guinea); *Plusia orichalcia* F. on a cruciferous plant (Delhi - N. India); *Plusia peponis* F. on snake gourd (Kerala - S. India); *Plecoptera reflexa* G. on shisham (N. India); *Sesamia internis* W. on paddy (Mysore - S. India and from N. Guinea); *Earias fabia* S. on bhindi (Kerala - S. India - first recorded for India only); *Simplicia robustalis* on cholam (Coimbatore - S. India - first record for India only).

2. *Pierid pest*: *Catopsilia pomona* on Casia (N. Guinea)

3. *Yponomeutid Pests*: *Atteva fabriciella* S. on *Ailanthus excelsa* (Madhyapradesh - C. India).

4. *Hesperiid pests*: *Cephrenes moseleyi* (B.) on coconut (N. Guinea); *Parnara ammalia* on paddy (N. Guinea); *Parnara mathias* F. on paddy (Kerala S. India - first record for India only).

5. *Danaid pests*: *Danais chrysippus* L. on *Calotropis* (Calicut - S. India); *Danais plexippus* L. on wild Asclepiads (Papua - N. Guinea); *Sylepta derogata* F. on cotton & ladies finger (Kerala - S. India - first record for India only).

6. *Lymantriid Pests*: *Dasychira thwaitesi* M. on forest trees (Darjeeling - N. India); *Lymantria obfusconlaea* on forest trees (Bhubaneswar - S. India).

7. *Pyralid Pests: Diaphania hilaralis* on *Anthocephalus cadamba* (Dehra Dun - N. India); *Diaphania indica* S. on snake gourd (Calicut - S. India) *Dichocrocis punctiferalis* G. on ginger (Dehra Dun - N. India); *Hapalia machaeralis* on teak (S. India); *Lygropia quarternalis* Z. on barlar (N. India)

8. *Nymphalid Pests: Doleschallia hexophthalmos* G. on *Graptophyllum* (N. Guinea); *Ergo/is merione* C. on Castor (Coimbatore - S. India); *Junonia* on paddy and on many wild plants (Coimbatore - S. India); *Malanitis ismene* C. on paddy (Malappuram Dist. - S. India).

9. *Lasiocampid Pests: Malacosoma indica* M. on forest trees (Nanital - N. India).

10. *Papilionid Pests: Papilio aegoeus* G. on citrus (N, Guinea).

11. *Glyphipterygid Pests: Phycodes radiata* O. on fig tree (Coimbatore - S. India .

12. *Tachinid parasites: Tachinid pupa* from *Nymphula* (Pyralidae) on paddy and from an unidentified hairy caterpillar on paddy (Kerala - S. India).

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