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INTRODUCTION

infested fruits and small size of fruits together with lack of juice in case of heavy infestation.

Since the fluctuations of population density of the Oriental yellow scale and the role of natural enemies in regulating its abundance have not been studied up till now in Egypt, the present work was initiated with the aim of contributing some of the needed information in this respect.

The presented study was conducted throughout 3 successive years from mid-April 1995 up to the beginning of April 1998. The scope of the study included the following aspects:

- 1-Survey of the natural enemies, parasitoids and predators of certain scale insects under study.
- 2-The seasonal changes in the population dynamics of *Aonidiella aurantii* (Mask.), *Aonidiella orientalis* (Newst.) and *Chrysomphalus aonidum* L. in Beni-Suef Governorate.
- 3-Evaluation of the rate of natural mortality of the three above mentioned scale insects that caused by parasitoids.
- 4-Biological studies for two hymenopterous parasitoids which were recorded and reared from the Oriental yellow scale insect for the first time in Egypt viz., Aspidiotiphagus citrinus (Craw.) and Habrolepis pascuorum Mercet.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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Reviewed researches in the available literature may be classified in the following:

I. SURVEY OF NATURAL ENEMIES OF SCALE INSECTS IN THE WORLD:

The available literature concerning the natural enemies of the scale insect species under study [Aonidiella aurantii (Maskell), A.orientalis (Newstead), Aulacaspis tubercularis (Newstead), Ceroplastis rusci (Linnaeus), Chrysomphalus aonidum L., Lecanodiaspis africana Newstead, Lepidosaphes pallida Maskell, Leucaspis riccae Targioni Tozzetti and Parlatoria blanchardii (Targioni Tozzetti)] are presented in Tables (1, 2 and 3). Those could be classified as follows:

a- Parasitoids.

Insecta; 102 species belonging to 6 families in two orders.

- b- Predators.
- 1- Insecta, 83 species belonging to 10 families in five orders.
- 2- Arachnida, 18 species belonging to 7 families in two orders.
- c- Pathogens.

Schezomycetes; 19 species belonging to 8 families in six orders.

Table (1): List of recorded parasitoids on the studied scale insects:

Order	Family	Species	Host	Locality	Author (s)
Hymenoptera	Aphelinidae	Ablerus guadrii	A. aurantii	Israel	Ofek et al. (97)
			A. orientalis	Israel	Ofek et al. (97)
		Aphelinus chrysomphali Mercet	C. ficus	Algeria	Balachowsky (28)
				China	Silvistri (29)
				Formosa	Matsuda (29)
	A SAME AND			Egypt	Priesner (31)
	- Lander of the State of the St	Aphelinus sp.	C. ficus	Japan	Ishii (26)
		Aphytis africanus Quednau	A. aurantii	S. Africa	Quednau (64)
	**************************************			Israel	De Bach et al. (78)
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					Samways (89)
			A. orientalis	Saudi-Arabia	De Bach (79)
			C. ficus	S. Africa	Quednau (64)
)					Cilliers (71)
					Prinsloo (84)
•		A. aonidiae (Merc.)	A. aurantii	Israel	Rosen (66)
			C. ficus	Israel	Rosen (66)
		A. chrysomphali (Mercet)	A. aurantii	Egypt	Priesner& Hosny (40)
				S. Wales	Friend (45)
				S. Africa	Quednau (64)
				Israel	Rosen (66)
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				Egypt	Hafez (88)
	**************************************				Hamed&Hassanien(91)
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