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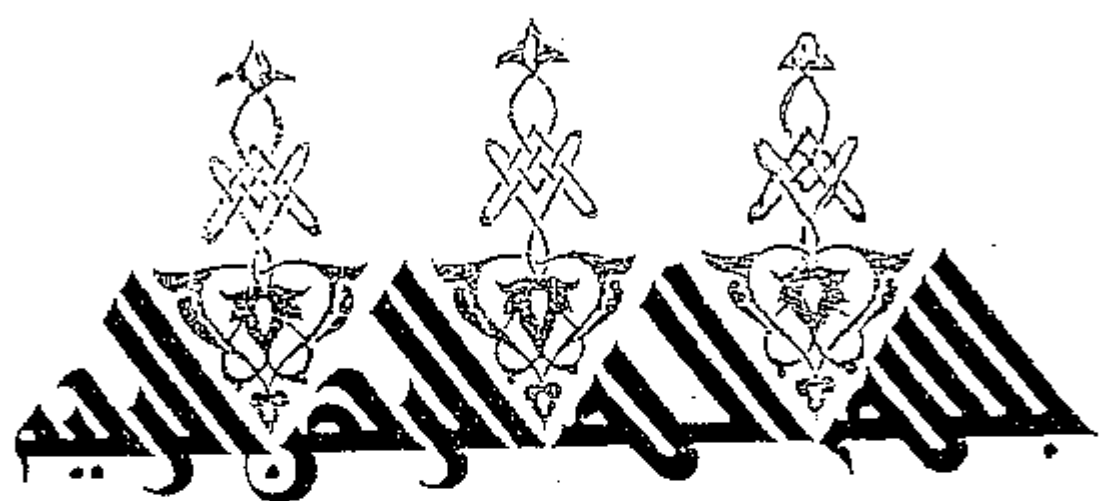
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INTRODUCTION



1- INTRODUCTION

Algae are of widespread occurrence in the soils of all continents, from the polar regions to hot deserts (Starks *et al.*, 1981). Soil algae are virtually ubiquitous on or near the soil surface, even in soils which support few higher plants (Cushing, 1967). Soil algae are cosmopolitan and have been isolated from soils in a variety of habitats (Metting, 1981). The study of microscopic algal flora of soil habitats has been stimulated by the assumption that any extra-terrestrial life which may exist probably develops under similar harsh environmental conditions (Metting and Rayburn, 1983).

The soil flora is selected from a limited range of algae within the Chlorophyceae, Cyanophyceae, Bacillariophyceae and Xanthophyceae, with occasional species from the Euglenophyceae and Rhodophyceae (Metting, 1981 ; Round, 1981 and Darly, 1982) . Most soil algae, however, both in kind and number, are members of the Cyanophyceae and Chlorophyceae (Metting, 1981) . The soil flora is sufficiently distinct so that it should not merely be regarded as a part of the aquatic flora living in an unfavourable environment (Metting, 1981 and Round, 1981). Metting (1981) listed 38 genera of prokaryotic and 147 genera of eukaryotic algae that include terrestrial species, the majority of which are edaphic . The soil algal flora does not consist of species which are entirely confined to this habitat many extend their range into other terrestrial habitats, and frequently into small or temporary