

A contribution to study of hoppers (Hom. Auchenorrhyncha) of potato fields in Isfahan and Daran

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SUMMARY

This survey was carried out during Potato growing season of 1996-97 in Isfahan and Daran districts. Overall 25 species of families: Cicadellidae with 5 subfamilies, 12 tribes, 17 genera and 20 species, Cercopidae with 1 species, Delphacidae with 1 subfamily, 2 genera and 2 species, Dictyopharidae with 1 species and Cixiidae with 1 species, were collected and identified. All species mean density of adults per 100 - sweeping net were estimated to determine relative abundance and importance of these species during Potato growing season. Ability of species in transmission of plant disease agents are discussed. The most abundant and destructive species was *Empoasca decipiens* and *Austroagallia sinuata* , *Circulifer opacipennis* , *Circulifer tenellus* , *Macrosteles laevis* and *Euscelis incisus* were reported to be important in Potato disease transmission in the world.

A photo of each species are presented. For most species characters of male genitalia were drawn. A key to species for leafhoppers of potato fields in Isfahan and Daran is provided.

Key words: Plant hoppers, Taxonomy, Potato plant, Isfahan

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