

**Study on faunistic aspects of citrus aphids in west-Mazandaran**

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**ABSTRACT**

In order to study the faunistic aspects of population of citrus aphids, sampling has been done weekly on citrus trees in west-Mazandaran during 1991-1993. Seven species belonging to family Aphididae were collected on citrus trees. Among the citrus aphids, *Aphis citricola* was the dominant species with 77.02 to 90.8% of the total population and were present through the year. *Toxoptera aurantii* constituted 9.2 to 20.16% and the remaining species 4% of the aphids population respectively. Their population peaked three times a year.

Our observations showed that the young leaves and shoots were appropriate sources of food for population increase of aphids, but natural enemies (Nine species of insects) and old leaves were limiting factors.

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