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The entomological studies include surveys and collection of insects, their diversity, biology, ecology, pest management strategies and quarantine related investigations. All these require authentic identification of the insects. Even the success of management measures against any insect pest, particularly the biological control, warrants proper identification of pests and their natural insect enemies for an efficient practical use. As the Class - Insecta has the largest number of individuals, as compared to any other Phylum or Class in the Kingdom - Animalia, insect taxonomists are too specific in their specialization and their expertise remains mostly restricted to a specific Families or at the most an Order, in terms of key-based taxonomic identification. Thus, here the Reference Collection of Insects/ Insect Repository is of great help. TFRI has such Insect Reference Collection and Insect Repository of more than 750 identified reference collections, with the numbers increasing every year as a continuous process. This Pictorial Catalogue compiled by the Forest Entomology Division will surely help researchers, academicians, students, environmentalists and paratoxonomists in preliminary identification based on the photographs, which can further be validated by availing institutional insect identification services.

I congratulate the authors for bringing out this pictorial compilation and hope that new insects will be added in the revised versions, time to time.

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Preface

The collection of insect specimens from the forests of central India, being maintained in the National Insect Repository of Forest Entomology Division of this institute, is the only reference collection in the region and amongst a few in the country. This pictorial catalogue is the result of our desire to document this precious reference collection of insects. It aims at outreaching to those entomologists, academicians and environmentalists in academic institutions, Universities and colleges, who are looking for the authentic insect identification services.

The catalogue presents glimpses of the Insect Reference Collection and National Insect Repository with photographs of 704 identified insect specimens along with common/scientific name, place and date of collection and known host plants, wherever applicable. However, the pictorial information given might not help in correct identification of insects in most cases due to very minor morphological differences existing in two different species. Hence, the institutional identification services should rather be availed by the users for authentic identification of the insect, based on taxonomic keys and, in turn, get accession number for each specimen submitted for their research work.

It has been a difficult task to filter the bulk of information available related to the insect species, with a view to provide only the information which is more relevant to the diverse reader group along with educating them to further process their specimens for taxonomic key-based authentic identification service being extended by the institute.

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Authors

Pictorial Catalogue of Insect Reference Collection in TFRI

Common name : Lemon butterfly
Scientific name : Papilio demoleus Linn.
Order - Family : Lepidoptera -Papilionidae
Place of collection : Jabalpur and Balaghat (M.P.)

Date of collection: 21/07/1983

Host plant : Aegle marmelos, Chloroxylon

swietenia, Citrus sp., Glycosmis pentaphylla, Murraya koenigii, OpercuLinn.a turpethum, Pithecellobium dulce, Psoralea

corylifolia, Feronia elephantum.

Accn. No. : 18

Scientific name : Papilio sp.

Order - Family : Lepidoptera -Papilionidae Place of collection : Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Date of collection: 8/3/88
Host plant: Citrus sp.
Accn. No.: 199

Common name : The Common mormon
Scientific name : Papilio polytes romulus Linn.
Order - Family : Lepidoptera -Papilionidae
Place of collection : Kanha National Park (M.P.)

Date of collection: 03/10/2003

Host plants : Aegle marmelos, Murraya

koenigii, Citrus sp.

Accn. No. : 387

Common name : The Common Mormon
Scientific name : Papilio polytes stichius Linn.
Order - Family : Lepidoptera -Papilionidae

Place of collection: Baihar (M.P.)
Date of collection: 08/02/2004
Host plant: Citrus sp.
Accn. No.: 489









