

A survey of the pests of orchids

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Abstract

A survey was conducted on the pests of orchids in Trichur, Ernakulam, Alappuzha and Kottayam districts of Kerala. The grass hopper *Oxya chinensis*, spiralling white fly *Aleurodicus dispersus*, flower thrip *Megalurothrips distalis*, Bihar hairy caterpillar *Diacrisia obliqua*, tobacco caterpillar *Spodoptera litura*, red ant *Monomorium indicum*, beetle pest *Lema* sp. and banded blister beetle *Mylabris pustulata* were the different insect pests collected and studied. Non-insect pests studied were sow bug *Oniscus aseltus*, land snail *Arioplianta* sp., black slug *Anon* sp. and grey slug *Umax* sp.

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