



## Future of Botanical Pesticides in rice, wheat, pulses and vegetables pest management

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### ABSTRACT

Use of botanicals is now emerging as one of the important means to be used in protection of crop produce and the environment from pesticidal pollution, which is a global problem. In this chapter, the authors focus on the future of botanical pesticides with special references to agriculture. Two main aspects of botanical pesticides, one search and exploitation of new botanicals as pesticides including isolation, identification and evaluation of the active components and another use of botanicals in agriculture in different forms like direct spray applications of the various plant materials, soil amendments for different plant parts, intercropping of biologically active plants with the main crop, botanical grain protectants, use of botanical based synthetic pesticidal formulations and also use of botanicals as synergists/ binders for synthetic pesticides.

**Key words:** Botanical pesticides, neem, *Ageratum*, *Vitex*, *Pongamia*, *Pyrethrum*, rice, wheat, pulses

### INTRODUCTION

In recent years the use of synthetic insecticides in crop protection programmes around the world has resulted in disturbances of the environment, pest resurgences, pest resistance to pesticides and lethal effect to non target organisms in the agro-ecosystems in addition to direct toxicity to users. Therefore, it has now become necessary to search for the alternative means of pest control, which can minimize the use of synthetic pesticides. Botanical pesticides are the important alternatives to minimize or replace the use of synthetic pesticides as they possess an array of properties including toxicity to the pest, repellency, antifeedance, insect growth regulatory activities against pests of agricultural importance (Prakash and Rao, 1989, 1986, 2003; Prakash *et al.*, 1987, 1989, 1990). In fact botanical pesticides are in use in Indian agriculture for over a century to minimize losses caused by pests and diseases (Prakash *et al.*, 1990, 1997; Parmar and Dev kumar 1993). Botanical pesticides have many advantages over synthetic pesticides which includes:

- i. botanical pesticides in general possess low mammalian toxicity thus constitute least or no health hazards and environmental pollution,
- ii. there is practically no risk of developing pest resistance to these products, when used in natural forms,
- iii. these causes less hazards to non-target organisms and pest resistance has not been reported except synthetic pyrethroids,
- iv. no adverse effect on plant growth, seed viability and cooking quality of the grains and
- v. botanical pesticides are less expensive and easily available because of their natural occurrence especially in oriental countries.

Some of the botanical like neem, bel, senwar, pyrethrum, tobacco, karanj, mahua and sweet flag etc. have already attained the status of potential pesticides of plant origin to be used in IPM of crop field insects as well as in storage ecosystems (Prakash and Rao, 1997). Future of botanical pesticides in agriculture can be emphasized in following two main directions.

#### (i) Search of flora for biopesticidal properties

- a. Search of flora for biopesticidal properties against common agricultural pests
- b. Isolation, identification and evaluation of the active components of the plant products
- c. If active components are economic and biologically very effective, synthesis of the components for commercial use.

#### (ii) Utilization of botanicals in pest management

- a. Direct spray applications of various extracts of biologically effective plant products like leaves, stem, roots and whole plants especially for the control of soft bodied insect pests, which feed on the leaves and tender plant parts as flowers and developing grains etc. Aphids, jassids and even caterpillars can be managed by these applications,
- b. soil amendment of the effective plant materials for the control of the soil inhabiting pests like white grubs and root-knot nematodes. Amendment of de-oiled cakes of neem, groundnut, sesamum, castor, mahua and karanj etc. are known potential examples to minimize root-knot nematodes populations and losses caused by them,
- c. intercropping/mixed cropping of the biologically active plant/ crop with the main crop to minimize the pest incidences. Intercropping of rocket salad, *Erica sativa*

- with mustard crop is known to reduce the incidences of mustard aphids and intercropping of marigold with tomato or brinjal is found to minimize incidences of root-knot nematode, *Meloidogyne incognita*,
- d. use of botanical as grain/potato protectants against insects in storage. A number of plant materials like leaves of senwar, bel, wild sage, lantana, neem etc. are known to protect stored cereals and potato in storage from the insect pests, whereas a number of vegetables oils like castor, sesamum, linseed, mustard and groundnut etc. effectively controlled the infestation of bruchids in pulse storage,
  - e. use of botanicals as synergists/ binders for synthetic pesticides to enhance the biological activity of the pesticides. Pyrethrum with peperonyl butoxide; sesamum oil with permethrin dusts and neem oil with DDT are the known examples for the control of storage pests, and
  - f. use of botanical based synthetic/ commercial formulations for the pest management in agriculture. Several such formulations based on neem and tobacco have already been registered in India and now available for commercial use and export.

#### Rice and wheat

The major insect pests of rice are categorized as pink borer (*Chilo partellus*), rice earhead bug (*Leptocorisca acuta*), leaf folder (*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*) and white-backed planthopper (WBPH), *Sogatella furcifera*, whereas wheat aphid (*Aphis maidis*) was common pest in wheat cultivation (Atwal, 1993; Garg, 1996). Against stem borers, botanicals are not found to be effective because of their nature of damage and development inside the stem (Prakash *et al.*, 1989) (Table 1). Against *L. acuta*, a number of botanicals *viz.*, 5 per cent aqueous leaf extract of king of bitters (*A. paniculata*), 3 per cent oil emulsion spray of neem (*A. indica*), seed extract of orange (*C. reticulata*) and leaf extract of lemon grass (*C. citrates*) are found to protect developing rice grains (Gupta *et al.*, 1990). Seed oil (1 %) extracted from custard apple and sprayed on the rice plants not only reduced infestation of rice leaf folder and rice green leafhoppers but also checked rice tungro virus (Narasimhan and Mariappan, 1980.) Neem kernel extract after mixing with 0.16 percent teepol was reported to show juvenile hormone mimic activity and inhibited larval development of *C. medinalis* (Schmutterer *et al.*, 1983) and also found to reduce the population of WBPH, when sprayed on the rice crop (David, 1986; Rajasekaran *et al.*, 1987; Mohan and Gopalan; 1990). Similarly, 1 per cent neem oil spray on the rice plant reduced the incidences of leaf folder (Singh *et al.*, 1990, Mohan *et al.*, 1991), whereas neem cake (de-oiled) amendment in the soil @ 150 kg/ha and neem oil spray at 10 days intervals were found to check the infestation of *C. medinalis* (Krishnaiah and Kalode, 1990). Oil of polang (*C. inophyllum*) or seed oil of mahuwa (*Madhuca indica*) and karanj (*Pongamia glabra*) as 1 per cent formulation

was also reported to minimize the infestation of rice leaf folder (Narsimhan and Mariappan, 1988). Root soaking of rice seedlings with neem kernel extract reduced the incidences of WBPH (Saxena *et al.*, 1987), whereas neem oil (1 %) spray using 7.5 kg/ha with teepol controlled the attack of *S. furcifera* (Sontakke, 1993) and showed anti-feedant activity to this plant hopper (Saxena *et al.*, 1984). Similarly, 5 % neem cake extract spray reduced emergence of WBPH (Ramraju and Sundarababu, 1989). Against wheat aphid (*Aphis maidis*) aqueous leaf extract of Indian aconite (*Aconitum ferox* Wall.) found in Kumaon hills and alpine Himalayas, was reported to be highly toxic to this aphid (*Siphocoryne indobrassicae*). Neem extract and azadirachtine affects the biology of brown planthopper, *Nilaparvatha lugens* (Stal) (Senthil Nathan *et al.*, 2007). Very recently it was reported that food consumption, utilization and detoxification enzyme activity of *Dysoxylum* triterpenes on rice leaf folder larvae (Senthil Nathan *et al.*, 2007).

#### Pulses and Vegetable Crops

Gram pod borer (*Helicoverpa armigera*) is found to be major insect pest of chickpea, tomato and pigeonpea, whereas white grubs like *Anomala dimidiata*, *Holotrichia seticollis* and *H. longipennis*; cutworm (*Agrotis ipsilon*) and blister beetles (*Mylabris phalerata*) and *Epicauna mannerheimi* are main pests of soybean and other kharif crops grown in Kumaon hills. Hairy caterpillar (*Spilosoma obliqua*) is reported to be a major pest of soybean, whereas mustard aphid (*Aphis erysemi*) is found to be regular and major pest of vegetables and mustard in addition to its act as a vector for Yellow Mosaic Virus of blackgram. Cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) is also reported as an important pest of cabbage in hilly areas (Garg, 1996; Garg and Sachan, 1992).

Against *H. armigera* a number of botanicals *viz.*, neem kernel extracts (38.57%) and neem oil (5%) sprays were found to be effective in reducing the populations of this pest in chickpea (Siddappaji *et al.*, 1986; Rao and Srivastava 1985 and Sinha 1993), whereas Nemidin-9, a neem - based formulation inhibited the development of this pest by 70 per cent at 1000 mg/litre concentration spray application (Nelson *et al.*, 1993). Similarly, aqueous leaf extract of rose periwinkle (*Catharanthus roseus*) spray on blackgram also reduced its population (Rajasekaran *et al.*, 1987). Karanja oil (2 %) was reported to prolong its larval development and growth inhibiting activity (Bajpai and Sehgal, 1994). Nicotine sulphate isolated from west tobacco leaves was found to be highly toxic to this borer (Patel *et al.*, 1990). Two formulations of nicotine *i.e.* Nicotine 40 per cent and 10 per cent DP have already registered in India for their commercial use and export. Losses due to mustard aphid (*Lipaphis erysimi*) could be minimized by spraying neem leaf and neem kernel extracts on mustard crop (Atwal and Pajni, 1964). Neem oil (1.5 per cent) spray showed 100 per cent mortality to this aphid (Mani *et al.*, 1990). Intercropping of the seasonal herb

Table 1. Pesticidal activity of plant products tested against insect pests of paddy fields

Plant Taxonomic status & (common name)	Plant part, formulation & dose/ conc.	Test insects	Biological activity	Citations
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> Linn. (Asteraceae) (Goat weed)	Precocene I & II	<i>Leptocorisa chinensis</i>	Toxic to the adults & nymphs	Lu, 1982
<i>Androgaphis paniculata</i> (Burn f.) Wall ex. Nees (Acanthaceae) (king of bitters)	Aqueous leaf extract	<i>Leptocorisa acuta</i>	Protect rice panicle, when sprayed with the extract	Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 1990
<i>Annona squamosa</i> Linn. (Annonaceae)(Custard apple/ sweet sop/supper apple)	Leaf and fruit extracts	Green leafhopper (GLH)- <i>Nephotettix virescens</i> , Brown planthopper (BPH)- <i>Nilaparvata lugens</i>	Insecticidal activity	Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1982 a,b; Epino & Saxena, 1982
	Seed oil	GLH	Effectively reduce survival of adults	Mariappan and Saxena, 1983
	Neem oil + custard apple (1:4) mixture or alone	GLH	Reduced population	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1987a
	Seed oil	Rice leafhopper (RLF) - <i>Cnaphalocrocis medinalis</i> and GLH	Reduce survival of LF and Tungro transmission	Narsimhan and Mariappan, 1985 Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1988
<i>Artemisia kurramensis</i> Linn. (Asteraceae)	Seed oil alone or in combination with organic materials	White backed planthopper (WBPH)- <i>Sogatella longifurcifera</i> , <i>Sogata striatus</i> , <i>Perkinsiella insignis</i> and <i>Toya attenuata</i>	Insecticidal activity	Khan and Khan, 1985
<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss. (Meliaceae) (Neem)	Neem leaf bitters (NLB)	GLH, BPH	Reduced oviposition & development of test insects, when sprayed on rice seedlings	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1989a
	Fractions of methanolic extract of neem seed	RLF & <i>Mythimna separata</i>	Showed JH mimic activity to the test insects	Schmutterer <i>et al.</i> , 1983
	Neem coated urea as soil application	GM, GLH & RLF	Reduced incidences in paddy	David, 1986
	5% aqueous neem seed kernel extract (NSKE)	GLH	ovipositional by seedling root-dip for 24 hrs.	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1987a
	10% NSKE pre-sowing seed treatment	BPH	Reduced population & enhanced seedling growth	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1987b

Seeding Root soaking NSKE (5%) its foliar spray soil incorporation	BPH, WBPH, & GLH	Inhibited growth & development	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1987
NSKE application using ULV sprayer	BPH, RLF	Checked incidences of the test insects	Rajasekaran <i>et al.</i> , 1987a
Young rice seedling when soaked in NSKE	BPH & GLH	Reduce nymphal develop and growth inhibiting activity	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1988a,b
NSKE	GLH	Reduce survival, antifeedant	Narsimhan & Mariappan, 1988
Neem seed bitters 0.25%	BPH & GLH	Reduced egg laying and adult emergence	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1989a
NSKE admixed with carbofuran		Reduced infestation of GLH and tungro	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1989b
NSKE 2% - germinated seeds	BPH & GLH	Checked adult emergence	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1989c
NSKE	GLH	repellant	Songkittisuntron, 1989
NSKE 5%+0.16% teepol spray	LF	Reduced population significantly	Mohan and Gopalan, 1990
5% NSKE spray	LF & grass hopper	Reduced incidence/ protect more	Dhahiwal <i>et al.</i> , 1990a
NSKE 5% spray at 21 DAT	<i>Hydrellia philippina</i>	Reduced incidence	Bhatia <i>et al.</i> , 1994
NSKE 5%	YSB	Reduced WEH & Insecticidal	Dash <i>et al.</i> , 1995
Neem oil spraying protect rice crop	<i>Hydrelha phillipina</i>	Antifeedant	Murthy, 1975
Neem oil spraying protect rice crop	BPH	Strong repellency	Balasubramanian, 1979, Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1979.,
Neem oil spraying protect rice crop	BPH and ragged stunt virus	Antifeedant activity	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1981a
Neem oil 10% Neem oil spraying protect rice crop	LF GLH	Antifeedant Reduced life span of GLH and antifeedant	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1981b Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1982a
Neem oil spraying	GLH & RTV	Population reduction	Mariappan and Saxena, 1983
Neem oil spraying	II & III instar of BPH	Antifeedant	Chiu <i>et al.</i> , 1983
Neem oil spraying at early vegetative stage protect rice crop	<i>Maliarpha seperatella</i> , <i>Sesamia calamistis</i> , <i>Diapsis macrophthalma</i> and <i>D.apicalis</i>	population reduction	Ho and Kibuca, 1983

Neem oil spraying	BPH, WBPH and GLH	Antifeedant, inhibit growth and development	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1984a
Neem oil spraying	Predatory bug <i>Cyrtorhinus lividepennis</i>	Toxicity	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1984b
5% Neem oil Neem oil coated urea	GLH <i>Hydrelhia philippina</i> , <i>N. virescens</i> and BPH	Antifeedant Reduced incidence	Heyde <i>et al.</i> , 1984 Krishnaiah and Kalode., 1984
Neem oil	<i>L. oratorius</i>	Deformity	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1985
5% neem oil	BPH and Ragged stunt virus (RSV)	Reduced survival and incidence of RSV	Saxena and Khan, 1985a
Neem oil odour	GLH	Disturbed feeding and longevity	Saxena and Khan, 1985b
0.5-5% neem oil	<i>N. virescens</i>	Reduced growth and development	Heyde <i>et al.</i> , 1985
Neem oil	BPH	Insecticidal activity	Velusamy <i>et al.</i> , 1987
1% neem oil	BPH and WBPH	Reduced emergence	Ramaraju & Sundarababu, 1989
Neem oil treated BPH	BPH	Continuous abdominal movement and Prolonged pre-maturing period	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1989
3% neem oil	GM	Reduced infestation	Samlo <i>et al.</i> , 1990
1-4% neem oil	LF and YSB	Reduced incidences	Singh <i>et al.</i> , 1990
5% neem oil	<i>L. acuta</i>	Reduce population	Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 1990
1% neem oil	<i>N. virescens</i> (NV), YSB, GM, RH and <i>Hydrelhia philippina</i> - HP	Disrupted the growth of 1 <sup>st</sup> instar NV and affected the oviposition of YSB, GM, RH and HP	Krishnaiah and Kalode, 1991
2% neem oil	LF, <i>Hieroglyphus baniana</i>	Reduced infestation	Mohan <i>et al.</i> , 1991
4% neem oil	YSB	Reduced WEH in field	Dhaliwal <i>et al.</i> , 1993
Neem oil @7.5 kg/ha	BPH and WBPH	Effectively controlled infestation	Sontakke, 1993
3% neem oil spray at 21 DAT	<i>Hydrelhia philippina</i>	Reduce damage	Bhatia <i>et al.</i> , 1994
1.5% neem oil 0.05 % monocrotophos	YSB	Effectively controlled DH formation	Bhatia <i>et al.</i> , 1994
Neem kernel powder suspension	BPH and WBPH	Reduce honey dew secretion and antifeedency	Chiu <i>et al.</i> , 1983
Neem kernel powder with carbofuran	GLH and Tungro	Controlled Tungro	Kareem <i>et al.</i> , 1988b

	3% Neem kernel powder	<i>N. virescens</i>	Inhibited nymphal growth	Krishnaiah and Kalode, 1990
	5% de-oiled neem cake(DNC)	BPH & WBPH	Reduced honey dew secretion	Chiu <i>et al.</i> , 1983
	neem cake application	BPH	Reduced population	Saxena <i>et al.</i> , 1984b
	Neem cake coated ura	<i>Hydrellia philippina</i> and GLH	Reduced incidences	David, 1986
	Neem cake extract 5% spray	BPH & WBPH	Reduce emergence	Ramaraju and Sundarababu, 1989
	Neem cake + 150 kg/ha 3% neem oil spray	LF	Effectively checked insect infestation	Krishnaiah <i>et al.</i> , 1990 Krishnaiah and Kalode, 1990
	Neem cake with urea	GLH and WBPH	Reduce population	Viswanathan & Kandiannan, 1990
	DNC application in Azolla @250 kg/ha in rice	<i>Nymphula responsalis</i> , <i>N. enixalis</i> , <i>Nymphula sp.</i> , <i>Cryptoblabes gnidiella</i>	Toxicity to larvae and pupae	Sasmal, 1991
	DNC extract 10%	LF and <i>Hieroglyphus baniana</i>	Reduce pests incidences	Mohan <i>et al.</i> , 1991
	Neem cake @ 150 kg/ha in soil	<i>Hydrellia philippina</i>	Reduce damage of whorl maggots	Bhatia <i>et al.</i> , 1994
	Neemax spray	WBPH	Controlled the pest	Shukla <i>et al.</i> , 1991
	Welgro spray	WBPH	Controlled the pest	Shukla <i>et al.</i> , 1991
	Welgro 2% foliar spray	GM and YSB	Reduced incidences	Nanda <i>et al.</i> , 1993
	Nemidin 1000ppm	WBPH	Inhibit the development of larvae	Nelson <i>et al.</i> , 1993
	0.5 and 1.0% Achook spray	<i>L. acuta</i>	Effectively controlled the pest	Prakash and Rao, 1994
	Margoside CK and Margoside OK 1%	5 <sup>th</sup> instar BPH	57-80% mortality	Jena and Dani 1994
	Neem limonoides - seedling root dip	GLH	Antifeedency	Saxena & Boncolin, 1988
<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i> (Polang/und), Indian lurlvel	1% seed oil of Indian lurlvel	GLH & RTV	Check population and RTV transmission	Narsimhan & Mariappan, 1988
	Oil spray	LF & GLG	Reduced survival antifeedant	Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1988
	1% seed oil and 2% extract	BPH & WBPH	Reduce nymphal and adult emergence	Ramaraju and Sundarababu, 1989
	Sed oil 5000ppm on BPH and 2500ppm on GLH	BPH & GLH	Disrupt growth and reduce incidences	Krishnaiah and Kalode, 1990

<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (rose periwinkle)	Aqueous leaf extract	YSB	Insecticidal activity	Satpathy, 1983
<i>Citrus reticulata</i> (orange)	Seed extract in water protected rice	<i>L. acuta</i>	Insecticidal activity	Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 1990
<i>Croton sparsiflorum</i> (Jamalghota/ croton)	Seed oil	GLH	Reduced survival and longevity	Narsimhan & Mariappan, 1988
<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (Lemon grass)	Leaf extract spray	<i>L. acuta</i>	Protected the paddy grains	Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 1990
<i>Echinochloa crusgalli</i> (Barnyard grass)	Transaconitic acid isolated from <i>E. crusgalli</i>	BPH	Antifeedant activity	Kim <i>et al.</i> , 1976
<i>Eclipta alba</i> (Morchand)	Root and shoot extracts	BPH	Antifeedant activity	Rao and Prakash, 1979
<i>Eruca vesicaria</i> (Taramina or Rocket salad)	Seed oil spray on rice crop	<i>Sogatella longifurcifera</i> , <i>Sogata striatus</i> , <i>Perkinsiella insignis</i> and <i>Toya attenuata</i>	Controlled the test insects	Khan and Khan, 1985
<i>Gynandropsis pentaphylla</i>	Petroleum seed extract	BPH	Reduced oviposition	Reddy and Urs, 1988
<i>Lantana camara</i> Linn. (Verbenaceae)	Flower extract in water	BPH	Toxicity, when tested as topical application	Morallo-Rajessus (1984)
<i>Madhuca indica</i> J.F. Gmel. (Sapotaceae) (Mahua)	Seed oil	GLH, RLF, Rice tungro virus (RTV)	Reduced survival of the insects & disease	Narsimhan and Mariappan, 1988; Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1988
	1% seed oil & 2% seed extract	BPH & WBPH	Reduced adult emergence	Ramraju and Sunder Babu, 1989
<i>Melia azedarach</i> Linn. (Meliaceae)	Seed oil (0.04%)	Yellow stem borer (YSB), <i>Scirpophaga incertulas</i> , BPH & WBPH	Antifeedant & insecticidal activity	Hu <i>et al.</i> , 1983
	Leaf & seed extract	YSB	Antifeedant	Wen, 1983
	Seed extract in P.ether	Nymphs of BPH	Antefeedant	Chiu <i>et al.</i> , 1983
	Seed oil with diazinon	Rice gall midge (GM)- <i>Orseolia oryzae</i>	Synergistic effect	Chiu, 1989
<i>Melia toosendan</i> (Linn) Juss (Meliaceae) (China berry)	Seed oil & extract in ether	White veined rice armyworm, <i>Leucania veralba</i> , BPH, GM, YSB	Insecticidal/ antifeedant activity	Chiu, 1982
	Toosendanin Isolated from its seed	<i>Mythimna separeata</i>	Strong antefeedancy	Shi <i>et al.</i> , 1986
<i>Oryza sativa</i> Linn	Extract of rice variety TKM-6	Sriped Stem Borer (SSB), <i>Chilo suppressalis</i>	Strongly oviposition & antifeedant	Dhaliwal <i>et al.</i> , 1990 a

	Extracts of rice varieties Taitung-16 & Chianan-2	SSB	High mortality to 5 <sup>th</sup> Instar larvae & pupae. Deformed pupae	Dhaliwal <i>et al.</i> , 1990 a
	Steam extracts of Taitung-16, Extracts fractioned (hexane + diethyl ether - 9+1.	SSB, BPH	Highly toxic to larvae, nymphs	Dhaliwal <i>et al.</i> , 1990 b
	Sterols & asparagin	BPH	Inhibite development	Yoshio <i>et al.</i> , 1982
	Pentadecanol TKM-6	<i>C.suppressalis</i>	100% larval mortality	Dale, 1990; 1992
<i>Pongamia glabra</i> Vent (Fabaceae) (Puna oil tree/ Kharanja)	Oil	GLH & LF	Reduced survival	Mariappan <i>et al.</i> , 1988
	1% oil and 2% seed extract	BPH & WBPH	Reduced emergence of the hoppers	Ramaraju & Sundar Babu, 1989
	Oil	<i>Chilo partellus</i>	Reduced survival of the larvae	Sharma & Bhatanagar, 1990
	Mixture of pongamia & neem oil (1:1)	GM & YSB	Safely protected paddy from the test insects	Nanda <i>et al.</i> , 1993
<i>Rhododendron molle</i> Linn. (Ericaceae)	Root leaf & flower aqueous & alcohol extract	YSB	Toxic	Chiu, 1982
<i>Tagetes ereeta</i> Linn. (Asteraceae) Aztee marigold	Aqueous root extract	GLH & BPH	Toxicity	Morallo-Rajissus & Eroles, 1978; Morallo-Rajissus & Decena, 1982
<i>Tagetes pafula</i> Linn. (Asteraceae) marigold	Aqueous root extract	GLH	Toxicity	Morallo Rajissus & Eroles, 1978 French
	Aqueous root extract	BPH	Toxicity	Morallo-Rajissus, 1982
<i>Tinospora rumphi</i> Boel. (Menispermaceae) Makabuhai	Root & stem incorporation with soil	GLH	Insecticidal activity against GLH	Del Fierro & Morallo- Rajessus, 1976; Morallo-Rajessus & Silva, 1979
<i>Tripterygium wilfordrill</i> Hook (Celastraceae) (Thunder God vine)	Root & Bark powder	Larvae of YSB	Toxicity/ Antifeedant activity	Chiu, 1982
<i>Vitex negundo</i> Linn. (Verbenaceae) (Indian privet)	Petroleum ether leaf extract	LF	Pupal Malformation	Sukumaran <i>et al.</i> , 1987



rocket salad, *Eruca sativa* Mull. with mustard crop reduced the incidences of this aphid effectively (Dilawari and Dhaliwal, 1992). Similarly, aqueous leaf extract of English basil (*Hyptis suaveolens*), an aromatic herb found in north India was reported to be highly toxic to this aphid, when sprayed on the cabbage crop (Roy and Pandey, 1991). Further, karanja (a flavonoid) isolated from de-oiled cake of karanja (*Pongamia glabra*) was found to be very toxic to mustard aphid (Parmar and Gulati, 1969).

Against cabbage aphid, *Brevicornye brassicae* leaf extract of *Annona squamosa* and 12 per cent leaf extract of neem were found to show strong anti-feedancy to this aphid, whereas 0.5 per cent neem oil spray on cauliflower showed repellency to *B. brassicae* (Singh and Sharma, 1986). Losses caused by hairy caterpillar (*Spilosoma oblique*) could be minimized by sprays of aqueous leaf extracts of *Euphorbia royleana* or *Lantana camera* (Sharma *et al.*, 1982). Leaf extracts of *Linodenbergia grandifolia*, a perennial diffused herb, Velvet bean (*Macuna cochinchensis*) and *Passiflora mollissima* showed anti-feedancy to this pest (Tripathi *et al.*, 1987, Premchand 1989). Further, 5 percent leaf extract of *Nyctanthes arbortritis*, an ornamental shrub of Himalayan tract is also reported to show anti-feedancy to *S. oblique* (Sharma *et al.* 1992; Tripathi *et al.*, 1987). Mohanty *et al.* (1988) also found seed oil fraction of *P. glabra* and seed oil of babchi (*Psoralea corylifolia*) to show anti-feedant activity to this pest. Further, aqueous leaf extract of needle wood (*Schima khasiana*), a perennial tree found in east Himalaya from Nepal to Khasi Hills showed strong anti-feedancy to *S. oblique* (Tripathi *et al.*, 1987), whereas Sharma *et al.* (1992) found whole plant extract of *Swertia chirayita* (a perennial herb in north India) to show anti-feedancy to this pest. From maize (*Zea mays*), an active component DIMBOA (2,4-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-2H-1, 4-benzoxazin-3 (4H)-one) to show antibiosis to this pest (Hariprasad and Kanaujia, 1992).

### Potato

Some of the important insect pests of potato like potato tuber moths (*Phthorimaea operculella*, *Polyphagous defoliator*, *Henosepilachna vigintioctopunctata*) and plant sucking aphid (*Myzus persicae*), a vector for Potato Virus Y disease are known to cause considerable losses in potato cultivation in sub-hill and hill regions (Misra, 1993). Rhizome extract of *Acorus calamus*, leaf extract of *Ageratum conyzoides* were reported to show 42 per cent mortality to the 3<sup>rd</sup> instar larvae of potato tuber moth (Pandey *et al.*, 1982). NSKE (5 per cent) and seed extract of *Jatropha curcas* and karanj also found to inhibit the oviposition of this moth (Shelke *et al.*, 1987), whereas spray application of neemrich (a neem based formulation) protected the crop against this pest. Further dried leaves powder to *Eucalyptus globulus* as well as *Lantana camera* as 2.5 cms layer protected potato in storage from this pest upto 6 months (Lal, 1987).

Against epilachna beetle (*H. vigintioctopunctata*),

rhizome extract of sweet flag, *Acorus calamus* showed toxicity to this beetle (Chandel *et al.*, 1987), whereas its oil @ 10-200 ul/100cc in controlled condition showed fumigant action against this pest. B-asarone an active component isolated from whole plant extract of *Ageratum conyzoides* showed growth regulating activity against the pupae of this beetle. Aqueous crude leaf extract of *A. squamosa* 0.5 per cent spray application on the crop gave 100 per cent protection against II and III instar grubs of this beetle and showed anti-feedancy and also 1 percent aqueous neem leaf extract and petroleum extract of *Eucalyptus globulus* and leaf extract of *Vinca rosea* petroleum ether extract of *Parthenium hysteriosporium* and whole plant extract of yellow berries night shade, *Solanum xanthocarpum* were reported to show reduction in the population of this pest (Chitra *et al.*, 1991, Dhandapani *et al.*, 1985). Chandel *et al.* (1987) found not acetone stem extract of *Cyprus rotundus*; petroleum ether extract of *Gynandropsis gynandra* and black cumin (*Nigella sativa*) and acetone extract of dried stem of *Strychnos nux-vomica* showed toxicity to this polyphagous beetle. Against aphid (*Myzus persicae*), *Pyrethrum* and dried flower powder *Chrysanthemum cinerarifolium* along with piperonyl butoxide as aerosol applications effectively controlled this aphid, whereas a rotenoid, pachyrhizone isolated from fruit and seed extract of *Pachyrhizus angulatus* was found to show high toxicity to this pest (Jacobson, 1975). Joshi *et al.* (1978) reported aqueous leaf extract of wild tobacco (*Nicotiana gossei*) as a highly toxic formulation against *M. persicae*.

### Storage Insects

A number of plant materials like leaves of senwar, begonia, wild sage (*Vitex negundo*), *Lippia geminate* and bel, *Aegle marmelos* have been found as effective grain protectants @ 1 per cent w/w admixed with the grains and recommended for the management of rice stored insects (Prakash and Rao, 1984, 1986) (Table 2), whereas leaves of senwar and oils of sesamum, groundnut, castor, mahua, linseed and mustard admixed with the pulse grains @ 1 per cent w/w successfully controlled the infestation of bruchids in storage (Prakash and Rao, 1989; Kumari *et al.*, 1990).

### Nematodes Management

Root-knot nematodes (*Meloidogyne incognita*, *M. hapla* and *M. javanica*) are reported to be problems in potato and other kharif crops, whereas *M. graminicola* is the main nematode pest in rice in hill cultivation, in addition to cyst nematode, *Globodera rostochinensis* and *G. pallida* in potato (Misra, 1993). Oil amendment of a number of botanical products like chopped leaves of king of bitters, *Andrographis paniculata* in vegetable crops (Goswami and Vijayalakshmi, 1985), *Argemone mexicana* for papaya cultivation (Reddy *et al.*, 1990), neem for pointed gourd (Verma and Anwar, 1995), dried leaves of *Calotropis gigantean* in betel vine cultivation (Sivakumar

Table 2. Plant products found to show grain protection/or inhibit life stages of storage insects of rice (Source: Prakash and Rao, 1997)

Name of plant	Product and its dose	Insect against tested	Condition of experiment	Result obtained
<i>Acorus calamus</i> (sweet flag)	Rhizome extract and methanol@ 20ml/100g	4,5	L	Significantly reduced larval and pupal population
<i>Adhatoda vasica</i> (Malabar nut tree)	Leaves extracts in water 20ml/100g or root powder @2% w/w	1,2,3,5	L	Showed 69% grain protection
<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (bael)	Leaf powder@2% w/w	1,2,3,4,5,6	L,N	Showed 85% grain protection for 180 days
<i>Allium cepa</i> (onion)	Bulb extract(crude) 0.02% @20ml/100g	1,2,3,6	L	Toxic to <i>C.cephalonica</i>
<i>Allium sativum</i> (garlic)	Bulb extract 0.02% @20ml/100g and also 2 lit/100kg	1,2,3,6	L,N	Promising grain protection up to 180 days
<i>Annon squamosa</i> (super apple)	Leaves extracts in water 20ml/100g and root powder @2% w/w	4,5	L	Inhibited the development of insects
<i>Argemone mexicana</i> (prickly poppy)	Leaves extracts in water 20ml/100g	3	L	Showed 78% grain protection for 90 days
<i>Azardirachta indica</i> (neem)	Oil and extract, each 0.02% @2lit/100kg	1,2,3	N	Showed 86% grain protection for 180 days
<i>Azardirachta</i> (neem)	Oil and extract, each 0.02% @2lit/100kg	1,2,3	L	Protected paddy grains <i>indica</i> significantly
<i>Callophyllum inophyllum</i> (undi)	Cake@2% w/w	1,2,3	L,N	Showed promising grain protection but showed adverse effect on seed viability
<i>Cannabis sativum</i> (bhang)	Leaves @2% w/w	1,2,3	L,N	Showed 59% protection under laboratory tests only
<i>Cleistanthus collinus</i> (karada)	Leaves extracts in methanol 20ml/100g	4,5	L	Showed Larval mortality to <i>O.surinamensis</i>
<i>Citrus aurantium</i> (sour orange)	Peel extract in water 20ml/100g	3,5	L	Showed 80% significant grain protection
<i>Crotalaria juneca</i> (junjunea)	Leaves extract and root extract 20ml/100g	3	L	Showed repellency to adults
<i>Curcuma longa</i> (turmeric)	Powder of roots @0.5% w/w	3,5	L	Showed 73% grain protection
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> 0.01% @2Lit/100kg (pyrethrum)	Flower head extract (2EC)	1,2,3	L,N	Showed 62% grain <i>cineraraefolium</i> protection up to 120 days
<i>Eclipta alba</i> (mochrand)	Leaf and root extract @ 20ml/100g	1,3,5	L,N	Ovicidal to <i>S.cereallega</i>
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> (poinsettia)	Leaves extract @ 20ml/100g	3	L	Toxic to <i>S. oryzae</i>

<i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>	Fruit extract @20ml/100g	3	L	Toxic to <i>S. oryzae</i>
<i>Hibiscus rosa</i> (rose in China)	Flower extract @20ml/100g	3	L	Toxic to <i>S. oryzaechinensis</i>
<i>Ipomoea cornea</i> (morning glory genus)	Leaves extract @ 20ml/100g	4,5	L	Toxic to <i>S. surinamensis</i> and <i>T. castaneum</i>
<i>Lippia geminate</i> (wild sage)	Leaves powder @2% w/w	1,2,3,4,5,6	L,N	80% grain protection for 270 days
<i>Madhuca latifolia</i> (mahuwa)	Cake @2% w/w	1,2,3	L,N	Effective to protect grain under laboratory conditions only
<i>Piper nigrum</i> (piper)	Seed extract @ 20ml/ 100g	1,2,3	L	Protected grain only against <i>S.</i> (black <i>oryzae</i> and <i>R. dominica</i> )
<i>Pongamia glabra</i> (kharanga cake)	Cakes@2% w/w	4,5	L	Checked the larval and pupal development of insects
<i>P. pinnata</i>	Cakes@2% w/w	4,5	L	larval and pupal development
<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Leaves @2% w/w	1,2,3,4,5,6	L	85% grain protection (begonia) against boring insects for 270 days

Test insects: 1. *S.cerealella* 2. *R.dominica* 3. *S.oryzae* 4. *O.surinamensis* 5. *T.castaneum*; 6. *C.cephalonica*

and Marimuthu, 1986), whole plant vilayati mehendi (*Clerodendrum inerme*) in okra (Patel *et al.*, 1990), leaves of marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) for tomato and brinjal (Reddy *et al.*, 1990) and *Parthenium hysterophorus* in plantain (Jacob *et al.*, 1990) has been found to be very effective in minimizing the losses due to root-knot nematodes. Similarly, neem oil-cake for soil amendment @ 1.5 t/ha in okra (Reddy and Khan, 1990), yellow mustard de-oiled cake @ 2.5t/ha in tomato and okra (Singh and Sitaramaiah, 1971), oil cake of polang (*Calophyllum inophyllum*) in rice (Prakash *et al.*, 1990), safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius*) in tomato (Goswami and Vijayalakshmi 1986); mahua, *Madhuca indica* in the peat soil for plantain cultivation (Jacob *et al.*, 1990) have shown effective protection against root-knot nematodes. Further, intercropping of marigold with either tomato, brinjal and wheat also showed promising reduction in the root galling or incidences of root-knot nematodes (Reddy *et al.*, 1990).

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