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20. NEW RECORDS OF HYMENOPTEROUS PARASITES OF PEA LEAFMINER *PHYTOMYZA ATRICORNIS* MEIGEN (DIPTERA : AGROMYZIDAE)

The pea leafminer *Phytomyza atricornis* Meigen is the most common and widespread leafminer throughout the world. The larva of this pest is polyphagous and attacks a large number of plants belonging to several natural orders. According to Trehan & Sehgal (1963), the larva feeds indiscriminately on pallsade and spongy mesenchymatous tissues but never consumes the entire tissues between the upper and lower epidermis and the endodermal cells containing starch are largely avoided. Ahmad & Gupta (1941), while studying the biology of this pest on pea, reared an Eulophid, *Solenotus* sp. from its larval stages. Narayanan *et al.* (1956) reared an ectoparasite *Solenotus* sp., an endoparasite, *Rhopalosiphum* sp. and an unidentified braconid on the larval stages of this host fly. Only recently Odak *et al.* (1968) have recorded *Opius* sp. (Braconidae) and *Neochrysocharis* sp. (Eulophidae) as parasites of *P. atricornis* from Gwalior (India). The present study was, therefore, undertaken to investigate parasites of this leafminer in the Ranchi area and leaves of pea (*Pisum sativum* Linn.) were collected. The following six hymenopterous insects emerged from the leafmines.

1. *Chrysocharis* sp. (Eulophidae)

Thompson (1943, 1954) has recorded *Chrysocharis* sp., *C. elongatus* and *C. syma* from New Zealand, Yugoslavia and England respectively, as parasites of this leafminer.

- 2. *Tetrastichus* sp. (Eulophidae).
- 3. *Cirrospilus* sp. (Eulophidae).
- 4. *Opius* sp. ? *phaseoli* Fischer (Braconidae).
- 5. *Opius* sp. ? *lantanae* Bridw. (Braconidae).
- 6. *Sphegigaster* sp. (Pteromalidae).

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