

SEASONAL ACTIVITY OF ACUMINATA SCALE, *Kilifia acuminata* (SIGN.) (HEMIPTERA: COCCIDAE) ON MANGO TREES AT GIZA GOVERNORATE, EGYPT

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ABSTRACT

The seasonal activity of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees was studied for two successive years (March, 2011 to mid-February, 2013) in a privet farm cultivated with mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate. The obtained results revealed that, *K. acuminata* has two overlapping generations on mango trees per year. The 1st generation (spring generation) started from early March in the both years, peaked in early May and extended to mid-August in the 1st year and late July in the 2nd one. The generation duration ranged 5.0 - 5.5 months in the two years at 24.6 - 25.0°C & 55.3 - 56.2%R.H. The generation size ranged 92.0 - 99.6 nymph/leaf and 69.6 - 79.3 adult/leaf with total population ranged 161.6 - 178.9 insect/leaf in the two years, respectively. The 2nd generation (autumn generation) occurred between early July and mid-February, peaked in early/mid-October in the both years. The generation duration lasted for 8 months in the two years at 22.3 - 22.6°C & 659.7 - 60.1%R.H. The generation size ranged 121.4 - 129.7 nymph/leaf and 99.1 - 109.1 adult/leaf with total population ranged 220.5 - 238.8 insect/leaf in the two years, respectively. The insect population recorded with minimum numbers in June, July and early August in the two years. The population of both nymphs and adult females ranged 63.9-75.2 nymph/leaf and 45.1-71.3 adult/leaf; the total population ranged 109 - 150.4 insect/leaf at 29.4-30.5°C & 56.1 - 57.1 R.H. %, respectively. The optimum range for insect activity ranged 24.6 - 25.0°C for spring generation and 22.3 - 22.6°C for autumn generation. Statistical analysis indicated that the insect population exhibited positive response to the increase of daily mean temperature in both years. The changes in the half monthly counts of nymphs and adult females population referred to the combined effect of daily mean temperature and %R.H. on the spring generation (1st generation) were 82.1- 82.5% & 73.5 - 82.4% for 1st and 2nd year, respectively. The effect of both tested weather on the nymph and adults in the autumn generation (2nd generation) were 85.1 - 90.9% & 75 - 79.5% for the 1st and 2nd year, respectively.

INTRODUCTION

Acuminata scale, *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) (Hemiptera: Coccidae) is common scale pest on mango trees in Egypt. The scale has a wide range of host plants and distributed in many countries in the world (Hosney, 1943; Reddy, 1965; Hamon and Williams, 1984). Hosney (1943) recorded the scale for the 1st time in Egypt on mango trees, *Mangifera indica*; guava, *Psidium guajava* and on pears, *Pyrus communis*, it spread on the lower surface of the mango leaves around the main ribs and sub-main ribs. The insect feed on the sap suck from the leaves tissues and excrete large amount of honeydew which offers a suitable medium for growth the sooty mould. The severe infestation causes defoliation of the leaves and weakened the infested trees. The present work was conducted to study the seasonal activity of *K.*

acuminata on mango trees, number and duration of annual field generations and effect of daily mean temperature and %R.H. on the insect activity in the both studied years to design an integrated pest management program for its control.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The seasonal activity of the *acuminata* scale, *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) was carried out for two successive years (March, 2011 to mid-February, 2013) in a privet farm cultivated with mango trees (Cult. Alfanso-naser) at El-Saff, Giza Governorate. Four infested mango trees with *K. acuminata* were selected for samplings, the infested trees has the same age (25 years) , height (4 - 5 m) and vigor growth as well as homogenous in their infestation score . The mango orchard received the normal agricultural practices without application any chemicals control before and during the period of study. The half monthly samplings were picked up at random from the cardinal directions and center core of each mango tree with rate of 25 leaves / tree (25 leaves x 4 mango trees).

The collected samples were kept in pored paper bags and transferred to the laboratory for examination by using stereoscopic-microscope. In each sample, the alive individuals of *K. acuminata* on the lower surface of each mango leaf were counted and sorted into nymphs and adults. Records of the Meteorological data, mainly daily mean temperature and %R.H were obtained from the Meteorological Center Laboratory, Agricultural Research Center. The Meteorological data of the half monthly means of the tested factors were correlated with the insect population and the simultaneous effect (Fisher,1950) of the two weather factors on the variability within the insect population was done by computer (MATATC Program) to determine their effect on the insect activity in the both studied years.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

I- Seasonal activity of *K. acuminata* on mango trees

Data illustrated in Figs. (1&2) showed the half-monthly variation in the seasonal activity of *K. acuminata* on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate for the both studied years as follows:

A- Nymphal population

The nymphal population (Figs., 1& 2) showed gradual increase in March (75.8 - 80 nymph/leaf) at 16.1 - 16.7°C and 55.1 - 55.2%R.H. in the 1st year. The same trend was observed in the 2nd year, the population increased from 50 - 85 nymph/leaf at 16.1- 20.4°C and 57 - 60%%R.H. The nymphal population increased rapidly in April in the both studied years, it increased to 95 nymph/leaf in early April and reached to 140.5 nymph/leaf by mid-April in the 1st year at 20.4 - 21.7°C & 54.2 - 55%R.H. A continuous increase was recorded for the nymphal population in the 2nd year ranged 105 - 126 nymph/leaf at 21.7 - 23.4°C & 50.5 - 55.2% R.H., respectively.

The population rapidly increased by early May recording the 1st peak for the nymphal activity in the both studied years (185.0 - 188.3 nymph/leaf) under field conditions ranged 23.4 - 25.2°C and 55.1%R.H. The population slightly decreased by mid-May (140.5 - 135.0 nymph/leaf) in the two years at 25.5 - 27.2°C & 53.4 - 54.2%R.H.

Gradual decrease was observed in the nymphal population during June, the population decreased from 110 - 85 nymph/leaf in the 1st year and 79 - 63.2 nymph/leaf in the 2nd one under field conditions ranged 26.5 - 31.8°C & 54.2 - 55.4%R.H. in the both years, respectively. The nymphal population decreased in July (63.5 - 40.8 nymph/leaf) for the two years at 30.2- 32.5°C. In August, the population starts to increase gradually in the two years, it increased from 76.5 - 106.6 nymph/leaf in the 1st year and 85.6 - 156 nymph/leaf in the 2nd year under prevailing field conditions ranged 27.2 - 30.2°C & 57.3 - 60.5%R.H. in the two years, respectively.

The population of *k. acuminata* showed rapidly increase during September, reached to 130.5 - 195 nymph/leaf in the 1st year and 171 - 225.2 nymph/leaf in the 2nd one at field conditions ranged 26.4 - 27.5°C & 57.9 - 60.6%R.H. During October, the nymphal population rapidly increased to 243 - 280 nymph/leaf recording 2nd peak for the nymphal activity in mid-October in the 1st year at 25.1°C & 58.1%R.H. The same trend was observed in the 2nd year, the population increased (253 nymph/leaf) in early October recording 2nd peak for the nymphal activity in the 2nd year at 25.6°C & 60.2%R.H.

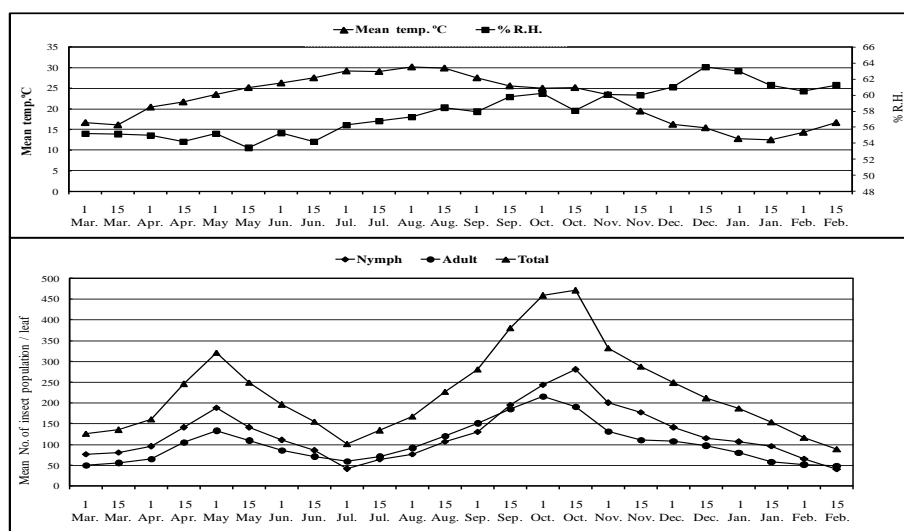


Fig. (1): Seasonal activity of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) population in response to mean temperature and relative humidity on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza governorate during the 1st year (2011/2012).

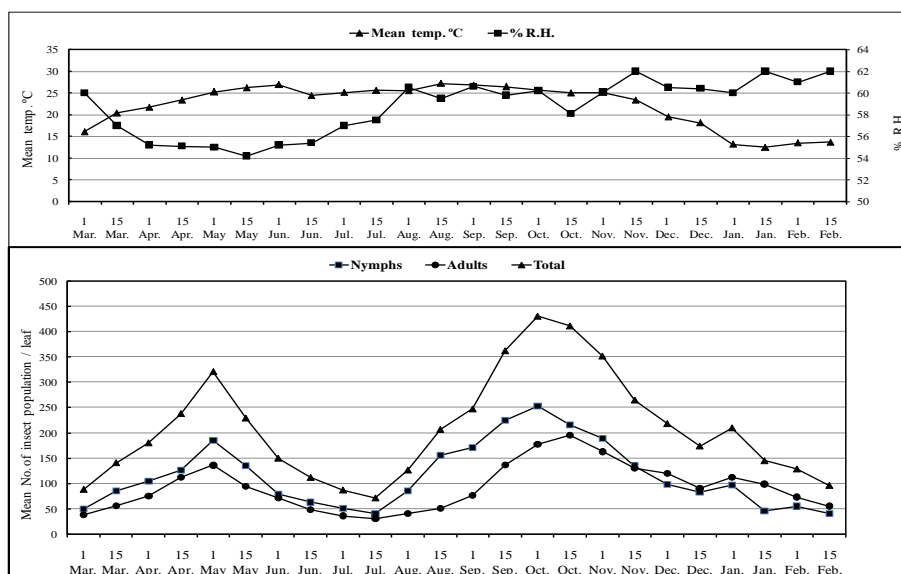


Fig. (2): Seasonal activity of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) population in response to mean temperature and relative humidity on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza governorate during the 2nd year (2012/2013).

During November and December, the nymphal population decreased in the both years, from 200 - 115 nymph/leaf at 23.4 - 15.4°C & 60 - 63.5%R.H in the 1st year and from 188.8 to 83.5 nymph/leaf at 25.1 - 18.1°C & 58.1 - 60.5%R.H. in the 2nd one. The population continuously decreased during January in the both years from 106 - 95.8 nymph/leaf at 12.7 - 12.5°C in the 1st year and 97.2 - 46 nymph/leaf in the 2nd year at 13.2 - 12.5°C whereas relative humidity ranged 60 - 63%R.H. in the two years, respectively. In February, the nymphal population declined to lower numbers, reached to 40 - 40.9 nymph / leaf by mid-February at 13.7 - 16.7°C & 61.2 - 62% R.H. in both studied years, respectively.

B- Adult female population

Gradual increase was observed in the adult population during March and April, reached to 105-112 adult/leaf by mid-April in the two year at 21.7- 23.4°C & 54.2- 55.1%R.H., respectively. The population greatly increased in early May recording the 1st peak for the adult population (132 - 136 adult/leaf) at 23.4 - 25.2°C & 55%R.H. in the both years, respectively. The population decreased in June (85.5 - 70 adult/ leaf) in the 1st year at 26.2 - 28.5°C & 54.2 - 57.5%R.H. and 70.7 - 48.2 adult/leaf in the 2nd year at 29.4 - 31.8°C & 55.2 - 55.4%R.H., respectively. In July, the population showed continuous decrease reached to 60 - 50 adult/leaf in the 1st year at 30.2 - 31.6°C & 56.8 - 56.3%R.H. in the 1st year and 35.7 - 30.2 adult/leaf at 32.5 - 30.5°C & 57.5 - 57.0%R.H.

During August, the adult population showed gradual increased in the 1st year (90.6 -120 adult/leaf) at 29.9 - 30.2°C & 57.3 - 58.4%R.H. whereas

the population slightly increased in the 2nd year (40.6 - 50.6 adult/leaf) at 27.2 - 28.5°C & 59.5 - 60.5% R.H., respectively. In September, the population increased rapidly in the 1st year (150.3 - 185 adult/leaf) at 25.6 - 27.5°C and 57.9 - 59.8%R.H. compared with 76.1-137 adult/leaf in the 2nd year at 26.4-26.8°C & 59.8 - 60.6%R.H. The adult population reached to maximum number in October (195.5 - 215.3 adult/leaf) in both years, recording the 2nd peak for adult activity in early October in the 1st year and mid-October in the 2nd one at 25 - 25.6°C & 58.2 - 60.2%R.H., respectively.

In November and December, the population showed gradual decrease in the both years, ranged 131.6 - 96 adult/leaf in the 1st year at 23.4 - 15.4°C and 163 - 90.3 adult/leaf in the 2nd year at 25.1 - 18.1°C, respectively. Gradual decrease was recorded in the adult population during both January and February reached to 48.5 - 54.9 adult/leaf in the both years, respectively.

The obtained results revealed that, *K. acuminata* has two overlapping generations a year occurred in spring and autumn seasons. The insect population reached its maximum activity by early May and October in the both years where the environmental conditions become more suitable for insect activity in the two years. The insect population (nymphs & adult females) peaked in early May in the 1st generation (spring generation) under field conditions ranged 23.4 - 25.2°C and 53.1%R.H. whereas the 2nd generation (autumn generation) peaked in early October/ mid-October at 25 - 25.6°C & 58.2 - 60.2%R.H., respectively.

On the other hand, the insect population was recorded with minimum numbers in June, July and early August in the two years. The population of both nymphs and adult females ranged 63.9 - 75.2 nymph/leaf and 45.1 - 71.3 adult/leaf with total population ranged 109 - 150.4 insect/ leaf at 29.4 - 30.5°C & 56.1 - 57.1%R.H., respectively. Habib *et al.* (1971) mentioned that, the best conditions for the insect activity ranged 23.8 - 25.7°C and 63%R.H.

III- Number and duration of annual field generations

1- The 1st generation (spring generation)

The 1st generation started from early March in the both years, peaked in early May and extended to mid-August in the 1st year and late July in the 2nd one. The generation duration ranged 5.0 - 5.5 months in the two years at 24.6 - 25.0°C & 55.3 - 56.2%R.H., respectively. The generation size ranged 92.0 - 99.6 nymph/leaf and 69.6 - 79.3 adult/leaf with total population ranged 161.6 - 178.9 insect/leaf in the two years, respectively.

2-The 2nd generation (autumn generation)

The 2nd generation occurred between early July and mid-February, peaked in early/mid-October in the both years. The generation duration lasted for 8 months in the two years under field conditions ranged 22.3 - 22.6°C & 59.7 - 60.1%R.H in the two years. The generation size ranged 121.4 - 129.7 nymph/leaf and 99.1 - 109.1 adult/leaf with total population ranged 220.5 - 238.8 insect/leaf in the two years, respectively.

The obtained results showed that, the generation duration of *K. acuminata* was varied in the two studied years (Tables, 1&2 and Fig., 3). The shortest generation occurred in spring and lasted 5 - 5.5 months at 24.6 -

25.0°C & 55.3 - 56.2%R.H. whereas the longest one occurred in autumn with duration of 8 months at 22.3 - 22.6°C & 659.7 - 60.1%R.H. On the other hand, the population density was varied in the two generations, the autumn generation was the largest one with total population ranged 220.5 - 238.8 insect/leaf followed by spring generation with total population ranged 161.6 - 178.9 insect/leaf, respectively.

Table (1): Number and duration of annual field generations of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate in the 1st year (2011/2012).

Generation	Insect stage	Generation period				Generation size		Mean Temp. °C	Mean R.H %
		From	To	Peak	Duration (month)	Population / leaf	Total population		
1 st Generation	Nymph	Early March	Mid. August	Early May	5.5	99.6	178.9	24.6	55.3
	Adult	Early March	Mid. August	Early May	5.5	79.3			
2 nd Generation	Nymph	Early July	Mid. February	Mid. October	8	129.7	238.8	22.3	59.7
	Adult	Early July	Mid. February	Mid. October	8	109.1			

Table (2): Number and duration of annual field generations of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate in the 2nd year (2012/2013).

Generation	Insect stage	Generation period				Generation size		Mean Temp. °C	Mean R.H %
		From	To	Peak	Duration (month)	Population / leaf	Total population		
1 st Generation	Nymph	Early March	Late July	Early May	5	92.0	161.6	25.0	56.2
	Adult	Early March	Late July	Early May	5	69.6			
2 nd Generation	Nymph	Early July	Mid. February	Early October	8	121.4	220.5	22.6	60.1
	Adult	Early July	Mid. February	Mid. October	8	99.1			

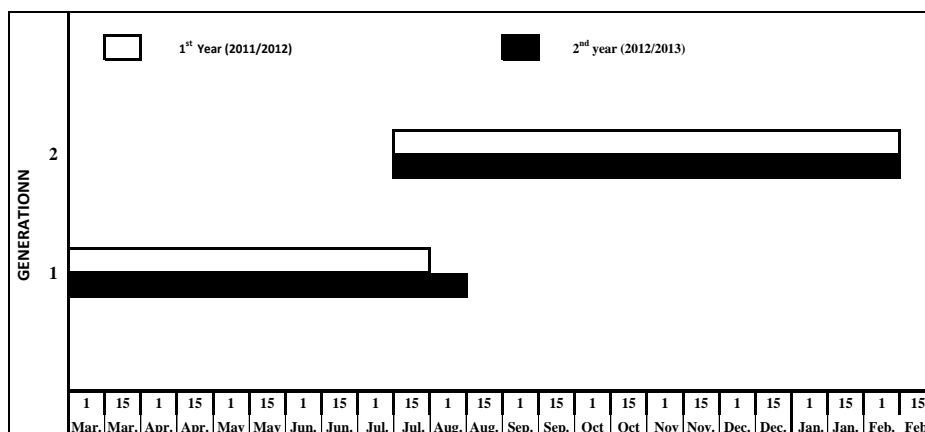


Fig. (3): Phenology of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate in both studied years (2011/2012 & 2012/2013).

The obtained results in agreement with Salama and Saleh (1971) they recorded 2 annual generations for *Lecanium acuminatum* Sign. = *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees in Qalubiya Governorate, the 1st generation extended from April to May and the 2nd one peaked in October - November. Shahein (1974) showed that, *K. acuminata* had two periods of activity on *Jasminum grandiflorum*, the 1st period occurred from October to March, while the 2nd period lasted from June to September. Also, the population dynamics of *K. acuminata* on *Myrtus communis* showed two activity periods at Giza, the 1st period from October to February and the 2nd one from March to September. However, the same authors revealed that *K. acuminata* has three periods of activity on *Jasminum azoricum* at Giza and Zagazig regions, the 1st period occupied at October and lasted for February, the 2nd period occurred from April to May and the last period founded from July to September. Kwaiz (1999) reported that, *K. acuminata* has two annual generations a year, the 1st generation started from early September until mid-April/early May whereas the 2nd one occurred from early March/mid March to early September/late August.

Elwan (2006) revealed that, *K. acuminata* has two overlapping generations per year under field conditions at Qalubiya Governorate, the 1st generation occurred in spring, peaked in April, whereas the 2nd generation occurred in autumn, peaked in October/ November. On the other hand, the present results disagreement with Hassan *et al.* (2012) they recorded three annual generations a year for *K. acuminata* on mango trees in Sharkia Governorate, occurred from March to June; July to October and November to February, respectively.

IV- Effect of tested weather factors on the insect activity

Correlation and regression analysis were done to determine the effect of each weather factor (daily mean temperature and RH %) and the combined effect on the activity of nymph and adult populations of *K.*

acuminata in each generation. Results of statistical analyses were shown in Tables (3&4) and discussed as follows:

1- The 1st generation

A: Nymphal population

1-Effect of daily mean temperature

As shown in table (3 & 4) *K. acuminata* nymphal population exhibited positive response to the increase of mean temperature ($r = 0.834$ & 0.897) during the 1st generation in the both studied years, respectively. However, the partial regression coefficient values (P.reg. = 14.0 & 16.7) which was highly significant in the 1st year ($t = 3.5$) and insignificant in the 2nd one (t values = 1.71) when the daily mean relative humidity become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean temperature under the optimum range of the nymphal activity in the 1st year and within the optimum ranger in the 2nd year, respectively.

2- Effect of daily mean relative humidity

Correlation and regression analysis indicated that *K. acuminata* nymphal population exhibited negative response to the increase of relative humidity (Table 3&4). These response was insignificant ($r = -0.300$) in the 1st year and significant in the 2nd one ($r = -0.810$). The partial regression coefficient values were (28.7 & 9.7) insignificant ($t = 1.45$ & 0.58) in the first and second years, respectively. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean relative humidity within the optimum range of the nymphal activity in the two years.

3- The combined effect of the daily mean temperature and %R.H.

Results in Tables (3&4) showed insignificant effect for both tested weather factors on the nymphal activity in the 1st generation (F values = 6.9 & 7.1) in the both years. The obtained results revealed that, the changes in the half monthly counts of the nymphal population referred single effect of each weather factor especially daily mean temperature. The amount of variability in the nymphal population ranged 82.1% - 82.5% in the both years, respectively.

B: Adult population

1-Effect of daily mean temperature

Daily mean temperature (Tables, 3&4) showed significantly positive effect ($r = 0.879$ & 0.852) on the adult activity in the 1st generation in the both years. As shown in table (3&4) the effect of this factor on the adult activity was significant in the 1st year (t value = 3.32) and insignificant (t value = 1.20) in the 2nd one when the daily mean relative humidity become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean temperature under the optimum range of the adult activity in the 1st year and within the optimum range of activity in the 2nd year, respectively.

2- Effect of daily mean relative humidity

Data in Tables (3&4) showed that, daily mean relative humidity had insignificantly negative relation ($r = -0.424$ & -0.780) on the adult population in the both years. The single effect of daily mean relative humidity was insignificantly positive (t values = 0.93 & 0.33) on the adult activity in the two years when the daily mean temperature become around its mean.

The obtained results revealed that, daily mean relative humidity within the optimum range of adult activity in the 1st generation in both studied years, respectively.

3-The combined effect of the daily mean temperature and relative humidity

The combined effect of both factors (Tables, 3&4) on the adult activity was insignificant (F values = 7.0 & 4.2) in the 1st generation in the two years. The obtained results revealed that, the changes in the half monthly counts of the adult population referred to the combined effect of the tested weather factors which ranged 73.5 - 82.4% in the 1st generation in the two years, respectively.

II- The 2nd generation

A: Nymphal population

1- Effect of daily mean temperature

Results in the Tables (3&4) showed that, *K. acuminata* nymphal population exhibited highly significantly positive response to the increase of daily mean temperature ($r = 0.872$ & 0.931) during the 2nd generation in both years. Regression analysis showed positive relation between the nymphal activity and daily mean temperature in the 2nd generation (P. reg. = 6.5 & 17.7). These relation was insignificant in the 1st year ($t = 1.62$) and highly significant ($t = 5.4$) in the 2nd one when the daily mean relative humidity become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean temperature within the optimum range of nymphal activity in the 1st year and under the optimum range of the nymphal activity in the 2nd year, respectively.

2- Effect of daily mean relative humidity

The nymphal population (Tables, 3&4) showed negative relation with the nymphal population in the both years, significant in the 1st year ($r = -0.868$) and insignificant in the 2nd one ($r = -0.487$). The single effect of this factor on the nymphal activity was insignificant (t values = -1.56 & -1.36 in the two years when the daily mean temperature become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean relative humidity was around the optimum range of the nymphal activity in the both studied years, respectively.

3- The combined effect of the daily mean temperature and %R.H.

The combined effect (Tables, 3&4) of both daily mean temperature and relative humidity was highly significant on the nymphal population in the both years (F values = 11.5 & 19.9), respectively. The changes in the half monthly counts of the nymphal population referred to the combined effect of the two tested weather factors which ranged 85.1 - 90.9% in both years, respectively.

B: Adult population

1-Effect of daily mean temperature

Adult population of *K. acuminata* (Tables, 3&4) showed significantly positive relation ($r = 0.888$ & 0.780), with the daily mean temperature 2nd generation in the two years, respectively. The single effect of this factor on the adult activity was significant in the 2nd generation in the two studied years (t values = 2.74 & 2.49) when the daily mean relative humidity become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean temperature

was under the optimum range of the adult activity in the 2nd generation in the both years, respectively.

2- Effect of daily mean relative humidity

Data in Tables (3&4) showed that, the adult population had insignificantly negative relation, with daily mean relative humidity in the both years (r values = -0.641 & -0.602). The single effect of this factor on the adult activity was insignificant, positive in the 1st year and negative in the 2nd one (t values = 0.36 & -1.51) when the daily mean temperature become around its mean. The obtained results revealed that, daily mean relative humidity within the optimum range of adult activity in the 1st year and around the optimum range of adult activity in the 2nd one, respectively.

3-The combined effect of the daily mean temperature and %R.H.

The combined effect (Tables, 3&4) of both tested weather factors was significant (F value = 7) on the adult activity in the 1st year and insignificant in the 2nd one (F value = 6) The changes in the half monthly counts of the adult population referred to the combined effect of the tested weather factors ranged 75 - 79.5% in the both years, respectively.

The present results proved that, daily mean temperature considered an effective factor for insect activity on both annual field generations, the insect population correlated significantly with daily mean temperature. The optimum range for insect activity ranged 24.6 - 25.0°C for spring generation and 22.3 - 22.6°C for autumn generation.

The changes in the half monthly counts of nymphs and adult females population referred to the combined effect of daily mean temperature and %R.H. on the spring generation (1st generation) were 82.1- 82.5% & 73.5 - 82.4% for 1st and 2nd year, respectively. The effect of both tested weather on the nymph and adults in the autumn generation (2nd generation) were 85.1 - 90.9% & 75 - 79.5% for the 1st and 2nd year, respectively.

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النشاط الموسمي لحشرة المانجو القشرية الرخوة على اشجار المانجو بمحافظة الجيزة

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اجريت الدراسة الحالية بناحية مركز الصف - محافظة الجيزة لمدة عامين متتاليين (2012/2011 & 2013/2012) لتقدير النشاط الموسمي لحشرة المانجو القشرية الرخوة ، عدد اجيالها في كل عام ومدة كل جيل تحت الظروف البيئية السائدة في منطقة الصف مع دراسة تأثير عوامل الطقس على نشاطها.

اتضح من نتائج الدراسة وجود جيلين متداخلين للحشرة على مدار العام ، ظهر الجيل الاول في الربيع (جيل الربيع) والجيل الثاني في الخريف (جيل الخريف) من كل عام . بدأ جيل الربيع نشاطه من بداية مارس في العامين وامتد نشاطه الى منتصف اغسطس في العام الاول ونهاية يوليو من العام الثاني ، وكانت ذروة نشاطه في مايو في العامين ، وبلغت فترة نشاطه 5 - 5.5 شهر وكان متوسط درجة حرارة 24.4 - 25.0 م° في العامين على التوالي ، تراوح متوسط تعداد جيل الربيع 92.0 - 99.6 حورية/ورقة و 69.6 - 79.3 حشرة كاملة/ورقة في العامين وكان متوسط تعداد الحشرة 161.6 - 178.9 حشرة/ورقة في العامين على التوالي.

بدأ جيل الخريف (الجيل الثاني) نشاطه مع بداية مارس في العامين وامتد نشاطه الى منتصف فبراير في العامين على التوالي ، وكانت مدة جيل الخريف 8 شهور في كل عام ، ووصل تعداد 121.4 - 129.7 حورية/ورقة ، و 99.1 - 109.1 حشرة كاملة/ورقة وكان متوسط تعداد الحشرة في جيل الخريف 220.5 - 238.8 حشرة/ورقة في العامين على التوالي. كما تبين من الدراسة ان جيل الخريف كان اكثر تعدادا (220.5 - 238.5 حشرة/ورقة) من جيل الربيع (161.6 - 178.9 حشرة/ورقة) في كلا العامين .

واتضح من الدراسة انخفاض نشاط حشرة المانجو القشرية الرخوة في يونيو ، يوليو وبداية اغسطس على مدار العامين على التوالي وهذا راجع الى ارتفاع درجة الحرارة في فصل الصيف (29.4 - 30.5 م°) حيث وصل متوسط تعداد طور الحورية 45.1 - 71.3 / ورقة

ومتوسط تعداد طور الحشرة الكاملة 109 - 50.4 ورقة في العامين على التوالي . وكانت درجة الحرارة المثلى لنشاط الحشرة 24.6 - 25.0 °م في جيل الربيع و 22.3 - 22.6 °م في جيل الخريف في العامين على التوالي. كما تبين من نتائج التحليل الاحصائي وجود ارتباط قوى ومعنوى لدرجة الحرارة على نشاط الحشرة في جيل الربيع والخريف من كل عام .
اتضح من دراسة تأثير عوامل الطقس السائدة في منطقة الدراسة (متوسط درجة الحرارة ومتوسط الرطوبة النسبية) على نشاط الحشرة في جيل الربيع ان كمية الاختلاف في تعدادها والتي يمكن اعزائها احصائيا الى التغير في عوامل الطقس المختبرة كانت 82.1 - 82.5 % لطور الحورية و 73.5 - 82.4 % لطور الحشرة الكاملة في العام الاول والثاني على التوالي. وكانت في جيل الخريف 85.1 - 90.9 % لطور الحورية و 75 - 79.5 % لطور الحشرة الكاملة في العام الاول والثاني على التوالي.

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Table (3): Effect of daily mean temperature and %R.H. on the seasonal activity of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate in the 1st year (2011/20012).

Generation	Insect Stage	Generation duration		Generation Duration (month)	Weather Factor	Simple correlation	Multi-regression		ANOVA TABLE	
		From	To			r value	P. reg. \pm s.e	t value	F value	E.V. %
1 st Generation	Nymph	Early March	Mid Aug.	5.5	Mean Temp.	0.834*	14.0 \pm 4.0	3.50**	6.9	82.1
					Mean %R.H.	-0.300	28.7 \pm 19.8	1.45		
	Adult	Early March	Mid Aug.	5.5	Mean Temp.	0.879*	10.1 \pm 3.0	3.32**	7.0	82.4
					Mean %R.H.	-0.424	14.0 \pm 5.1	0.93		
2 nd Generation	Nymph	Early July	Mid Feb.	8	Mean Temp.	0.872**	6.5 \pm 3.9	1.62	11.5**	85.1
					Mean %R.H.	-0.868*	-16.7 \pm 10.7	-1.56		
	Adult	Early July	Mid- Feb.	8	Mean Temp.	0.888**	10.8 \pm 3.9	2.74*	7.8*	79.5
					Mean %R.H.	-0.641	3.8 \pm 2.2	0.36		

Table (4): Effect of daily mean temperature and %R.H. on the seasonal activity of *Kilifia acuminata* (Sign.) on mango trees at El-Saff, Giza Governorate in the 1st year (2012/20013).

Generation	Insect stage	Generation duration		Generation Duration / month	Weather factor	Simple correlation	Multi-regression		ANOVA TABLE	
		From	To			r Value	P. reg. \pm s.e.	t value	F Value	E.V. %
1 st Generation	Nymph	Early March	Late July	5	Mean Temp.	0.897*	16.7 \pm 9.8	1.71	7.1	82.5
					Mean %R.H.	-0.810*	9.7 \pm 4.9	0.58		
	Adult	Early March	Late July	5	Mean Temp.	0.852*	11.4 \pm 9.5	1.20	4.2	73.5
					Mean %R.H.	-0.780	5.3 \pm 2.4	0.33		
2 nd Generation	Nymph	Early July	Mid Feb.	8	Mean Temp.	0.931**	17.7 \pm 3.3	5.4**	19.9**	90.9
					Mean %R.H.	-0.487	-12.4 \pm 9.2	-1.36		
	Adult	Early July	Mid Feb.	8	Mean Temp.	0.780*	7.3 \pm 2.9	2.49*	6.0	75
					Mean %R.H.	-0.602	-12.5 \pm 8.3	-1.51		