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ABSTRACT

Mites of the family Phytoseiidae are the most common predators of phytophagous mites on most plant species. Some species are widely studied and used for the biological control of mite pests. Many new species continue to be discovered as collections are intensified in certain regions or habitats, e.g. in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. The last catalog of Moraes et al. (1986) included about 1500 described species. This updated catalog includes almost 2250 species. As in the last catalog, it includes references to descriptions and redescriptions of species, synonymies and recorded world distributions.

Key words: Acari, Mesostigmata, Phytoseiidae, predators, biological control agents, host plants, distribution, catalog, taxonomy, bibliography

INTRODUCTION

The widespread interest in the Phytoseiidae Berlese (Acari: Mesostigmata) as biological control agents of phytophagous mites and thrips is evident from the more than 4000 publications on phytoseiids from 1960–1994 (Kostiainen & Hoy 1996). Mites of this family are the most common predators of phytophagous mites on most plant species. Thus, phytoseiids are the predators most widely studied and used for the biological control of mite pests (Gerson et al. 2003). Many new species continue to be discovered as collections are intensified in certain regions or habitats, e.g. in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. The catalog of Moraes et al. (1986) included about 1500 described species. Currently, the number of described species, mentioned in this catalog, is almost 2250.

This publication is an update of the 1986 phytoseiid catalog published by Moraes et al. (1986). As in that publication, it includes references to descriptions and redescriptions of species, synonymies and recorded world distributions.

Gnoriminae Chaudhri, *Gnorimus* Chaudhri, 1975a, *Gnorimus chaudhrii* Wu & Wang, 1982 and *Gnorimus tabella* Chaudhri, 1975a, included in Moraes et al. (1986), were not included in this catalog because they were considered to belong to the Ascidae (Chant &