



COMPARATIVE VARIATIONS IN BIOLOGY OF *OXYRHACHIS TARANDUS* FABR. (HOMOPTERA: MEMBRACIDAE) ON ORNAMENTAL PLANTS (*CASSIA FISTULA* AND *C. GLAUCA*) WHEN ATTENDED BY DIFFERENT ANT SPECIES *CAMPONOTUS COMPRESSUS* FABRICIUS, *CREMATOGASTER ROGENHOFERI* MAYR, *PHEIDOLE INDICA* MAYR AND WITHOUT ANTS

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Membracid *Oxyrhachis tarandus* recorded variations in total nymphal duration and longevity of several nymphal instars on different hosts (*Cassia fistula* & *C. glauca*) when attended by different ants and without ant attendance. These variations could be attributed to varied host plant phenology and efficiency of attending ants.