The 592nd meeting was held at the H.S.P.A. Experiment Station on Monday, April 11, at 2:00 P.M., with President Gressitt in the chair.


Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Herrig and Mr. Soeparbomo Sisto-pranoto.

Notes and Exhibitions

Argiope Appensa Walckenaer: Mr. Van Zwaluwenburg reported the capture of this spider at Pukoo, Molokai, on April 7 by George Orsuka. This is the first record of its occurrence on that island.

Kunzeana Kunzei (Gillette): Mr. Namba reported this new cicadellid record for Hawaii, identified by D. A. Young of the U.S. National Museum (Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus. 20:721, 1898). It was taken in a light trap at Ewa, Oahu, December 28, 1954. It is known from Arizona and Texas, where it is reported to feed on legumes but is of no economic significance.

Iridomyrmex Humilis Mayr: Mr. Chilson reported collecting this ant attending Coccus viridis (Green) on citrus at the Territorial Hospital, Kaneohe, Oahu, on March 8. This is the first record for windward Oahu.

Soligonechus Mangiferus (Rahman and Punjab): Mr. Chilson reported collecting this mite (Proc. Ind. Acad. Sci. (B)11:192, 1940) on Eugenia jaurobo L. leaves at Paomoho, Oahu, on Sept. 27, 1954. It was determined by E. W. Baker. This was recorded here in 1950 as Paratetranychus insularis McGregor (see Pritchard and Baker, A Revision of the Spider Mite Family Tetranychidae).

Attention is called to a paper by W. E. China and J. C. M. Carvalho (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (12)3(50):158-166, 1952) in which they synonymize the following Hawaiian mites:

Cytropelis (Engytagus) luridus (Gibson) = Engytagus geniculatus Reuter
Cytropelis (Engytagus) confusa Perkins = Engytagus confusa (Perkins)
Cytropelis (Engytagus) hawaiiensis Kirkaldy = Engytagus hawaiiensis (Kirkaldy)


Noel Krauss, entomologist with the Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry, spoke about his recent collecting trip to Fiji, Samoa, the Cook Islands, Tahiti, and Tonga.

May 9, 1955

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Visitors: Mrs. J. L. Herrig and Joseph A. Byrom.

Notes and Exhibitions

Aphis Fabae Scopoli: Dr. Hardy received the following information from P. W. Oman of the U.S.D.A. Insect Identification and Parasite Introduction Section: "The aphids from orchids (Dendrobium) sent with your letter of April 1 have been identified by Miss Louise M. Russell as Aphis fabae Scopoli. She states that this species is recorded from Hawaii by Zimmerman as Aphis rumicis L."

Eumenes Campaniformis (F.): Mr. Maehler observed this wasp flying in the vicinity of the Kona airport on April 27. This is a new island record.

Omphisa Anastomosalis (Guenée): The sweet potato stem borer was noted in Stictocarum campanulata (L.) House. A number of the galleries and puparia of this insect were found in stems of this member of the morning glory family which was growing in the Maehler garden.

Nysius Vinitor Bergroth: Dr. Pemberton reported that Mrs. B. P. Defibaugh, Postmistress on Canton Island, had sent him some insects collected by her from Boerhavia diffusa L. on April 5. One common insect in the collection was a species of Nysius, tentatively determined by Dr. R. L. Usinger of the University of California as Nysius vinitor Bergroth. This was later confirmed by Dr. J. W. Evans, Director of the Australian Museum. This is a new record for Canton Island. In Tillyard's INSECTS OF AUSTRALIA and