

SURVEY ON CYNIPID WASPS AND
THEIR GALL PRODUCING SPECIES ON OAK-TREES

OF IRAN

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SUMMARY

The importance of gall producing Cynipid wasps on Oak-tree forests of Iran, is due to the high variation of species and their population fluctuation in relation to the climatic conditions and host preference as well.

This paper gives information about 36 gall producing species of Cynipid wasps as the monographs. The specificity of galls in sexual and non-sexual forms and also taxonomic characters of adults have been illustrated. Other informations regarding the hosts and geographical distribution are given too.

This survey indicates that the Oak-tree forests of western parts of Iran are as permanent habitate zones for the indentified species which are active. Distribution and activity of these insects are related to the climatic conditions affecting the western or north-western parts of Iran.