

# Results Regarding Control of Species *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff by Capturing Adults with Colored Traps

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## ABSTRACT

To control *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. species, the main pest of *Buxus* plants, in addition to chemical treatments an alternative method can be used for mass capture of adults with colored panels. In the area of Cluj-Napoca, in 2012-2013 was tested the effectiveness of this method. In this experiment was tested efficacy of white, blue, yellow and green panels. Of the 39603 adults captured during the two years, 36.4% were on green panels; 33.7% were on yellow panels; 24.1% were on white panels; 5.8% were on blue panels. Compared to the version where we did not apply any method of control, mass capture of *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. adults with colored panels, attack frequency decreased at a rate of about 88% in 2012 (frequency of infested leaves was 8.61% compared to 70.78% in control variant) and 90% in 2013 (frequency of infested leaves was 7.67% compared to 77.36% in control variant).

**Keywords:** mass capturing, *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff., traps

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## INTRODUCTION

*Monarthropalpus buxi* Rubs. is a monophagous species spread all over the continent (Skuhřavá, 2005). The larvae feed exclusively on the leaves of: *Buxus sempervirens* L., *Buxus roduntifolia*, *Buxus bullata*, *Buxus nana*, *Buxus balearica* (Brewer et al., 1984; Hrubik et al., 1998; Vamvakas et al., 2006). Attacked parts in the form of swelling on the underside of leaves of cranberry in autumn became yellow, then brown, dry totally or partially dried and give an unsightly appearance of the plant (Vamvakas et al., 2006). On a strong attack can be dried whole branches or the entire plant (Batdorf, 1994; Bena et al., 1996; Eustachio and Raupp, 2001).

Control of this species can be achieved only through the rational application of a whole complex of measures. You can use the methods like: physical, mechanical, biological, biotechnical

and chemical. Mechanical methods of control consist in collect of insects and larvae directly or by isolating them in different ways. On the basis of these methods lies knowledge of morphological, biological and behavioral needs of the species. Because this species show a positive phototropism to a specific wavelength to control them it can be used colored adhesive panels. The method is very efficient in small areas.

## AIMS

Using colored traps in fight against *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

During the experimental period was checked the preference of species studied for colors: white, yellow, blue and green. For this purpose, during the flight of adults were placed colored glued traps

over *Buxus senpenvirens* bushes at a distance of 0.55 cm between them at three different heights: 0 cm (at the plant); 0.50 cm; 1 m.

In these locations we checked the frequency of leaves attacked by larvae of *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. species. We did check it at the end of August and compared it with the frequency of attacked leaves of *Buxus* bushes that did not apply any control measures.

To determine the frequency of attack of *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. species were cut with scissors 30 branches from *Buxus senpenvirens* plants studied, from the top, bottom and middle of the plant. Branches placed in plastic wrap were taken to the laboratory for analysis. Each branch was taken separately and were counted infested leaves and healthy leaves to be able to determine the frequency of attacks.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 show the frequency of attack produced by *Monarthropalpus Buxi* in the 30 samples collected branches in the two experimental years from the plants which did not apply to any method of control.

In 2012 on the 30 samples of branches were analyzed a number of 1749 leaves. 70.78% of the analyzed leaves were attacked. On samples, attack frequency of *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. ranged from 43.33% (sample no. 25) and 97% (sample no. 28). In seven samples attack rate was over 90%, on three samples attack rate was between 80-90%, on the eight samples attack rate was between 70-80%, and in 12 samples was below average attack frequency from all samples analyzed.

In the year 2013 on the 30 samples that were analyzed it was registred a number of 2085 leaves. This year on the whole plant material examined, attack rate was 77.36%, so compare to the previous year was reported an increase in this parameter by 6.58 percentage points. 2013 was a year of very favorable conditin for the growth and development of this pest. The lowest frequency of attack (54.84%) as recorded on the sample no. 27, and the maximum frequency of the attack was in sample No. 7, (93.85%). In 5 samples attack rate was over 90% in 10 samples attack frequency was between 80-90% in 7 samples attack rate was between 70-80%, and in 8 samples was below average attack frequency from all samples analyzed.

Using colorful panels in 2012 were captured 21573 adults, being the year that was achieved the highest number of catches in the two experimental years (Table. 2). Most captures were made by yellow panels that captured 7467 adults, representing 34.5% of the total catch. Green panels have made 7233 captures (representing 33.4% of total catch), white panels have made 5785 captures (representing 26.7% of total catch) and the blue one captured 1178 adults (representing 5.4% of the total catch).

In 2013 with colored panels were captured 18030 adults. Compare to the previous year the total number of captures was lower by 3543 adults. Most captures were on green panels that captured 7196 adults, representing 39.9% of the total catch. Yellow panels captured 5846 adults, representing 32.4% of the total catch. White panels have made 3766 captures (representing 20.9% of total catch) and the blue one captured 1222 adults (representing 6.8% of total catch).

Table 3 presents statistical processing of catches by the 4 color panels used during the two experimental years. By far, green and yellow panels gave the best results, followed by white traps. Results are statistically assured.

Table 4 presents the situation of attack frequency on leaves in two experimental years on the 30 branches harvested from the variant that was done the mass capture the adults with colored panels.

In 2012, on the 30 analyzed branches were numbered 2080 leaves, returning an average of 69 leaves / branches. On the analyzed branches, the average frequency of infested leaves was 8.61%. On *Buxus* bushes where they not proceeded to any control metods, frequency of infested leaves was 70.78%. By capturing adults with colored panels, attack frequency was reduced by 87.84%. Maximum frequency of attack on analyzed branches was 17.50% (branch no. 12) and branches no. 19 and 29 no leaves with attack were noted.

In this experimental group were reported two branches with more than 15% attack rate, attack rate on 11 branches was between 10-15%, on 9 branches attack frequency was between 5-10% and on 8 branches rate was below 5%.

In 2013 from the 30 branches was analyze a number of 2321 leaves, returning an average of 77 leaves / branches.

This year on the whole plant material examined, the average frequency of attacks was 7.67%, which means a decrease of 90.08% compared to the attack frequency of the variant without a method of control where the attack frequency was 77.36%. This year on the variant where we captured adults with coloured panels; attack frequency was slightly lower compared to the previous year. Data from this year, in

conjunction with data from the previous year, demonstrating efficacy glue colored panels in control this pest.

Maximum frequency of infested leaves from the analyzed branches was 17.05% (branch no. 26) and on branches no. 17, 24 and 27 were not reported attacked leaves. In this experimental group were reported five branches with more than 15% attack rate; attack rate on 4 branches was

**Tab. 1.** The attack frequency of the *Monarthropalus buxi* Geoff. species on *Buxus sempervirens* L. (untreated control, Cluj-Napoca, 2012, 2013)

Sample	Leaves analysed/plant		Out of which:				Attack frequency %	
	2012	2013	Healthy leaves		Attacked leaves		2012	2013
1	51	83	2	5	49	78	95.45	93,97
2	151	71	66	7	85	64	56.29	90,14
3	13	52	5	4	8	48	61.53	92,31
4	68	79	9	11	59	68	86.76	86,07
5	22	43	1	12	21	31	95.45	72,09
6	101	95	31	25	70	70	69.30	73,68
7	11	65	1	4	10	61	90.90	93,85
8	31	39	3	5	28	34	90.32	87,18
9	48	103	8	27	40	76	83.33	73,79
10	66	73	15	9	51	64	77.27	87,67
11	44	89	17	23	27	66	61.36	74,16
12	100	78	56	11	44	67	44.00	85,90
13	76	112	16	32	60	80	78.94	71,43
14	23	74	3	17	20	57	86.95	77,02
15	130	63	56	24	74	39	56.92	61,90
16	44	39	12	7	32	32	72.72	82,05
17	32	82	16	29	16	53	50.00	64,63
18	15	34	1	5	14	29	93.33	85,30
19	41	49	16	21	25	28	60.97	57,14
20	54	29	5	4	49	25	90.74	86,21
21	75	67	21	22	54	45	72.00	67,16
22	83	98	18	35	65	63	78.31	64,29
23	53	37	20	8	33	29	62.26	78,38
24	49	65	16	24	33	41	67.34	63,08
25	60	86	34	29	26	57	43.33	66,28
26	45	59	11	9	34	50	75.55	84,74
27	58	62	19	28	39	34	67.24	54,84
28	68	53	2	4	66	49	97.00	92,46
29	65	127	15	22	50	105	76.92	82,68
30	72	79	16	9	56	70	77.77	88,61
Total	1749	2085	511	472	1238	1613	70.78	77,36

**Tab. 2.** *Monarthropalpus buxi* Geoff. captures made on coloured panels (Cluj-Napoca, 2012 - 2013)

Date	White panels		Blue panels		Yellow panels		Green panels		Total no. of captures	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
01.05.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02.05.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03.05.	2	13	0	3	0	37	3	30	5	83
04.05.	22	345	0	107	8	847	43	1836	73	3135
05.05.	85	1000	2	264	69	1631	217	1799	373	4694
06.05.	307	1076	13	451	417	2024	379	2216	1116	5767
07.05.	590	787	82	295	578	917	710	892	1960	2891
08.05.	959	450	90	78	959	346	752	338	2760	1212
09.05.	414	53	142	18	908	29	975	62	2439	162
10.05.	1068	22	152	1	1127	1	1333	16	3680	40
11.05.	1201	9	328	1	2208	3	1914	2	5751	15
12.05.	795	5	216	2	894	2	683	3	2588	12
13.05.	28	3	20	0	31	2	13	0	92	5
14.05.	7	0	10	0	10	1	17	0	44	1
15.05.	117	0	62	0	190	0	116	0	485	0
16.05.	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	5	3
17.05.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
18.05.	11	0	2	0	6	1	6	0	25	1
19.05.	34	0	26	0	46	0	46	0	152	0
20.05.	16	1	19	0	17	0	16	0	68	1
21.05.	22	0	4	0	16	0	6	0	48	0
22.05.	4	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	8	2
23.05.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.05.	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
25.05.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5785	3766	1088	1222	7467	5846	7233	7196	21573	18030

**Tab. 3.** The number of monthly captures according to the colour of panel

Colour panels	Year	Captures	% Of control	Difference to control	The semnificance of difference	The Duncan test
White	2012	5785	100,0	0	Mt,	C
Blue		1088	20,4	-4697	ooo	A
Yellow		7467	129,1	1682	***	D
Green		7233	125,0	1448	**	D
White	2013	3766	100,0	0	Mt,	B
Blue		1222	32,4	-2544	ooo	A
Yellow		5846	155,2	2080	***	C
Green		7196	191,1	3430	***	D
		DL (p 5%)		846,45	DS=846,49	
		DL (p 1%)		1160,85		
		DL (p 0.1%)		1580,04		

between 10-15%; on 8 branches attack frequency was between 5-10% and on 13 branches frequency was below 5%.

Can be mentioned that every year in mass capturing of adult variant, while reducing attack frequency, it was noted an accentuated decrease of attack intensity (number of mines per leaf was much less).

## CONCLUSION

Mass capture of *Monarthropalus buxi* Geoff. adults with colored panels decreased the attack frequency at a rate of about 88% in 2012 (frequency of infested leaves was 8.61% compared to 70.78% in control variant) and 90% in 2013 (frequency of infested leaves was 7.67% compared to 77.36% in the control).

**Tab.4.** The attack frequency of the *Monarthropalus buxi* Geoff. species on *Buxus sempervirens* L. (mass capturing of adult with colored panels variant, Cluj-Napoca, 2012, 2013)

Sample	Leaves analysed/plant		Out of which:				Attack frequency %	
	2012	2013	Healthy leaves		Attacked leaves		2012	2013
1	72	77	66	71	6	6	8,33	7,79
2	94	60	83	56	11	4	11,70	6,67
3	103	84	96	81	7	3	6,80	3,57
4	87	52	82	44	5	8	5,75	15,38
5	62	97	55	86	7	11	11,29	11,34
6	91	105	79	96	12	9	13,19	8,57
7	56	59	51	57	5	2	8,93	3,39
8	39	94	37	86	2	8	5,13	8,51
9	75	83	74	69	1	14	1,33	16,87
10	114	116	106	109	8	7	7,02	6,03
11	53	75	50	63	3	12	5,66	16,00
12	80	68	66	64	14	4	17,50	5,88
13	52	97	51	94	1	3	1,92	3,09
14	83	58	76	51	7	7	8,43	12,07
15	73	44	64	43	9	1	12,33	2,27
16	109	91	99	79	10	12	9,17	13,19
17	48	76	41	76	7	0	14,58	0
18	79	52	77	50	2	2	2,53	3,85
19	39	99	39	96	0	3	0	3,03
20	31	77	27	69	4	8	12,90	10,39
21	63	53	55	52	8	1	12,70	1,89
22	77	109	66	102	11	7	14,29	6,42
23	94	82	91	79	3	3	3,19	3,66
24	53	37	51	37	2	0	3,77	0
25	59	73	53	69	6	4	10,17	5,48
26	78	88	65	73	13	15	16,66	17,05
27	63	59	54	59	9	0	14,29	0
28	71	98	69	82	2	16	2,82	16,33
29	43	75	43	73	0	2	0	2,67
30	39	83	35	77	4	6	10,26	7,23
Total	2080	2321	1901	2143	179	178	8,61	7,67

Can be mentioned that every year in mass capturing of adult variant, while reducing attack frequency, it was noted an accentuated decrease of attack intensity (number of mines per leaf was much less).

During two years of using colored panels we have captured 39603 adults (in 2012 there were 21573 capture, and in 2013 we captured 18030).

On color types of the capture statement is as follows: 36.4% were on green panels; 33.7% were on yellow panels; 24.1% were on white panels; 5.8% were on blue panels.

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# Amino Acids in Brewer's Yeast Involved in Heavy Metal Biosorption from Waste Water

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## ABSTRACT

Yeasts of genera *Saccharomyces* are efficient biosorbents for heavy metal ions. The aim of this study was to identify if the free amino acids present in brewer yeast are involved in metal biosorption due to their capacity to coordinate metal ions.

As biosorbent was used non-living brewer's yeast type *Saccharomices cerevisiae* at 0.5% yeast dose. Copper, lead and zinc solution of 1mg/L concentrations were prepared using their salts. The experiments were conducted at three pH level (3.5; 5; 6). The amino acids were identified by HPLC chromatography and FT-IR spectroscopy. The experiments were conducted by mixing metals solution with yeast and shaken at a constant speed of 120 rpm at 20°C for 120 minute. The samples were centrifugated at 2500 rpm for 15 minute and the pellet were analysed for amino acids identification. The amino acids extraction from pellets were performed using two solvent types: HCl 0.05M/ethanol and HCl 0.05M/water. The HPLC analysis was performed using a C-18 column and a mixture of K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 50mM/ acetonitrile solution as mobile phase in gradient conditions. The FT-IR spectra of samples extracts were recorded with Shimadzu IR-Prestige spectrophotometer.

The amino acids identified by HPLC method were Glu, Arg, Ala, Gly, Lys, Hys, Met, Threo and their profile differs according with extraction solvent used and the pH of the pellets. Best results were obtained with HCl/ water system and the appropriate pH for metal biosorption was 6. In the FT-IR spectra information about metal coordination were obtained by comparing the IR amino acids frequencies from control extract with the samples. The presence of shifted absorption band demonstrated the involvement of amino acids by their NH<sub>2</sub> and COOH groups in metals coordination.

**Keywords:** *amino acids, biosorption, brewer yeast, heavy metals*

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## INTRODUCTION

Biosorption can be defined as the selective sequestering of metal soluble species that result in the immobilization of the metals by microbial cells. Biosorption is a process with some unique characteristics. It can effectively sequester dissolved metals from very dilute complex solutions with high efficiency. This makes biosorption an ideal candidate for the treatment of high volume low concentration complex waste-waters [1, 2].

The selective sequestering of metal soluble species that result in the immobilization of the

metals by microbial cells is defined as biosorption. It refers to physicochemical mechanisms of inactive (i.e. non-metabolic) metal uptake by microbial biomass [3]. Metal sequestering by different parts of the cell can occur via various processes: complexation, chelation, coordination, ion exchange, precipitation, reduction [4, 5]. Immobilization may be the result of more than one mechanism, for example, metal complexation may be followed by metal reduction or metal precipitation.

Metabolically active and inactive cells behave in different ways. Thus inactive microbial cells can