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Advanced Research in Mites Associated with Trees

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Forests are the predominant terrestrial ecosystem of the Earth. Various vertebrate and invertebrate animals are associated with differently shaped and phylogenetically diverse trees in boreal, temperate, subtropical, and tropical biomes. Among the microarthropods that inhabit trees in various types of forests, mites are the most numerous and less investigated group. Various phytophagous, predatory, parasitic, and soil mites share common niches in trees and form complex symbiotic relations. Some are serious pests, transmitting viruses and damaging leaves and fruits in the orchards. This issue aims to present a series of articles on acarological studies, specifically focusing on the mites collected in forests and agricultural ecosystems. We will primarily focus on the biodiversity, taxonomy, and ecology of acariform mites associated with woody plants, including the pest mite species of high economic importance.



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