

**NOTE: A New Species of Ectoparasite, *Erythraeus ankaraicus*  
Saboori, Cobanoglu and Bayram, on *Asymmetrasca*  
(=*Empoasca*) *decedens* in Cotton**

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The infestation intensity of the ectoparasite *Erythraeus ankaraicus* Saboori, Cobanoglu and Bayram (Acari: Erythraeidae) on *Asymmetrasca* (= *Empoasca*) *decedens* (Paoli) (Homoptera: Cicadellidae), *Aphis gossypii* Glov. (Homoptera: Aphididae) and *Thrips tabaci* Lind. (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in cotton was investigated during the 2004 and 2005 growing seasons in Aydın Province, Turkey. *E. ankaraicus* was recorded for the first time on *A. decedens* leafhopper nymphs during the early growth stage of cotton. Parasitism of *E. ankaraicus* on leafhopper nymphs during the first week of July 2004 was 68.9%, whereas in the middle of July 2005 – when mite populations peaked – it reached only 15.1%. Parasitism of the leafhopper was not observed from the middle of the season onward (August to October).

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