

PEST OF FRUITS

(i) *Cryptophlebia leucotreta* – False Codling Moth. These are little brown moth with wing span of about 16mm. Flattish, oval and whitish eggs are laid singly on ripening fruit. Larvae emerge after 3 - 6days. Pupation takes places in the soil in cocoon made of silk and earth. The moth emerges after 8-12days.

(ii) Fruit Flies

(a) Mango fruits fly - *Ceratitis Cosyra*

(b) Melon fruits fly – *Dacus cucurbitae*

(c) Mediterranean fruit fly – *Ceratitis capitata*

(d) Natal fruit fly – *Ceratitis rosa*

Fruits flies lay their eggs in group immediately under the skin of the fruit. Eggs hatch into whitish legless maggots in 2-4 days. Life cycle could be completed in 10days when the weather is warm.