## NEW WEED HOSTS OF ROOT-KNOT NEMATODES, MELOIDOGYNE SPECIES IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

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## **Abstract**

In Nigeria, studies on the weed hosts of root-knot nematodes *Meloidogyne* species have been made (Bos, 1978; Odihirin & Adesida, 1975; Ogbeije & Diarua, 1978; Omiyi, 1976). The weed hosts were reported as being very important in "carrying" these nematodes over seasons thereby helping in the maintenance and build-up of these important pests of crops.