

SCARLET PIMPERNEL, *ANAGALLIS ARVENSIS* L. (PRIMULACEAE), A NEW HOST OF *MELOIDOGYNE JAVANICA* IN PAKISTAN

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A survey of Hyderabad, Sindh was conducted in May, 2008. A plant species, *Anagallis arvensis* L. (Primulaceae), was examined for root-knot nematode. Moderate galling on the roots was found (Fig.1). Under stereomicroscope mature females were dissected from infested roots and perineal patterns were prepared, similar to *M. javanica*, reported by Taylor & Sasser (1978). *Anagallis arvensis* L., is a new record of *M. javanica* from Pakistan (Maqbool & Shahina 2001; Musarrat *et al.*, 2007). The specimens were deposited in the nematode collection of National Nematological Research Centre, University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan