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In the course of their studies on Aphidoidea Mr. M. Miyazaki and Mr. H. Higuchi have dealt with "A tentative catalogue of host plants of Aphidoidea in Japan". I have read the manuscript of the catalogue with great interest and great pleasure.

The plant lice or aphids form a peculiar insect-group, being interesting especially in polymorphism, reproduction, host-alternation (migration), etc. Moreover, they are of economic importance, not only destroying or damaging many kinds of growing crops and other valuable plants, but also being known as the carriers of serious virus diseases of plants.

It is fundamental and indispensable to know the relationships between aphids and their host plants in proceeding with research on Aphidoidea in entomology and plant virology. However, no general catalogue of host plants of Japanese Aphidoidea, which is wanted for researchers, has been published. The present catalogue is the first attempt, I believe, to meet the requirement of such researchers. So it has attempted to give records of host plants of Japanese Aphidoidea so far published before 1968.

Of course, there exist some errors and omissions in the catalogue, and further papers of Aphidoidea are increasing year after year. Indeed, a work of this kind may be never absolutely complete, and naturally supplementary editions with corrections and additions are hoped to be published in future by the authors themselves. Last but not least I wish to express my heartiest esteem to the authors for their utmost efforts.

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