

FORAGING BEHAVIOR OF ITALIAN HONEY BEE, *APIS MELLIFERA* (HYMENOPTERA-APIDAE) IN BROCCOLI FLOWERS

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Abstract: The observation was undertaken at Raj Mohini Devi College of Agriculture and Research Station, Ambikapur of Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Raipur (Chhattisgarh) for foraging behavior of Italian honey bee in broccoli flowers during 2018-19. The foraging activity of Italian bee was observed maximum at 10.00AM (43.30 bee/5min/m²) followed by at 12.00Noon (21.57 bee/5min/m²) and at 08.00AM(13.42bee/5min/m²) however the minimum activity was recorded at 2.00 PM (12.55 bee/5min/m²).

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