

ALLELOPATHIC EFFECT OF AQUEOUS LEAF EXTRACT OF *PARTHENIUM HYSTEROPHORUS* L. ON SEED GERMINATION AND SEEDLING GROWTH OF *DAUCUS CAROTA*

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Abstract : Allelopathic effects of aqueous extract of *Parthenium hysterophorus* leaves were studied on seed germination and seedling growth of *Daucus carota*. The adverse impact of weed extracts on seed germination percentage, seedling growth (root and shoot lengths) with germination speed, growth index and tolerance index. Inhibitory effect of this weed extract on these parameters of test plant followed the order: control < 3% < 5% < 7% < 9%. The percentage of aqueous extract negatively correlated with the said parameters. The extract had variable effects (additive, antagonistic and synergistic) on the growth. However phytotoxicity percentage increased in treatment sets as compared to control.

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