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Weed Flora in Mustard- A review

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Abstract

Among all other oil seed crops mustard is the most important oil seed crop. They play wide role in economy of India. The productivity of mustard is reduced by various biotic and abiotic factors. The weed is one of the major factor to decline the productivity of mustard. The yield losses in mustard upto 45% caused by weeds. Weed flora is the life of plant that is related to weeds and they differ from place to place. The weed flora involve the population of both dicot and monocot weeds. The dicot species are more present than monocot species in mustard. The *Chenopodium album*, *Melilotus indica*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Fumaria parviflora*, *Cornopus didymus*, *Phalaris minor*, *Rumex denticulatus*, *Vicia sativa*, *Carthamus oxycantha*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Avena ludoviciana*, *Medicago denticulatus* etc. weeds are mostly present in mustard field. Weed flora related with soil characteristics, region, climate, cropping pattern and management factors. The weeds are noxious plant and compete with crop for wetness, light, space, nutrition supplements and reduce the quality and yield attributes of crops.

Keywords: weed flora, mustard, species, dicot, monocot

Introduction

Oil seed crops are the second most important class in agriculture economy after cereals. Oil seeds are rich source of vitamins, proteins, fats, carbohydrates etc. In India the area under oil seeds is 262.06 m ha, production 32.10 m ton, yield 1225 kg/ha (Annual report 2018-19). Among various type of oilseeds are present in India and Mustard is the second important oil seed crop after the groundnut (Gill *et al.* 2012) [25]. India rank second in region after China and third underway after Canada and China contribute the 21.7% of total area and 13.4% of total production in world (Kumar *et al.* 2012) [16]. During 2016-17 absolute rapeseed-mustard area and production in nation is 6.41 m ha and 6.57 m ton (Solvent extractor association of India), out of which the Rajasthan only contribute the 47%. The only Rajasthan area under mustard is 2.56 m ha, production 3.65 m ton, yield 1422 kg/ha (Directorate of economics and statistics, 2016-17). Among the seven oil seeds cultivation in India, the Brassica species only contribute the 28.6% in total oil seed production. Brassica species oil is used for salad, made for cooking and after the extraction of oil the protein rich extra material is used for animal feed purposes (Sardana *et al.* 2011) [22].

The mustard crop grown in winter season, both irrigated and rainfed conditions. In these situations the weeds are come up with crop and interfere with crop for daylight, nutrient, space, carbon-dioxide, moisture (Kalita *et al.* 2017) [14]. The word weed derived from herb and during that present time they changed to unwanted plant (Urmi *et al.* 2017) [31]. Weeds are the bothersome plants and they are perennial problem of every farmer. In India the more losses caused by weeds upto 33% come after by the insects 20%, pathogens 26%, storage pests 7%, rodents 6% and others 8% (Kalita *et al.* 2017) [14]. The crop is infested with both wide leaved weeds and grassy weeds and if not managed at proper time it might result they, decline the productivity of mustard. Weed pervasion during beginning stages of crop is one of the central point to low the harvesting efficiency of mustard and 20-30% yield decrease (Singh *et al.* 1992). In mustard the critical period for weed competition (CPWC) 20-40 days after sowing. In Indian mustard the competition with weeds during early stages of crop in rabi season first 4-6 week after sowing the crop (Chauhan *et al.* 2005) [7]. The weeds identification, different kind of weed flora, magnitude is most critical factor to decline the productivity in mustard.

Losses due to weeds in mustard: AICRP (All India co-ordinated research project on rapeseed-mustard) explained that the losses from Ludhiana 18.1% and from Varanasi 41.7% in

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mustard (Anonymous, 2011)^[2]. The 20-30% decline the yield in mustard-rapeseed due to weeds. The presence of weeds in mustard field were 36-42% decline the yield. The seed yield decline in mustard due to weeds of 10-58%. The 15-20% seed yield reduced by both wide leaved weeds and grassy weeds (Brar *et al.* 1991)^[6].

Weed flora vary from region to region and they depend upon the type and intensity of weeds. The flora word derived from latin word means the plants of god and they grow automatically in wild or in crops. Weed flora classification on basis of morphology, they are divided into three categories mainly in mustard field (DRMR (Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research), Bharatpur, 2012)^[10].

- **Grassy weeds:** They have one cotyledon, thin and short leaves, parallel flowering arrangement. E.g. *Avena fatua*.
- **Broad leaved weeds:** They have wide leaves, reticulate flowering arrangement. E.g. *Chenopodium album*.
- **Sedges:** They obtain the small size seeds but in large amount and narrow leaves. E.g. *Cyperus rotundus*.

The knowledge about different weed species is important factor and is easy for the management of weeds depending upon the distribution of weeds in different locations. The weeds are managed by physical, cultural, biological, chemical methods and the use of more than two methods called integrated weed management (IWM) because the single method is not effective. Mainly in mustard the weeds are controlled by physical method (1 or 2 hand weedings) and chemical method (use of pendimethalin, trifluralin and isoproturon as pre and post emergence). A review of literature is the important feature and they concerned to current study is being introduced in this paper.

Weed flora in mustard

Brar *et al.* (1991)^[6] revealed that at Ludhiana the *Trianthema monogyna*, *Eragrostis tenella*, *Chenopodium album*, *Acrachme racemose* were highly aggressive in toria. Kropff *et al.* (1992) showed that the weed flora present in mustard in all district. They observed that the total 29 weed species were found and 26 wide leaved weeds, 3 grassy weeds like *Melilotus indica*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Carthamus oxycantha*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Avena ludoviciana*, *Trigonella polycerata*, *Chenopodium album*, *Orobancha aegyptiaca*. Pradhan *et al.* (1993)^[19] reported that weeds problematic in mustard field like *Solanum nigrum*, *Chenopodium album*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Polygonium spp.* at West Bengal. Dixit and Gautam (1996)^[8] commented that at IARI, New Delhi the weeds were dominant in mustard field *viz.* *Fumaria parviflora*, *Phalaris minor*, *Melilotus indica*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Melilotus alba*, *Chenopodium album*. Madhavilatha *et al.* (1997)^[18] examined that 40-60% dicot and monocot weed species were infested the mustard crop at Hyderabad. The most common weeds like *Digeria arvensis*, *Portulaca oleracea*, *Cyperus rotundus*, *Euphorbia hirta*, *Melilotus indica*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Trichodesma indicum*, *Cleome viscosa*, *Parthenium hysteropus*, *Portulaca oleracea*. Sharma and Mishra (1997)^[24] observed at Varanasi the most of wide

leaved weeds were present in mustard crop like *Melilotus indica*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Melilotus alba* and grassy weed like *Phalaris minor* and sedge *Cyperus rotundus*. Bazaya *et al.* (2004)^[3] at Jammu and Kashmir observed *Vicia sativa*, *Medicago denticulatus*, *Fumaria parviflora*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Lathyrus aphaca* weeds were present in mustard field. Sharma *et al.* (2005)^[23] explained that *Melilotus alba*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Chenopodium album*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius* weeds were aggressive in mustard field at Haryana. Chauhan *et al.* (2005)^[7] commented that the weed species like *Melilotus indica*, *Avena fatua*, *Phalaris minor*, *Chenopodium album*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Anagallis arvensis* at Gwalior in rapeseed-mustard field. The dicot weeds were more governed than monocot weeds. Hosseini *et al.* (2006)^[11] revealed that the noxious weed flora present in winter canola *Galium tricoratum*, *Brassica kaber*, *Setaria media*, *Chenopodium album* at Iran. Rana *et al.* (2006)^[21] reported that the most commanding weed flora in mustard like *Lathyrus aphaca*, *Fumaria parviflora*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Chenopodium album*, *Cornopus didymus*, *Vicia sativa*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Melilotus alba*, *Anagallis arvensis*. Singh *et al.* (2009)^[28] showed that the *Cynodon dactylon*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Chenopodium album* weed flora present in mustard field at Varanasi. Punia *et al.* (2010)^[20] commented that the *Trigonella polycerata*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Melilotus indica*, *Chenopodium album*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Avena ludoviciana*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Carthamus oxycantha*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Orobancha aegyptiaca* weeds were infested in mustard field at Haryana. Rajab *et al.* (2011)^[17] revealed that the *Avena fatua*, *Asperugo procumbens*, *Sisymbrium irio*, *Descurainia sophia*, *Rapistrum rugosum* were weeds present in canola field during study in Iran. Kumar *et al.* (2012)^[16] observed that at Palampur the weeds were dominant in mustard field *viz.* grassy weeds like *Phalaris minor* (28.2%), *Lolium temulentum* (19.2%), *Avena fatua* (25.2%) and wide leaved weeds like *Anagallis arvensis*, *Cornopus didymus*, *Vicia sativa* overall constituted 26.7% of weed flora. Kalita *et al.* (2017)^[14] reported that the monocot and dicot weeds were present in mustard field like *Anagallis arvensis*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Chenopodium album*, *Fumaria parviflora*, *Cyperus rotundus*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Melilotus indica*, *Phalaris minor* in Rajasthan. Bijarnia *et al.* (2017)^[5] examined the weed species in mustard like *Melilotus indica*, *Rumex denticulatus*, *Asphodelus tenuifolius*, *Chenopodium album*, *Chenopodium murale* at Bikaner. Suryavanshi *et al.* (2018)^[30] observed that at Jabalpur the productivity of mustard reduce due to weeds like *Physalis minima*, *Medicago sativa*, *Sonchus arvensis*, *Chichorium intybus* in cropping system. Bhawana *et al.* (2019)^[4] studied at Utrakhnad observed the eleven weeds were present in mustard field like *Cyperus rotundus*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Melilotus alba*, *Rumex sp.*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Chenopodium album*, *Vicia hirsute*, *Phalaris minor*, *Polypogon monspeliensis*.

Scientific name, Family, Common name of weed species present in mustard field in different regions

Scientific name	Family	Common name
<i>Acrachme racemose</i>	Ranunculaceae	Black bugbane
<i>Asperugo procumbens</i>	Boraginaceae	German-madwort
<i>Asphodelus tenuifolius</i>	Liliaceae, Asphodelaceae	Onion weed, Pyazi
<i>Avena fatua</i>	Poaceae	Wild oat
<i>Avena ludoviciana</i>	Poaceae	Durieu
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Primulaceae	Scarlet pimpernel
<i>Brassica kaber</i>	Cruciferae	Wild mustard
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Poaceae	Cheat grass
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Asteraceae	Creeping thistle
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Convolvulaceae	Field bindweed
<i>Carthamus oxycantha</i>	Asteraceae	Kantiari
<i>Cleome viscosa</i>	Cleomaceae	Tick weed
<i>Cornopus didymus</i>	Cruciferae	Lesser swinecress
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Amaranthaceae	Bathua
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Amaranthaceae	Nettle leaved goosefoot
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	Nutgrass
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Poaceae	Bermuda grass
<i>Chichorium intybus</i>	Asteraceae	Coffeeweed
<i>Descurainia Sophia</i>	Brassicaceae	Flixweed
<i>Digeria arvensis</i>	Amaranthaceae	False amaranth
<i>Eragrostis tenella</i>	Poaceae	Lovegrass
<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Astma weed
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Umbrella milkweed
<i>Fumaria parviflora</i>	Fumariaceae	Pitpapra
<i>Galium tricorntum</i>	Rubiaceae	Rough corn bedstraw
<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	Poaceae	Darnel ryegrass
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Fabaceae	Wild pea
<i>Leptochloa spp.</i>	Poaceae	Sprangletop
<i>Lepidium spp.</i>	Cruciferae	Gardencress pepperweed
<i>Medicago denticulatus</i>	Fabaceae	Burclover
<i>Melilotus indica</i>	Fabaceae	Yellow sweetclover
<i>Melilotus denticulatus</i>	Fabaceae	Sweet clover
<i>Melilotus alba</i>	Fabaceae	Honey clover
<i>Melilotus parviflora</i>	Fabaceae	Common melilot
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Fabaceae	Alfalfa
<i>Orobancha aegyptiaca</i>	Orobanchaceae	Egyptian broomrape
<i>Phalaris minor</i>	Poaceae	Gulli danda
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Portulacaceae	Duckweed
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Asteraceae	Famine weed
<i>Physalis minima</i>	Solanaceae	Gooseberry
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Poaceae	Rabbitsfoot grass
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	Cruciferae	Turnip weed
<i>Rumex denticulatus</i>	Polygonaceae	Toothed dock
<i>Setaria media</i>	Poaceae	Bristlegrass
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Solanaceae	Makoi
<i>Sinapis ravens</i>	Brassicaceae	Wild mustard
<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	Brassicaceae	London rocket
<i>Setaria viridis</i>	Poaceae	Green foxtail
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Asteraceae	Gutweed
<i>Trianthema monogyna</i>	Aizoaceae	Giant pigweed
<i>Trichodesma indicum</i>	Boraginaceae	Indian borage
<i>Trigonella polycerata</i>	Fabaceae	Wild fenugreek
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Fabaceae	Common vetch
<i>Vicia hirsute</i>	Fabaceae	Hairy tare

Conclusion

It is completed by this review weed flora in mustard the involvement of weeds also cause the yield reduction and in every district, location, place, state the weed flora are different. They according to grow the climatic, environment and management conditions and they depend upon the type, intensity of weeds. The management of weeds is systematic approach and they minimize the infestation of weeds in crop. The current articles explained that the weeds are controlled when over all knowledge about the morphology, classification, distribution, description of weeds.

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