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The protection of crops from insect pests is a chronic problem of great concern to the farmers and a challenge to the scientific community. The pesticides, no doubt gives quick result but create serious problems such as pest resistance, secondary pest outbreak, pest resurgence, killing of beneficial insects, air & water pollution, health hazards, etc. For avoiding these problems and ideal pest management, biological control is excellent. In the biocontrol Braconids are widely used as biocontrol agents. They destroy a very large number of Lepidopteran & Hemipteran pests of economic importance. Since biological control is cheapest, safe and hazard free method, it needs complex information on distribution, taxonomy, biology, etc.

The present dissertation contain the distribution & taxonomy of ten new species and the data will be helpful for students, researchers and commercial institutes, those are actively engaged in biocontrol programme of insects.

  
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