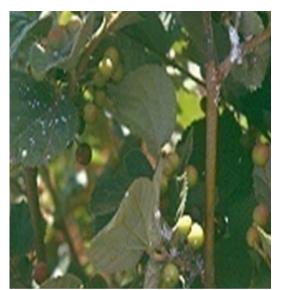
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Phalsa (*Grewis asiatica* Linn.) is cultivated in certain pockets of northern and peninsular India. The pink hibiscus mealybug, *Maconellicoccus hirsutus* (Green), is known to occur on the leaves, flowers and fruits of phalsa in India. The cocci-

nellid *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri* Musant and the lycaenid *Spalgis epeus* Westwood were found clearing the populations of the mealybugs on phalsa in the field (Mani and Krishnamoorthy 1996).



Mealybug damage to phalsa



Cryptolaemus clearing the mealybugs

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