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## Occurrence of the red spider mite, *Tetranychus* sp on red amaranthus in terrace garden in Bangalore

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Red amaranthus is a delicious leafy vegetable. It is becoming popular in kitchen gardens and in pots on terraces in urban Bangalore city (12.9784° N, 77.6408° E). The mite *Tetranychus* sp which had attacked Moringa (Verghese *et al.*, 2022) in the same area migrated to the amaranthus. The plants

showed white to brown discoloration on the leaves (Fig 2). The leaves showed downward curling (Fig 3) with presence of mites and web on the ventral sides (Fig 2,) as compared to an uninfested plant (Fig.1). As these were organic, no sprays were given and affected plants were uprooted and destroyed.



Fig. 1 Uninfested plant

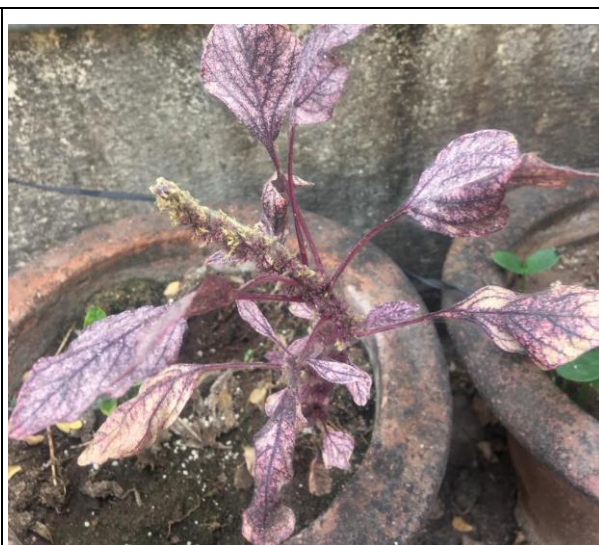


Fig. 2 White to brown discoloration on the leaves, downward curling



Fig. 3 Downward curling with presence of mites

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