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الملخص الانجليزي :

The present study was carried out in 2012 in Plant Protection Department laboratory, Fac. of Agric., Fayoum Univ. under laboratory conditions of  $27 \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $57.7 \pm 5\%$  R.H. The anthocorid predator, *Blaptostethus pallescens* Poppius was reared on larvae of each of *Pyroderces simplex* Wlsm., *Cryptoplabe gnidiella* Mill., *Gymnoscelis pumilata* Hb. and *Sesamia cretica* Led. The most preferable host was *P. simplex* larvae, largest preying rate . The second preferred host *G. pumilatta* then *C. ginidella*, while the larvae of *S. cretica* appeared as unsuitable host for this predator.