



## PESTS AND DISEASES OF HONEYBEES

Wax moths

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The greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella* L. (Galleriidae) enjoys world wide distribution and its occurrences has been noted from the very early days of Aristotle (38322 B.C.). In South India it is seen causing severe damage in the plains and lower altitudes but it is rare in high altitudes. It is one of the most observed throughout the year but more common and severe during July to October and November to December.

