

**New Genus and New Species of Cynipid Gall Inducing Wasp  
(Hymenoptera: Cynipidae) and New Species of Chalcid Wasps  
(Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea) from Israel**

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**ABSTRACT**

Galls, found on *Salvia fruticosa* in Israel, are induced by a Cynipid wasp (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae), which belongs to a new species and a new genus. Eight species of Chalcidoidea (two described as new) are parasitoids of gall including Cynipidae on *S. fruticosa*.

*Key words:* Hymenoptera, Chalcidoidea, Cynipidae, new taxa, *Salvia*, galls

**INTRODUCTION**

In May of 2001 globular fluffy cynipid galls were found by M. Zerova and T. Pavlícek on the upper part of stems of *Salvia fruticosa* Mill. (*S. triloba* L.) (Lamiaceae) in "Evolution Canyon" II, Lower Nahal Keziv, Mount Carmel, Israel (33°02' N, 35°11' E). Some galls were also collected in October 2001 by T. Pavlícek at the same place. *S. fruticosa* was found on the dry stony slopes and at the bottom of "Evolution Canyon" II in community with other plants (*Poterium spinosum*, *Calycotome villosa*). For details of research conducted at the Lower Nahal Keziv and of plant composition there see Nevo (2001) and Finkel et al. (2001).