

Diversity of Weeds in Rose Field in District Kasur Punjab Pakistan

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ABSTRACT

In Kasur district an experiment was conducted from 2020 to 2022 in rose field to check the presence of Weed Flora. To conduct this study, 12 locations were chosen, comprising Punjabi Saoda, Kachapacca, Sheikhum, Ghahlan, Jagowala, Pattoki Bypass and Nurseries, Changa Manga, Pattoki railway Station Padhana, Chunia, Nizampura. Five fields from each of the 12 locations were chosen for investigation. A quadrat measuring one metre square was used for testing. A binocular stereo scope was used to examine both macro and micro morphological traits. This study has revealed that most prevalent families of weeds are Poaceae and Asteraceae. This study has significant value for the development of rose industry for the welfare of country economy. This study has shown that the most prevalent of the weed family: Brassicaceae and the most widespread weed is belonged to Brassicaceae family. This study has great significant value to develop rose industry. While collecting the data, the researchers encountered numerous challenges that might have affected the study's findings. Since most peasants were uneducated, it was incredibly challenging for them to properly communicate with researchers.

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INTRODUCTION

Despite the frequent use of weed management techniques, weeds continue to exist in agricultural areas and pose a constant and widespread danger to crop yields. Insofar as the needs for soil, air, water etc. space, for the production of food ingredients and growth are the same for both weeds and crops, they are the competitors of crops. (Al-Yemeny, 1999, Zhao et al., 2006; Dunbabin, 2007). In addition to competing with crops for space, nutrients, moisture, and light, many weeds can have allelopathic impacts on those crops. (Khanh et al., 2005; Belz et al., 2007; Javaid et al., 2007) They secrete harmful materials from their existing and rotting sections, which restrict crop production. (Singh et al., 2005; Evidente et al., 2007). Various crop parasites may use weeds as hosts. (Oudejan, 1984

The development of a selected large traditional crops, such as grain, rice, maize etc constitutes the majority of farming in the Province of Punjab. However, some growers in the Punjab region of Pakistan have shifted to different crops including ornamental plants. A member of the ROSAECEA family, the ROSE, has become a major floriculture product in Pakistan. The farmers in Punjab economically develop a wide variety of rose hybrids. The province's ROSE cultivation is concentrated in the district of Kasur. Very little understood about just the weed species connected with

roses because they are a freshly developing flower product. To ascertain the prevalence and significance of species diversity in crop cultivation systems, weed studies are helpful. (Frick and Thomas, 1992).

Establishing objectives for extension and research services is made easier with the help of documentation of the types of grass species and their number of factors have contributed. (McClosky et al., 1998). With this goal in mind, collected. The data of the district Kasur's rose-growing regions were carried out in 2020 to 2022, respectively, to gather data on the existence and the distribution of various weed species inside the region's rose fields.

Materials and Methods

Research Design

Ten localities were chosen for the data collecting on weeds. These included, Punjabi Pattoki Bypass, nurseries, Nizampura, Sheikhum, Changa Manga, Ghalan, Jagowala, Saoda, Kacha Paka, Padhana, Chunan.

Collection of plant materials

In 2020 to 2022, fresh weed samples were obtained as research data from several fields of roses in Pakistan's District Kasur. In-depth field notes. Weed species its family name, blooming time, occurrence, plant

behavior, relative amount was taken with the plant specimens (Table-1). Weeds were collected from the rose fields in ten separate villages. Later, 20 fields were randomly chosen for sampling over various rose development phases. For each species, at 10 samples were collected.

Drying and preservation

Following collection, each specimen was wrapped in newspaper and carefully dried in an open air at ambient temperature with a presser. Following the normal procedure of the dried specimens were placed and conserved on normal sized herbarium sheets Judd et al. (2002).

Identification

The complete collection of specimens of weeds flora was subsequently put through testing. The

vegetation of Pakistan was used to identify the weeds specimens (Stewart, 1972; Nasir and Ali, 1971–1995; Nasir and Rafiq, 1995), A binocular stereo scope was used to examine both macro and micro morphological traits.

Limitations

While collecting the data, the researchers encountered numerous challenges that might have affected the study's findings. Since most peasants were uneducated, it was incredibly challenging for them to properly communicate with researchers. Some of the information given by the producers may be inaccurate as a result of their inquisitive conduct regarding the study's objectives. Lack of knowledge regarding weeds, their uses, expenditures, and management may restrict the variety of data available.

Basic information of collected weed species.

Weed species	Family	blooming time	Occurrence	Plant behavior	Relative amount
<i>Fumaria indica</i> Pugsley	Fumariaceae	March June	Rose field	annual herb	Common
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L.	Solanaceae	July to September	Rose field and waste land	annual herb	Common
<i>Setaria glauca</i> Beauv	Poaceae	July and September	Rose field	Annual herb	Rare
<i>Rumex dentatus</i> L.	Polygonaceae	May Sep	Rose field	Annual (biennial perennial herb	Common
<i>Verbena officinalis</i> L.	Verbenaceae	April- August.	Rose field	perennial herb	Common
<i>Mazus pumilus</i>	Scrophulariaceae	May to October	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Melilotus parviflora</i> L.	Papilionaceae	April to August	Waste land and rose field	Annual or biennial herb	Rare
<i>Malva parviflora</i> L.	Malvaceae	Mar--May	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Sagina apetala</i> Ard.	Caryophyllaceae	Jul or Sep	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Sonchus asper</i> Vill.	Asteraceae	June to August,	Rose field and unequal land	Annual herb	Common
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i> L.	Cyperaceae	March to July	Rose field	Annual, perennial herb	Rare
<i>Euphorbia pilulifera</i> L.	Euphorbiaceae	May–July	Rose field	Herb	Common
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> L.	Asteraceae	October – March	Waste land and rose field	Annual	Common
<i>Amaranthus viridis</i> L.	Amaranthaceae	all the year round	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Coronopusdidymus</i> (L.) Sm.	Brassicaceae	July to September	Rose field	Annual or biennial	Rare
<i>Urochloapanicoides</i> Beauv	Poaceae	Summer	Rose field and waste land	Annual, perennial	or Common
<i>Poa annua</i> L.	Poaceae	spring through early summer	Rose field	Annual perennial	or Common
<i>Lepidium apetalum</i>	Brasicaceae	May- October	Rose fields	Annual herb	Rare
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Brasicaceae	April-June	Rose fields	Annual herb	Common
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Asteraceae	February– April	Wastelands & Rose fields	Annual or perennial herb	Rare
<i>Iphigenia logafontanesii</i>	Asteraceae	March and August	Disturbed soil & rose	Annual Herb	Common
<i>Phalaris minor</i>	Poaceae	September	Wast land and	Annual herb	Spare

<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	Poaceae	–May November	rose field Rose fields	Annual herb	Rare
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Euphorbiaceae	–January September	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Plantaginaceae	–May Throughout the year	Wasteland and rose field	Perennial herbs	Rare
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Chenopodiaceae	April- August	Rose field	Annual herb	Rare
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Papilionaceae	Spring	Rose field	Annual herbs	Spare
<i>Polygonum plebejum</i>	Polygonaceae	Spring	Rose field	Annual herbs	Rare
<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	Papilionaceae	April- October	Rose field and waste land	Perennial Shrubs	Common
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	March august	Rose field	Perennial herbs	Rare
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Apiaceae	March April	Rose field	Biennial	Common
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Primulaceae	February– May	Rose field	Annual herb	Raer
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Asteraceae	March June	Rose field	Annual herbs	Rare
<i>Fagoniacretica</i>	Zygophyllaceae	Summer	Rose field and waste land	Shrub	Rare
<i>Thymelaea arvensis</i>	Thymelaeaceae	Late Spring	Rose field	Annual herb	Common
<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	Amaranthaceae	April August	Rose field	Annual herb	Common

Some features of the existing Weed Flora

Fumaria indica Puysley

Family Fumariaceae

It is pale in color, diffused, light green, perennial plant. 2-3 pinnatisect leaves with whole, apiculate, sequential terminal segments. Flowers are 0.6-0.7 cm pale pink racemes with leaf opposites. Elongated, sharp, indented sepals. Fruit is 0.4 cm wide and subglobose. That plant can be seen growing alongside other annual weeds in damp areas of waste areas and all along the field margins in the winter season.



Figure 1: *Fumaria indica*

Solanum nigrum

Family Solanaceae

It is dense or grassy plant that can reach a height of 1.25 metres. Its leaflets are either hairy or bald, and its stems have a rough feel. It has white star like flowers or produced in the forks of leaves.



Figure 2: *Solanum nigrum*

Setaria glauca Beauv

Family Poaceae

Perennial, lightly tufted, 1 to 2 feet above ground, or occasionally dwarfed and no higher than a few centimeters. Culms that are geniculately moving up, soft or slightly irregular below the inflorescence, weak, 2-4-noded, simple or sparsely branched from underneath, with the topmost internode (peduncle) at size as long as one or significantly longer than that of the rest of the rhizome, lengthy, and the lower internodes typically more or fewer compressed.



Figure 3: *Setaria glauca* Beauv

***Rumex dentatus* L**

Family Polygonaceae

Perennial, (biennial), glabrous plant with taproot, vertical or fusiform. Stem: erect, branched in middle and mostly from base and slender like. Leaf, oblong, ovate, tapered ends, elliptical base. Inflorescence: terminal, open, interrupted, branches generally straight, ascending; whorls 10--20-flowered; pedicels 2--5 mm, thread-like, joints swollen. Flower: Deltate, inner perianth lobes, margins dentate, lanceolate. Fruit: dark red-brown.



Figure 4: *Rumex dentatus*

***Verbena officinalis* L.**

Family Verbenaceae

Herb, erect or critical and crucial, 1-3 feet in height. Juvenile stems and twigs are hairy, obtusely angular, and lurid, with a woody root. The opposing, sub sessile, oblong to elliptical leaves, sub coriaceous, and strigillose on the both sides. The base is attenuated to cuneate, the edge is lyrate-pinnatifid and divided up into 3 to 5 segments. Bracts lanceolate, apex obovate, ciliate, inflorescence paniced peaks 1-3 each node, zygomorphic, motile flowers.



Figure 5: *Verbena officinalis* L

Mazus pumilus

Family Scrophulariaceae

Annuals up to 30 cm in height, stems hairless or even with small hairs; bottom leaves typically lost during flowering; blooms primarily in top portion of inflorescence; center lobe of bottom lip shorter than peripheral lobes; wings of top lip rectangle shaped; calyx occipital oval, as long than tube, sharp; large capsule.



Figure 6: *Mazus pumilus*

***Melilotus parviflora* L**

Family Papilionaceae

Herbs, shrubs that are typically climbers that leaves are alternating, acute, simple, or complex; flowers that are hermaphrodite and zygomorphic, with papilionaceous corollas and 10 or 9 stamens; and fruits that have only one carpel. It is frequently known as the pea family. There are 375 genera in it. The desert plants, mesophytes, hydrophytes, and halophilic make up this family.



Figure 7: *Melilotus parviflora* L

***Malva parviflora* L**

Family Malvaceae

The Malvaceae families of herbs, twigs, and tree branches have 1,500 species. Stellate bristles and gelatinous sap are two other characteristics. Spikelets are abundant, as well as the leaves are alternating, straightforward, and typically pinnately veined. The actinomorphic and bisexual blooms are virtually always present. Five valvate, different, or basally connate sepals and five major petals, which are often dorsally adnate to the androecium, make up the perianth. The androecium is made up of a large number of monadelphous stamens with filaments that diverge apically and have one-celled anthers. The gynoecium consists of a single compound pistil with two or more

carpels, as well as one or more ovules in each of the two or more locules of the upper ovary and an equal number of styles.



Figure 8: *Malva parviflora* L

***Sagina apetala* Ard.**

Family Caryophyllaceae

Annual plants make up the Caryophyllaceae family; shrubs, lianas, and trees are rather uncommon. Nodes on the stems are frequently enlarged. The leaves generally exstipulate, opposite and simple. Solitary flowers or make up the inflorescence.



Figure 9: *Sagina apetala* Ard

***Sonchus asper* Vill**

Family Asteraceae

Although most Asteraceae species are herbaceous, certain species are shrubs and trees. Because of their distinctive inflorescence and other similar traits, like the unite anthers of the stamens, asteraceae species are typically simple to differentiate from other plants. Roots Asteraceae family members occasionally have fibrous root systems but typically develop taproots. Stems: Herbaceous, aerial, branching, tubular, covered in trichomes, and typically erect, although they can also be horizontal or rising. Leaves could be whorled, alternated, or opposite. They might be straightforward, although they're frequently conduplicate or rotatable, extensively obovate, and otherwise carved.



Figure 10: *Sonchus asper* Vill

***Cyperus rotundus* L**

Family Cyperaceae

Cyperus rotundus L, often known as Purple Nut sedge, is an annual Eurasian sedge or invasive that resembles grass and is shiny green. It has an upright triangular stem that branches into triple stems of violet seedpods that resemble antennae. Fall is when trees die and return to the earth, while spring is when new shoots emerge from subterranean tubers.



Figure 11: *Cyperus rotundus* L

***Euphorbia pilulifera* L**

Family Euphorbiaceae

E. hirta belongs to the Euphorbiaceae family. It is a reddish or purplish, perennial, hairy plant with a thin stem and several branches growing from the bottom to the top. The opposite, elliptic-oblong, acute or dark green above it and pale below, 1.2 to 2.5 cm in length, purple-blotched in the center, and serrated at the margin leaves are found on plants.



Figure 12: *Euphorbia pilulifera* L

***Parthenium hysterophorus* L**

Family Asteraceae

The herbaceous plant *Parthenium hysterophorus* L has numerous branches and is an erect short-lived plant that initially develops a basal cluster of leaves. It typically attains a height of between 0.5 and 1.5 m, although on rare occasions, it can reach as high as 2 m or more.



Figure 13: *Partheium hysterophorus* L

***Amaranthus viridis* L**

Family Amaranthaceae

Annual plant *Amaranthus viridis* L has an erect, pale green stem that can reach heights of 60 to 80 cm. The base sprouts several branches, and the leaves are oval in shape, measuring 3 to 6 cm in length by 2 to 4 cm thick with a petiole length of around 5 cm.



Figure 14: *Amaranthus viridis* L

***Coronopus didymus* (L.) Sm.**

Family Brassicaceae

commercially significant flowering plant family that goes by the names mustard. While some are shrubs, the majority are herbaceous plants. The leaves are stipule-free, simple and they develop alternately on stems or in rosettes. There are no bracts on the distal inflorescences. Up to four sepals or petals that alternate, 2 short freed stamens, and four longer available stamens make up the flower's structure. The fruit bears rows of seeds that are separated by a wall (or septum).



Figure 15: *Coronopus didymus* (L) sm

***Poa annua* L**

Family Poaceae

One base barren floret has a palea. Lower barren floret lemma is elliptic,, 100% of spikelet length, membranous, pubescent or glabrous, eciliate on edges or setose on edges, cordate, and identical to higher glume. Obovate, dorsally flattened, indurate, Surface of the lemma rugose. Involute margins on lemma. Pedantic, mucronate, or awned lemma tip. Overall length of the middle (main) awn is 0.3–1 mm.



Figure 16: *Poa annua* L

Poacea

Family Poacea

The blade of leaf is only the midrib exposed, and it is flat, smooth, and slightly abrasive. The inflorescence is just an upright panicle that is three to ten cm in length and three to five cm in width, broadly triangular, free, and almost unilateral. It has a center point, two to three

delicate lateral branches, and a few spike lets at the terminal.



Figure 17: Poacea

Lepidium apetalum

Family Brassicaceae

Leaves are typically basal and cauline, lanceolate or petiolate, blade entire, undulate, denticulate, slightly curved, lobed margins entire, dentate, or pinnately separated. Racemes, either elongated or without fruit (often corymbose). upright to divaricate, narrow or stout fruiting pedicels. sepals (often deciduous, occasionally persistent) in flowers)



Figure 18: *Lepidium apetalum*

Eruca sativa

Family Brassicaceae

All leaves have a distinct odour and are rather plump, sparsipilose, or even less often, bare. Lyrate pinnatisect below leaves are present. The petals are obovate in shape, 15–22 millimeters long, and have dark purple or brown veins. The sepals are 9 to 12 mm in length.



Figure 19: *Eruca sativa*

Cirsium arvense

Family Asteraceae

Cirsium arvense is indeed an upright annual rhizomatous thistle that typically grows to a height of 0.5 to 1.0 meters. It differs from other thorns in three ways. It has crawling horizontal root system. It has extensive clonal development. It has small dioecious blooms flower heads.



Figure 20: *Cirsium arvense*

If loga fontanesii

Family Asteraceae

It has woody stems, leaves develop at nodes slightly underneath an axillary bud and are frequently petiolate, consisting of a blades and stipe petiole.



Figure 21: *If loga fontanesii*

Phalaris minor

Family Poaceae

Herbs that can be annual to perennial. roots that are typically fibrous. The nodes of the stem are typically enlarged and solidly spherical. Alternate, mostly linear, parallel-veined leaves; normally open sheaths; membranous or hairy ligules at the base of the blade.



Figure 22: *Phalaris minor*

Alopecurus myosuroides

Family Poaceae

An annual grass with tufts, *Alopecurus myosuroides* grows 10 to 80 meters tall (Naylor, 1972). The bottom of a leaf sheath is frequently purple, and the culms are frequently geniculate. The linear to lanceolate, glabrous leaves measure 3 to 17 cm in length, 2 to 8 mm in width, and contain a membranous ligule that can be up to 5 mm in length.



Figure 23: *Alopecurus myosuroides*

Euphorbia helioscopia

Family Euphorbiaceae

Stem leaves were obovate 2.5 cm in length, and 0.5 to 1.5 cm broad. They are also glabrous. The distal 1/3 of the leaves are the widest, with a leaf's apex and petiole base both becoming narrower as it grows. Round, coarsely serrated, leaf apices are common.



Figure 24: *Euphorbia helioscopia*

Plantago lanceolata

Family Plantaginaceae

The plant is a perennial herb with rosette-like leaves and silky, fuzzy blossom stalks. The base leaves have 3 to 5 strong straight veins that are narrowed to a small petiole, and they are lanceolate, widespread or upright with few teeth.



Figure 25: *Plantago lanceolata*

Chenopodium murale

Family Chenopodiaceae

Simple, alternate leaves with an oblong to obovate or oblong form are rarely whole and are linked to a tall stalk. It is 1.5 to 8 centimeters long and 3 cm in width, which would be twice as long as wide. White flour just on bottom part, occasionally with green on the both. Clusters towards the stem's end and at the axils of the leaves.



Figure 26: *Chenopodium murale*

Melilotus indicus

Family Papilionaceae

Leaf: Oblanceolate to crescent, 1- to 2.5 cm long leaflets that are typically strongly dentate. Slender, compact inflorescence with an axis that is typically 1–2 centimeters when the flowers open. corolla 1.5 mm, calyx 1–1.5 mm; flower yellow Fruit: faint lines, 2--3 mm.



Figure 27: *Melilotus indicus*

Polygonum Plebejum

Family Polygonaceae

Woody herbs that protrude and have radiating branches and glabrous stems. Ochrea is chartaceous, white, and ciliate, and the leaves are alternating, up to 40 mm in diameter, oblong, sessile, and acute. Flowers are axillary, sessile, and number 3 to 7. Five oval, sharp, glabrous tepals. 5. Stamens Brown, triangular, sharp, glabrous, and 1.5 mm thick nut.



Figure 28: *Polygonum Plebejum*

Alhagi maurorum

Family Papilionaceae

Alhagi maurorum is a delicately branched, perennially prickly shrub that typically reaches a height of 1 m.



Figure 29: *Alhagi maurorum*

Cyperus rotundus

Family Cyperaceae

Similar to other Cyperaceae, the plant's base produces three-ranked leaves that are around 5–20 centimeter. The cross section of the flower stalks is triangular. The bisexual flower has three stamens, a pistil with three stigmas, and an inflorescence with 3 to 8 irregular spikes.



Figure 30: *Cyperus rotundus*

Foeniculum vulgare

Family Apiaceae

A perennial herb is *foeniculum vulgare*. It has hollow stems, is erect, pale green, and can reach the height of up to 2.5 meters. The leaves can reach a maximum length of 40 centimeters are finely divided, and have final segments that are fili form (threadlike) and 0.5 millimeters (164 mm) wide.



Figure 31: *Foeniculum vulgare*

Anagallis arvensis

Family Primulaceae

The leaves are alternate or in whorls of three, simple, sessile, and have an oval lamina that is broad at the base, sharp at the tip, and completely margined. They are also glandular. The higher leaf axils are home to the single flowers. Their pedicel is higher than the leaf supporting it. At the bottom, the petals are united.



Figure 32: *Anagallis arvensis*

Calendula arvensis

An perennial or biannual herb, calendula arvensis grows from ten to fifty cm tall. The thin, hairy stem bears petioles with orbicular leaves on it.



Figure 33: *Calendula arvensis*

Fagonia cretica

The leaves are three to four leaflets thick and have withered. The thorns on the plant are substantial and dense. Sometime before winter, flowers appear and are a faint red tint. The fruits feature a twisted shape, edges, as well as a hairy exterior.



Figure 34: *Fagonia cretica*

Thymelea arvensis

Family Thymelaeaceae

The leaf shape is opposite, elliptical to elliptic in shape, from a third to an inch long, 1.5 to 2.5 times as wide, with very small stalks just on lower leaves and stalk-less upper leaves, and they range in length from a third to an inch. Depending on the plant, the margins can be whole or coarsely scalloped. The uppermost leaves switch from alternating to opposite arrangement. Three to five veins rise from the leaf's base. Obtuse to rounded leaf tips



Figure 35: *Thymelea arvensis*

Amaranthus viridis

Family Amaranthaceae

Deeply veined, medium to light green, up to fifteen cm long leaves. The leaf stem is very long, and the base of the leaf is broad, tapering to a point. Spike-like, lateral and terminating racemes' with greenish flowers. The inflorescence is typically a thick spike, frequently with numerous branches.



Figure 36: *Amaranthus viridis*

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The present study conducted on rose fields reveals that 50 weed species were present in fields and belonging to 20 families. Maximum species of Poaceae and Asteraceae families and then papilionaceae (3) and Brassicaceae with 3 species, Solanaceae (2), polygonaceae (2), Cyperaceae(2), Euphorbiaceae (2), amaranthaceae (2), and other families with one species were Fumariaceae, verbennaceae, scrophulariaceae, caryophyllaceae, plantagiaceae, chenopodiaceae, apiaceae, primulaceae, zygophyllaceae, and thymelaceae. The most occurring weeds in surveyed places were *Poa annua*, *Urochloa panicoides*, *Phalaris minor*, and *Alopecurus myosuroides*. This study based only on survey on the weed distribution in different fields, these weeds loses yield and quality of the rose. The quality and yield losses in rose due to infestation of these weeds are not known. The study findings will be useful for the recommending suitable weed control process in Rosa fields and others.

Future work:

These findings will be helpful for the identifications of weed flora in different rose fields of District Kasur. The control for the production of weed flora in rose plants in merit more study. This study is very helpful for the farmers who are harvested rose for business purposes and play role in economy of country.

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