

HABIT AND HABITAT

The recorded habitats of Cryptophagidae are diverse Both adults and larvae appear most often to feed on fungi mainly of the mould type Most species are found usually in semi-damp places, under bark of dead trees, in forest litter, among decaying vegetation, in fungi, etc , a few live on green plants, various stored grains, under haystacks and damp houses

In this study representatives of Indian Cryptophagidae have been recorded from diverse habitats e.g, Cryptophagus has been recorded from flower, hanging grass, heap of grass, on grass, tea bung, leaf litter, on leaves, and from haystack, that of Atomaria has been recorded from damp moss and liverwort, vegetation, garbage of leaves, cut grass, under stone and in mud near river, those of Curehus from haystack, under dead grass, from trodden mud and bell glass house. Henoticus has been recorded from bushes, flower, under garbage mixed with dung and under bark, Caenoscelis has been recorded from Central Nepal but its habitat is unknown, whereas Himascelis was collected from soil trap and under bark. The sole species Acryptus has been recorded from a height of 4492.3 m in Dutang (Sikkim) by the Everest expedition and its habitat is also unknown The habitat of Antherophagus has been recorded from hanging grass, and Anathilopus from fungasy bark.