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**BIOLOGY OF *SILANA FARINOSA* (BOHEMAN, 1856)
(COLEOPTERA; CHRYSOMELIDAE), A PEST OF
MURRAYA KOENIGII (SINH. KARAPINCHA)**

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Silana farinosa (Boheman, 1856) feeds on the leaves of *Murraya koenigii*, the Karapincha, often causing considerable loss. These studies have shown that in Sri Lanka, it has several generations a year, each consisting of 7 stages. Morphological characters of each stage were studied and detailed descriptions and figures are presented. Factors contributing to mortality of the pest were also studied and a Chalcid parasite, which might be of use in control, discovered.