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ABSTRACT

Eleutheranthera ruderalis is rapidly grown as a weed in our ecosystem. It is similar to another weed called Synedrella nodiflora. Eleutheranthera ruderalis may have allelopathic effects that help in the invasive nature of plants. In the present study, we examined the effect of aqueous extracts from the leaves of the plant on the germination of Vigna radiata seeds. We found out that leaf extracts inhibited the germination and growth of Vigna radiata seeds. The effect of inhibition was maximum at 15% leaf extract and it is revealed that more the concentration of extract more will be the inhibitory effect. Thus, the allelopathic effect of Eleutheranthera ruderalis may have helped the plant to become an invasive species in our ecosystem.

Key words: Eleutheranthera ruderalis, allelopathic effects, Synedrella nodiflora, invasive species