

the genetic structure of pest populations if we can move away from the use of terms such as biotype, which contribute nothing to the description of genetic relationships, and agree on some method for describing the observed variation which is in accordance with the hypothesis that superspecies or species complexes are involved. In particular, perhaps insect taxonomists could be more ready to use these categories for species groups involving agricultural pests, and even to name sibling species formally where there is judged to be sufficient evidence that separate gene pools exist with divergent functional (evolutionary) roles.

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