

### **Project Update: April 2013**

My colleague and I have developed a free software, called Black Spot Leaf Area Calculator, which estimates leaf area from scanned images of leaves. This software was developed and extensively tested during the course of my RSG grant. The software is available for download from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/blackspot/>, with a project support page at <http://www.ncbs.res.in/blackspot.html>. Additionally, a scientific manuscript introducing Black Spot has been submitted to the journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* and is awaiting peer review.