

## A review of the Neotropical genus *Prionodera* Chevrolat (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae, Eumolpinae) with description of a new genus

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## Abstract

The genus *Prionodera* Chevrolat is redescribed and *Prionodera adiastrata* new species (type locality: Limacocha, Ecuador), *P. arimanes* **new species** (type locality: Beni, Bolivia), *P. dichroma* **new species** (type locality: Panamá, Panamá), *P. esmeralda* **new species** (type locality: Alajuela, Costa Rica), *P. furcada* **new species** (type locality: Ipeti, Panamá), *P. gaiophanes* **new species** (type locality: Limacocha, Ecuador), and *P. nila* **new species** (type locality: Panamá, Panamá) are described and illustrated. The genera *Stenolampra* Baly and *Jodasia* Bechyné are placed in synonymy with *Prionodera*. Redescriptions are given for *Prionodera costata* (Baly) **new combination**, *P. cyanea* (Lefèvre), *P. geniculata* (Baly) **new combination**, *P. kirschi* (Lefèvre) **new combination**, *P. lutea* Erichson, *P. marshalli* Lefèvre, *P. merana* Bechyné, *P. bicolor* (Olivier) and *P. peruviana* (Bechyné) **new combination**. *Jodasia roseometallica* Bechyné is placed in synonymy with *P. merana*. The species *chloroptera* Lefèvre and *ocanana* Lefèvre are transferred from *Prionodera* to *Metaxyonycha* Chevrolat **new combinations** and the species *nixa* Bechyné is transferred from *Prionodera* to *Prionoderita* **new genus**. A key is given to the species in the revised genus *Prionodera*.

**Resumen.** Se describe de nuevo el género *Prionodera* Chevrolat, y las **especies nuevas** *Prionodera adiastrata* (localidad del tipo: Limacocha, Ecuador), *P. arimanes* (localidad del tipo: Beni, Bolivia), *P. dichroma* (localidad del tipo: Panamá, Panamá), *P. esmeralda* (localidad del tipo: Alajuela, Costa Rica), *P. furcada* (localidad del tipo: Ipeti, Panamá), *P. gaiophanes* (localidad del tipo: Limacocha, Ecuador), y *P. nila* (localidad del tipo: Panamá, Panamá) son descritas y ilustradas. Los géneros *Stenolampra* Baly y *Jodasia* Bechyné son sinonimizados con *Prionodera*. Se presenta nuevas descripciones para *Prionodera costata* (Baly) **combinación nueva**, *P. cyanea* (Lefèvre), *P. geniculata* (Baly) **combinación nueva**, *P. kirschi* (Lefèvre) **combinación nueva**, *P. lutea* Erichson, *P. marshalli* Lefèvre, *P. merana* Bechyné, *P. bicolor* (Olivier) and *P. peruviana* (Bechyné) **combinación nueva**. *Jodasia roseometallica* Bechyné es sinonimizado con *P. merana*. Las especies *chloroptera* Lefèvre y *ocanana* Lefèvre son transferidas de *Prionodera* a *Metaxyonycha* Chevrolat **combinación nueva** y la especie *nixa* Bechyné es transferida de *Prionodera* a *Prionoderita* **género nuevo**. Se presenta una clave a las especies en el género revisado *Prionodera*.

**Key words:** *Prionodera adiastrata*, *Prionodera arimanes*, *Prionodera costata*, *Prionodera cyanea*, *Prionodera dichroma*, *Prionodera esmeralda*, *Prionodera furcada*, *Prionodera gaiophanes*, *Prionodera geniculata*, *Prionodera kirschi*, *Prionodera lutea*, *Prionodera merana*, *Prionodera nila*, *Prionodera bicolor*, *Prionodera peruviana*, *Prionoderita nixa*, *Stenolampra*, *Jodasia*, *Metaxyonycha*, Chrysomelidae, Eumolpinae, Costa Rica, Panamá, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador

## Introduction

This study began over a decade ago with what at the time looked like a simple case of describing a large and showy new species of *Stenolampra* Baly 1859 (Eumolpinae) from Costa Rica. Routine checking to confirm its generic placement uncovered yet another taxonomic tangle in the Neotropical Eumolpinae involving the genera *Prionodera* Chevrolat 1837, *Stenolampra* Baly, and *Jodasia* Bechyné 1951, not to mention a legal tangle between Germany and Switzerland which for some time kept important type material off