

BOOK REVIEW

LANDER, T. 2003. **Révision du genre *Chrysodema***. Collection Systématique, volume 8, 94 pp., 12 color plates. Magellanes, Andrésy, France. Available from the publisher (www.magellanes.com) for 38 Euros.

This new volume is the first revision of the essentially Oriental region buprestid genus *Chrysodema* Laporte and Gory, 1835 to appear since the genus was detailed in Charles Kerremans' *Monographie* (Kerremans 1909) and the last world catalogue accounting by Obenberger (1926). While the author chooses not to follow the recent proposals about subgenera in *Chrysodema* by Holynski (1994), this work is monographic in scope and a worthy addition to the libraries of buprestid specialists and those interested in the Oriental fauna.

The text is in French, with an English abstract, followed by a brief introduction addressing placement in the higher classification, important characters, and a list of the collections that supplied or house specimens used for the study. Thereafter a key to the 48 species recognized as valid is given; the four subspecies recognized are not separated in the key. There are two new species, one replacement name, 42 new junior subjective synonyms proposed, and two neotypes designated. Each species is discussed with an abbreviated synonym list, a list of the type specimens with type locality and repository, an abbreviated description and principle distinct characters, remarks, discussion of geographic range, and a shaded map showing general distribution is given for both species and subspecies. Outline drawings of male genitalia for all nominate species are together on three pages and the section concludes with 12 plates of color photographs illustrating 154 individual specimens (most of which are dorsal aspect), three habitus photographs, and a photograph of the author. A concluding discussion, bibliography, and index complete the 94 pages.

The volume is of the modern heavy-card, soft-bound style with the pages glued, which does not allow the book to lay open on the desk; this is my only complaint. Otherwise I found only one misspelled taxon name and the production is of such a high quality that the cost seems a good bargain.

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