

On a new Coccinellidae for Seychelles

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In 2009 a new ladybird (Coccinellidae; Coleoptera) for Seychelles was collected in a malaise trap at Jardin Marron on Silhouette island. This has been identified as *Platynaspis capicola* Crotch, 1874. This ladybird is black with pronotal angles yellowish and with two red spots on each elytron, posterior spot smaller than anterior. The dorsum is finely pubescent. Total length is 2.7mm. The species has previously been recorded from Africa, Madagascar and the Mascarenes. In addition to this specimen the same sample (August 2009) also included one specimen of *Scymnus oblongosignatus*. At the same time *Vedalia cardinalis* and *Chilomenes sexmaculata* were collected in a malaise trap at Mon Plaisir.

Platynaspis capicola is a predator of the soft-brown scale *Coccus hesperidum* Linnaeus and Aphididae *Aphis gossypii* Glover.