

A new species of the genus *Protoplotina* Miyatake (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) from India

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Abstract

Protoplotina nigrosuturalis sp. n. and *Protoplotina* near *vietnamica* Miyatake are reported from India. This is the first record of this genus from India.

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Introduction

The tribe Plotinini (Coccinellidae: Sticholotidinae) was established for *Plotina* Lewis and related genera by Miyatake (1994). Kovar (1995) added *Catanoplotina* Kovar to this tribe and provided a key to the genera of Plotinini. This tribe is represented by two genera in India, namely, *Buprestodera* Sicard (1911) and *Paraplotina* Miyatake (1969). A third genus, *Protoplotina* Miyatake (1994) belonging to Plotinini is reported here from India for the first time. This genus has been reported to occur in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Guam Island by Miyatake (1994). In this paper, *Protoplotina* nr. *vietnamica* Miyatake and a new species are described. The specimens studied are deposited at Project Directorate of Biological Control (PDBC), Bangalore.

1. *Protoplotina* nr. *vietnamica* Miyatake (Figs. 1–9)

Description. Length: 2.34 mm; breadth: 1.70 mm. Form (Fig. 1) elongate oval, moderately convex. Head and pronotum noticeably pubescent, elytra with inconspicuous, fine and erect pubescence on lateral and sutural margins. Head and pronotum dark pitchy brown, elytra dark brown to black with a pair of transverse yellow spots around middle; ventral side dark testaceous brown, except mouthparts, antennae, and tarsi lighter, yellow-