

A new sibling species of *Halyzia straminea* (Hope) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae: Halyziini) from the Indian subcontinent

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Abstract

Halyzia dejavu **sp. n.**, a sibling species of *Halyzia straminea* (Hope), is described from India and Nepal. The distinguishing characters, including the male and female genitalia, are described in detail and illustrated in comparison with *H. straminea*.

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Introduction

The genus *Halyzia* Mulsant (1846) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae: Halyziini) is represented in the Indian subcontinent by five species known so far. In this paper, a new species closely related to *Halyzia straminea* (Hope, 1831) and widely misidentified as the latter, is described from Nepal and India. The distinguishing characters of the two species are described with illustrations. The following abbreviations are used for the type depositories of the species studied: BMNH — Natural History Museum, London, UK; OUM — Hope Entomological Collections, Oxford University Museum, UK; PDBC — Project Directorate of Biological Control, Bangalore, India.

1. *Halyzia straminea* (Hope) (Plate 1A, Figs. 1–9)

Coccinella straminea Hope, in Gray, 1831: 31 (Type locality: Nepal; lectotype ♀; BMNH).—Booth & Pope, 1989: 365 (lectotype designation).

Halyzia straminea: Mulsant, 1850: 165; 1866: 125.—Korschefsky, 1932: 573.—Kapur, 1963: 46.