

NOTES ON THE GENUS *PROTOTHEA* WEISE WITH REDESCRIPTION OF *P. QUADRIPUNCTATA* (MULSANT) (COLEOPTERA: COCCINELLIDAE: COCCINELLINI)

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Abstract.— The genus *Protothea* Weise, 1898 is diagnosed and transferred from Halysiini (=Pssylloborini) to Coccinellini. *Nedina* Hoang, 1983 is synonymised with *Protothea* (**new synonym**) and *Nedina mirabilis* Hoang, 1984 with *Protothea quadripunctata* (Mulsant, 1853) (**new synonym**). The remaining species of *Nedina* are transferred to *Protothea*: *P. decemguttata* (Hoang, 1983), *P. limbata* (Hoang, 1983), *P. flavescens* (Hoang, 1983), *P. octoguttata* (Hoang, 1983), *P. aurea* (Hoang, 1984), and *P. melanaria* (Hoang, 1984) (**new combinations**). *P. quadripunctata* (Mulsant) is redescribed and illustrated based on material from India (Assam; Nagaland).



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