

page 17.	Col. 1.	<i>Subcoccinella</i> Guérin-Méneville, 1844. (Guérin-Méneville, 1844. Iconographie du Règne Animale de Cuvier. Vol. 2, Insectes, p. 322, was the first to use the latinised form of Huber's (1842) vernacular "Subcoccinelle de la Saponaire"). (Huber, 1842: 376 proposed as generic name "Subcoccinelle" (editor's note)). <i>Coccinella versicolor</i> Fabricius, 1787 = <i>Coccinella grandis</i> Thunberg, 1781
page 17.	Col. 2.	<i>Veronicobius</i> Broun, 1893 <i>Veronicobius hirtus</i> Broun, 1893 <i>Harmonia rufescens</i> Mulsant, 1850

Editor's note:

Please note R.D. POPE's article below about the authorship of *Anisosticta*, *Brachiacantha*, *Cheilomenes*, *Chnootriba*, *Cynegetis*, *Epilachna*, *Exoplectra*, *Hippodamia*, *Hyperaspis*, *Micraspis*, *Psyllobora*, *Synonymcha*.

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The authorship of certain genera first defined in the catalogues of Dejean

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Abstract: A case is presented demonstrating that DEJEAN should be accepted as the author of certain genera of *Coccinellidae* first defined in the catalogues of his collections and credited by him to his helper and colleague CHEVROLAT.

Key words: Coleoptera, Coccinellidae, Genera, Dejean, Chevrolat, Authorship.

Having read Dr. CANEPARI's article on the authorship of certain coccinellid genera (1990), I feel impelled, as a "pro-DEJEAN" person, to defend my stance.

A lot has been written about DEJEAN's catalogues and their included names, much of it offering differing opinions as to the dates at which two of the editions and their constituent parts appeared. BARBER and BRIDWELL (1940), followed by BLACKWELDER (1949), asserted that the 5th part of edition 3 (including all chrysomelid and coccinellid genera and a preface to the whole work) appeared before part 5 of edition 2. Therefore new names appearing in edition 3 have priority.

In his preface to the 3rd edition, DEJEAN states that, for the trimères he has adopted all the genera created by CHEVROLAT and thanks him for much help in producing the catalogue. CANEPARI concluded, quite correctly, that this constituted evidence within the publication that CHEVROLAT alone was responsible for the genera bearing his name and for the lists of species included therein. Therefore, following the provisions of Article 50a and Recommendation 51B in the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, the author of these genera should be cited as CHEVROLAT in DEJEAN, or CHEVROLAT for short.

However, a recent publication (MADGE, 1988) presents hitherto unnoticed evidence concerning the DEJEAN catalogues that makes a crucial change. Writing in 1837, ERICHSON reviewed the entomological literature published in 1836. On page 285 of this work he says of DEJEAN's catalogue (ed. 2) "von welchem im verflossenen Jahre die letzte Lieferung erschien, und von dem durch einen besonderen Unglücksfall schon eine

neue Ausgabe nöthig geworden ist, in die der Verf. die ihm indeß zugekommenen Bereicherungen nachgetragen hat." He goes on to quote several generic names that appear in both the 5th part of edition 2 and of edition 3.

It is clear therefore that the last part of edition 2 was, as its editors had promised, published before the end of 1836 and well before the last part of edition 3 with its introductory preface bearing the manuscript date April 1837.

Therefore the so-called CHEVROLAT genera date from edition 2 (1836). This edition had no preface or introduction, so there is no evidence from the contents of the publication that CHEVROLAT alone was actually responsible for the generic names **and their lists of included species**, any more than there is for generic names credited by DEJEAN to MEGERLE, ZIEGLER and so on. Many such were commonly used 'names in collections' at the time, being formally published at later dates by various authors.

It follows that the authorship of *Anisosticta*, *Brachiacantha*, *Cheilomenes*, *Chnootriba*, *Cynegetis*, *Epilachna*, *Exoplectra*, *Hippodamia*, *Hyperaspis*, *Micraspis*, *Psyllobora* and *Synonycha* should be accorded to DEJEAN.

As the citation of an author is, in effect, an abbreviated bibliographic reference, the name DEJEAN, 1836 will lead directly to the publication. Using CHEVROLAT, 1836, rather than the correct, if cumbersome, 'CHEVROLAT in DEJEAN', is not helpful and should be avoided if at all possible.

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