

## ***Neda* Mulsant (Coleoptera, Coccinellidae): Redescriptions and revised combinations of two species formerly placed in *Cycloneda* Crotch<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Abstract**

Some species of the genus *Cycloneda* Crotch (1871) were studied, revised combinations within *Neda* Mulsant (1850) are made, and illustrations of pertinent characters are provided. *Cycloneda callispilota* is returned to *Neda* (= *N. callispilota* (Guérin-Ménéville 1844) **comb. rest.**), and *Cycloneda tredecimsignata* is transferred to *Neda* (= *N. tredecimsignata* (Mulsant 1850) **comb. nov.**).

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### **Introduction**

In the process of reviewing members of the Brazilian coccinelline fauna, the authors became aware of the misclassification of two species currently placed in *Cycloneda* Crotch: *C. callispilota* (Guérin-Ménéville) and *C. tredecimsignata* (Mulsant). In the present paper, these species are transferred to the genus *Neda* Mulsant. The history of *Neda* and *Cycloneda* are briefly reviewed, and the morphological and anatomical characteristics that support the revised classification are presented.

*Cycloneda* has long been recognized as an artificial assemblage of New World Coccinellini sharing little more than a rounded convex body form and highly polished cuticle (Crotch 1874, Casey 1899, Chapin 1941, Vandenberg and Gordon 1988, Vandenberg 1992, Vandenberg and Gordon 1996).