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NOTAS BREVES

## AUSTRALIAN JEWEL BEETLE (COLEOPTERA: BUPRESTIDAE) INTRODUCED IN SPAIN

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**Fig.:** *Cisseis* sp. (*C. minutissima* Thoms. or *C. viridipurpurea* Cart.) from Spain. Total length: 3,4 mm. Foto: Prof. Dr. H. Schneider (Godramstein).

On 02.05.1989 Dr Koschwitz collected several specimens of a small jewel beetle from low vegetation growing in El Regajal, Prov. Aranjuez, Spain. The beetle was found to belong to the tribe Coraebini. A specimen was sent to Dr. C.L. Bellamy who identified it as a species of *Cisseis*, an Australian genus. He was unable to determine the species as the genus was in need of revision and no usable key was available. The specimen was retained for further study.

In autumn 2000 the beetle was compared with material of the collection in the National Museum in Prague but no match could be made. Fortunately S. Gottwald from Berlin was visiting the Museum at the time and identified the specimen as *Cisseis minutissima* Thomson, 1879.

Searching for information about the distribution of the species, the author contacted Dr Barker at the South Australian museum who is reviewing the genus and was willing to examine the specimen. His answer was "The Spanish specimen is probably *Cisseis viridipurpurea* Carter, however I can't be 100% certain. The genitalia of that species, which is found in Western Australia, is identical with that of *Cisseis minutissima* Thomson which is an eastern species found in Victoria and South Australia. I'm not absolutely certain of the status of the two but have been calling them two separate species as they are isolated from each other by the Nullarbor Plain."

Little is known of the biology of either species. Never the less the fact that several specimens were collected shows that the beetle seems to be successfully introduced and should have built up a breeding population. It would be interesting to find out if it has already got a wider distribution and in which hostplant it develops in Spain. Perhaps more material and more information about lifestyle e. g. hostplant(s) could help to clear up the identity of that interesting species.

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