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A key to Oriental continental species of *Smaragdina* Chevrolat, 1936 (Chrysomelidae, Clytrinae)

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Abstract. A key to Oriental continental species of *Smaragdina* is proposed. A total of 11 species are described as new for science: *S. thailandica, S. divisomima, S. constrictifrons* (Thailand), *S. bezdeki* (Laos), *S. himalayana* (Megalaya), *S. occidentalis* (North India, Pakistan), *S. pakistanica* (Pakistan), *S. daklaka, S. tamdaoana* (Vietnam), *S. bisbipunctata* (Myanmar), *S. malaccana* (Malacca). *S. maduraiensis* Erber et L. Medvedev, 1999 is a new synonym of *S. flaviventris* Bryant, 1934. *Smaragdina nigroapicalis* Lopatin, 2005 is a new synonym of *Aetheomorpha apicata* L. Medvedev, 1988. Taxonomical notes for some of the species are given.

Key words. Chrysomelidae - Clytrinae - Smaragdina - Oriental Region - key - new species

Introduction

The large genus *Smaragdina* is represented by numerous species in the Oriental Region, most of them described in recent decades. Keys exist only for China (GRESSITT & KIMOTO 1963), Taiwan (KIMOTO & TAKIZAWA 1997) Indo-China (KIMOTO & GRESSITT 1981; MEDVEDEV 1988), Sri Lanka (MEDVEDEV 1984) and the south-eastern islands (MEDVEDEV 1988) This contribution therefore attempts the preparation of a first key to continental Oriental species distributed south and west of China.

The genus *Smaragdina* Chevrolat, 1836 (*Cyaniris* Chevrolat, 1836; *Gynandrophthalma* Lacordaire, 1848) is very close to *Aetheomorpha* Lacordaire, 1848. Theoretically, the genus in question differs from *Aetheomorpha* in the slight epipleural lobe of elytra and pygidium covered by the elytra. In practice, these characters are quite inconsistent and it is sometimes very difficult to separate the genera.

The classification of *Clytrinae* at genus level remains inadequate; as a result, for more than a century, many species of unclear generic position, especially females, have been placed in *Smaragdina*. To date, more than 30 Oriental species described as *Smaragdina* have been removed to other genera (a list is given below).

Exact determination of the majority of Smaragdina requires study of the aedeagus.

Material

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Taxonomy

A key to the species of Smaragdina

- 1(118) Elytra confusely punctate.
- 2(5) Upperside metallic blue, prothorax may be dark metallic or black. Hind angles of prothorax more or less elevated. Antennae black with fulvous basal segments, distinctly serrate from the 4th segment, segment 3 triangular (Fig. 1).
- 3(4) Prothorax impunctate, with very slight, oblique impressions before slightly elevated hind angles. Underside black, legs fulvous, sometimes with black tarsi and apices of tibiae or black with fulvous base of tibiae. Aedeagus Fig. 45. Length 4.5–6.3 mm. Nepal, northern India: Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim (legs fulvous), Megalaya (tarsi black), Assam (legs dark with fulvous base of tibiae. *S. dohertyi* (Jacoby, 1908)
- 4(3) Prothorax punctate, especially near base, with transverse impression behind anterior margin and oblique impressions before distinctly elevated hind angles. Underside black, legs black to piceous. Length 3.5–4.0 mm. Sri Lanka: Anuradhapura, Dambulla. *S. medvedevi* L. Medvedev, 1984
- 5(2) Upperside not entirely metallic.
- 6(15) Elytra entirely metallic, prothorax fulvous or bicoloured.
- 7(12) Prothorax entirely fulvous.
- 8(11) Head impunctate and not pubescent. Elytra metallic blue.
- 9(10) Head, thorax (at least partly) and legs fulvous, elytra metallic blue. Aedeagus Fig. 46. Length 3.0–3.8 mm. Nepal, northern India: Sikkim (western Bengal). Type (female) studied. *S. laticollis* (Duvivier, 1892)

- 12(7) Prothorax fulvous with dark mid-section. Elytra blue or greenish-blue.
- 14(13) Prothorax with broad black stripe, especially in male, connected to anterior and posterior margins (Figs 5, 6). Head black (male) or with fulvous

- 15(6) Elytra not entirely metallic.
- 17(16) Other combinations of characters.
- 19(18) Elytra not entirely black.
- 20(33) Elytra metallic or black with fulvous apex and sometimes with more or less fulvous base.
- 21(24) Head and prothorax of male enlarged, prothorax wider than base of elytra and not narrowing towards the front, mandibles enlarged. Antennae feebly serrate from the 4th segment, entirely fulvous. Elytra impunctate, black coloration predominating. Whole body (not elytra) entirely fulvous. The two species that follow share many characters with the genus *Ceratobasis* Lacordaire, 1848.

- 24(21) Head and prothorax of male not enlarged, prothorax narrower than base of elytra and distinctly narrowing towards the front, mandibles not enlarged. Antennae quite strongly serrate from the 4th segment onwards. Elytra distinctly punctate, with more or less metallic main coloration.
- 25(26) Elytra with basal margin fulvous, including triangular area between humerus and scutellum (Fig. 27), prothorax with triangular spot at centre.

- 26(25) Basal margin of elytra not fulvous.
- 28(27) Prothorax unicolorous. Elytra with entirely confused punctures.
- 29(30) Prothorax black. Body black, basal antennal segments and abdomen fulvous, elytra dark blue with fulvous apical quarter. Antennae serrate from the 4th segment onwards. Prothorax with elevated hind angles. Aedeagus Fig. 54. Length 4.0–4.6 mm. Southern India: North Salem, Madura, Tamil Nadu. (*S. maduraiensis* Erber et L. Medvedev, 1999 syn.nov.). S. flaviventris (Bryant, 1934)
- 30(29) Prothorax fulvous.
- 31(32) Elytra black with apex, epipleurae and narrow side margin in humeral area fulvous (Fig. 28). Body black, anterior part of head, antennae and legs fulvous. Prothorax impunctate, with elevated hind angles. Length 4.3–4.4 mm. Northern Pakistan, north-western India: Jammu.

- 32(31) Elytra including epipleurae dark metallic blue with elongate fulvous spot on apex of each elytron, very closely punctate, with finely rugose interstices. Black, bases of antennae and forelegs fulvous, prothorax flavous, with a few minute punctures. Tarsi very slender. Length 2.0 mm. Southern India: Bombay, Belgaum.
 S. orientalis (Jacoby, 1896)
- 33(20) Elytra fulvous or bicolorous.
- 34(75) Elytra bicolorous or prothorax black or bicolorous.
- 35(48) Elytra fulvous with all margins black or metallic or black with fulvous spots. Antennae black with fulvous basal segments.
- 36(45) Prothorax entirely fulvous, impunctate.
- 37(42) Head fulvous, vertex mostly black.
- 38(39) Species from South Vietnam. Elytra with all margins dark blue, this colour band broader at base and apex (Fig. 10). Pale flavous, vertex black, metasternum darkened, tibiae and tarsi more or less darkened above. Prothorax minutely punctate, elytra rather deeply and strongly punctured. Length 3.65–3.9 mm. Known only from Dalat, one paratype has large

piceous spot in centre of prothorax. Taxonomical position somewhat unclear. South Vietnam: Dalat. S. dalatensis Kimoto et Gressitt, 1981

39(38) Species from southern India.

- 40(41) Elytra with broad sutural and more narrow marginal stripes, both widening in the middle and sometimes united (Figs 24–27). Prothorax twice as wide as long. Underside fulvous with blackish metasternum and pygidium, legs fulvous. Aedeagus Fig. 52. Length 3.6–4.5 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills, Sri Lanka.
 S. nilgiriensis (Jacoby, 1903)
- 41(40) Elytra with sutural stripe angularly widened below base and marginal stripe, slightly widened at middle and apex. Prothorax almost 3 times as wide as long. Flavous, breast, tibiae and tarsi black. Length 3.0 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills.
 Nilgiri Hills.
- 42(37) Head black with lower portion fulvous (male) or entirely black (female).
- 43(44) Elytra black with oblique spot before centre and transverse spot at the rear fulvous (Fig. 29). Legs fulvous with tarsi and apical half of tibiae black. Aedeagus Fig. 55. Length 3.4–4.2 mm. Laos.
 S. ornatipennis L. Medvedev, 2004
- 45(36) Prothorax with black marks.
- 46(47) Prothorax with broad central black stripe. Elytra with marginal and very narrow sutural black stripes. Flavous, vertex, breast, apices of tibiae and tarsi black. Length 3 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills.
 S. imitans (Jacoby, 1903)
- 47(46) Prothorax with large black spot at centre of fore-margin extending downwards almost to base. Elytra with all margins narrowly black, this border widening almost imperceptibly to apex. Flavous, base of head and breast black. Length 2.5 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills.

...... S. planifrons (Jacoby, 1908)

- 48(35) Elytra with black spots or bands, sutural and lateral margins not entirely black.
- 49(50) Prothorax black, impunctate, without depressions. Black, 3 basal antennal segments, elytra and abdomen apart from apex, fulvous. Aedeagus Fig. 57. Length 4.3–4.4 mm. Laos: Phongsaly. S. nigricollis L. Medvedev, 2004
- 50(49) Prothorax not entirely black.
- 51(60) Prothorax fulvous with black marks.

- 52(57) Prothorax with broad central stripe, as wide as width of frons between eyes (Fig. 8), impunctate except for a few large punctures at base, with distinct transverse impression behind anterior margin and a fainter one before base. Black, basal antennal segments fulvous, elytra flavous. The following three species are rare and differ only in the form of the aedeagus.
- 54(53) Apex of aedeagus with narrow apical process curved downwards.
- 56(55) Apical process of aedeagus rectangular, truncate at apex, feebly narrowing downwards (Fig. 60). Length 5.2–6.3 mm. North Vietnam: Tam Dao, Shapa.
 Shapa.
- 57(52) Prothorax otherwise marked.
- 58(59) Prothorax with black serrate band basally (Fig. 11). Elytra fulvous with basal, postmedian and apical bands (Fig. 11). Head black with fulvous labrum, breast black, abdomen fulvous, legs piceous. Length 5.5 mm. North Vietnam: Vinh Phu. Male unknown. S. kimshona L. Medvedev, 1988
- 59(58) Prothorax with more or less conical black patch basally, sometimes divided into 3 spots. Elytra with pre- and postmedian bands (Fig. 32,33). Head and underside black, legs fulvous. Aedeagus Fig. 61. Length 5.0–6.1 mm. Western India: Maharashtra. S. maharashtra Kantner et Bezděk, 2007
- 60(51) Prothorax entirely fulvous.
- 62(61) Hind angles of prothorax not elevated.
- Elytra with common sutural black marking beyond centre connected with black apex and broad basal band (Fig. 12). Head fulvous with black vertex, underside fulvous, legs mostly fulvous, partly blackish. Length 4.0 mm. North Vietnam.
 S. discoidalis (Pic, 1932)
- 64(63) Elytra without common sutural marking.
- 65(66) Prothorax with impressions and strong, sparse punctures. Elytra strongly and densely punctate, each elytron with 4 spots (2-2) and apex black (Fig. 13). Black, clypeus, labrum, antennae and legs fulvous, upperside of femora

- 66(65) Prothorax impunctate, elytra finely punctate.
- Elytra with broad basal and postmedian black bands (Figs 14, 15). Fulvous, vertex black, antennae fulvous with apical segments brownish, apices of tibiae and tarsi infuscate. Length 4.0–4.5 mm. South Vietnam: Cochinchina.
 S. bicoloriceps Pic, 1929
- 68(67) Elytra with black spots. Antennae black except bases.
- 70(69) Scutellum short, triangular.
- 71(72) Head and prothorax fulvous, elytra pale flavous, each with humeral spot and another one before apex black (Fig. 16). Scutellum and tarsi black. Length 5.8 mm. North Vietnam: Nghe-Tinh, Cho-Ghanh. Male unknown.
 S. duporti (Pic,1927)
- 72(71) Prothorax and elytra not different in colour, reddish-fulvous. Scutellum fulvous. Each elytron with 4 black spots (2,2), but lateral and basal spots often connected (Figs 36–39).
- T3(74) Legs robust, tarsi short and markedly widened, with segments 1–3 distinctly transverse. Elytra Fig. 36. Aedeagus Fig. 64. Length 4.2–5.1 mm. Bangladesh. Unclear species, possibly belongs to *Physosmaragdina* L. Medvedev, 1971.
- 75(34) Upperside entirely fulvous, sometimes elytra with humeral spot.

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77(76)	Other combination of characters. Apical half of elytra not paler than basal half.
78(99)	Species from Indo-China.
79(82)	Antennae entirely fulvous.
80(81)	Head impunctate except for a few punctures near eyes. Antennal segment 4 smaller than 5 (Fig. 1). Elytra almost entirely impunctate. Aedeagus Fig. 67. Fulvous, females sometimes with darkened head, tibiae and tarsi. Length 4.0–4.8 mm. North Vietnam: Vinh Phu, Quang Ninh
81(80)	Head punctate on frons and clypeus, elytra densely punctate. Antennal segment 4 as large as 5. Aedeagus Fig. 68. Length 3.6 mm. South Vietnam: Daklak
82(79)	Antennae black with fulvous basal segments.
83(88)	Fourth antennal segment smaller than 5th, following segments not large, rather narrow, irregularly rectangular or feebly triangular.
84(85)	Head, underside and legs black. Aedeagus broadly truncate at apex (Fig. 58). Length 5.1–5.3 mm. North Vietnam. See also item 53. This form has been cited previously as <i>S. laboissierei</i> var. <i>reducta</i> L. Medvedev, 1988 <i>S. bertiae</i> L. Medvedev, 1992 (light form)
85(84)	Head fulvous.
86(87)	Side margin of prothorax quite broadly expanded especially beyond midway and bent upwards. Body fulvous, antennae except bases, metasternum, tibiae and tarsi black. Length 4.8–5.3 mm. North Vietnam <i>S. tamdaoana</i> sp.nov.
87(86)	Side margin of prothorax very narrowly expanded and not bent upwards. Body fulvous, only antennae black, apart from bases and tarsi. Aedeagus quite narrowly truncate at apex (Fig. 69). Length 4.4–4.8 mm. North-west Thailand
88(83)	Fourth antennal segment subequal to 5th.
89(90)	Scutellum elongate, subpentagonal with truncate apex. Elytra with black humeral spot (Fig. 20). Vertex more or less blackish, tarsi infuscate. Length 6.0–6.2 mm. South Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, possibly Myanmar. See also item 69
90(89)	Scutellum short, triangular with acute or slightly rounded apex.
91(92)	Antennae feebly serrate (Fig. 3), segments 4–10 more or less rectangular, preapical segments more narrow. Body fulvous with elytra pale flavous. Aedeagus Fig. 70. Length 4.9 mm. Vietnam: Tjam Island
92(91)	Antennae strongly serrate, segments 4-10 sharply triangular (Fig. 2).
93(94)	Pygidium of female with deep trapeziform or arcuate excavation (Fig. 91). Vertex, humeral spot, underside and legs black (tibiae may be partly

	fulvous). Length 5.4–6.1 mm. Male unknown. North Vietnam
94(93)	Pygidium of female with shallow excavation or with apex truncate or rounded.
95(98)	Elytra without humeral spot. Body entirely fulvous, at least in male; female may have dark underside.
96(97)	Elytra finely and densely punctate. Apical process of aedeagus toothed on each side (Fig. 71). Pygidium of female truncate at apex. Length 5.0–6.0 mm. Thailand
97(96)	Elytra rather strongly, but less densely, punctate. Aedeagus without apical process, apex simple triangular (Fig. 72). Pygidium of female with bilobate apex (Fig. 93). Frons of female about 2.2–2.3 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Females usually more or less darkened on occiput, breast and pygidium, sometimes whole underside dark. Length 5.1–5.7 mm. North Vietnam
98(95)	Elytra with black humeral spot. Head black with fulvous clypeus and labrum, underside black, legs fulvous. Aedeagus Fig. 73. Length 4.4–6.1 mm. China (Yunnan), Vietnam, Laos. (= <i>S. divisella</i> L. Medvedev, 1988) <i>S. diversiceps</i> (Pic, 1941)
99(78)	Species distributed west of Indo-China, from Myanmar to Pakistan.
100(103)	Species from southern India.

- 103(100) Species from Pakistan, Nepal, northern and eastern India, Myanmar.

- 105(104) Fourth antennal segment not distinctly smaller than 5th, antennae black with fulvous basal segments, quite strongly serrate.
- 107(106) In male, head not enlarged and forelegs not longer than mid-legs. Tibiae at least partly fulvous. The following species may be divided by width of frons, form of aedeagus and partly by colour, which could be variable.
- 109(108) Body robust or slightly elongate, elytra confusedly punctate.
- 110(113) Frons not narrowing towards the rear or very slightly so, its width in male not less than transverse diameter of eye.
- 112(111) Frons of male about as wide as eye. Tarsi and apices of tibiae black. Aedeagus comparatively broad, with flattened apical part and apex rounded with a small tip (Fig. 79). Length 4.5–5.2 mm. Northern India: Megalaya, Assam.
 S. regalini L. Medvedev et Kantner, 2002
- 113(110) Frons very distinctly narrowing towards the rear, its width in male about 0.5-0.6 of transverse diameter of eye.
- 114(115) Aedeagus with long finger-like apical process bent downwards and emarginated at extreme apex (Fig. 80). Underside or at least metasternum and tarsi black. Length 4.7–6.0 mm. Nepal, northern India: Sikkim, West Bengal.
- 115(114) Aedeagus without finger-like process.

- 118(1) Elytra with regular rows of punctures, at least in inner part.
- 119(124) Prothorax fulvous with dark central stripe.
- 121(120) Elytra fulvous with all margins black or metallic.
- 122(123) Margins of elytra and central stripe of prothorax black. Frons black, vertex metallic blue, clypeus, labrum, bases of antennae and legs fulvous, elytra Fig. 21. Aedeagus Fig. 84. Length 2.3–2.4 mm. South Vietnam: Buon Loi. This species may be revealed as *Aetheomorpha* Lacordaire, 1848.
 S. regularis L. Medvedev, 1985
- 123(122) Margins of elytra and central stripe of prothorax metallic green, sutural stripe sometimes very narrow (Fig. 42, 43). Frons and vertex metallic green, clypeus, labrum, bases of antennae, abdomen and legs fulvous. Aedeagus Fig. 85. Length 3.0–4.0 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills, Kerala, Tamil Nadu.
 S. striatipennis (Jacoby, 1903)
- 124(119) Prothorax entirely fulvous.
- 125(132) Elytra blue to dark blue with or without fulvous apex. Antennae black with fulvous basal segments.
- 126(129) Species from southern India.
- 127(128) Fulvous; base of head, scutellum, breast and pygidium black. Elytra finely punctate, with rows more widely separated. Length 3.0 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills.
 S. frontalis (Jacoby, 1908)
- 128(127) Fulvous, including head, scutellum and pygidium. Elytra quite strongly punctate in closely matching rows. Length 3.5 mm. Southern India: Nilgiri Hills.
- 129(126) Species from Vietnam and Laos. Antennae black with fulvous basal segments, prothorax fulvous.
- 131(130) Head almost impunctate except for a few punctures near eyes, fulvous or with more or less black vertex and shallow groove in middle, elytra entirely metallic or with fulvous apices, underside fulvous to dark brown, legs fulvous with apices of tibiae and tarsi infuscate. Length 3.5–4.0 mm. South Vietnam from Pleiku to Dalat. ... S. vietnamensis Kimoto et Gressitt, 1981
- 132(125) Elytra fulvous, sometimes with black spots.

- 133(134) Elytra with 2 black spots beyond centre (Fig. 39). Fulvous with black labrum and antennae except basal segments. Aedeagus Fig. 87. Length 3.0 mm. Myanmar: Mandalay.
 S. bisbipunctata sp.nov.
- 134(133) Elytra without spots.
- 135(138) Body small, not more than 3 mm.
- 136(137) Underside black. Antennae dark fulvous with fulvous basal segments, segment 4 comparable in size with 5. Length 2.5 mm. Southern India: Belgaum.
 S. minuta (Jacoby, 1908)
- 138(135) Body not less than 4.8 mm, entirely fulvous or with reddish head, rather narrow and elongate.
- 139(140) Head fulvous. Underside of aedeagus evenly convex (Fig. 89). Length 5.0–6.0 mm. India (appears to be widely distributed), Sri Lanka. (= S. citrinella [Jacoby, 1908]).
 S. chrysomeloides chrysomeloides (Lacordaire, 1848)

Smaragdina bezdeki sp.nov.

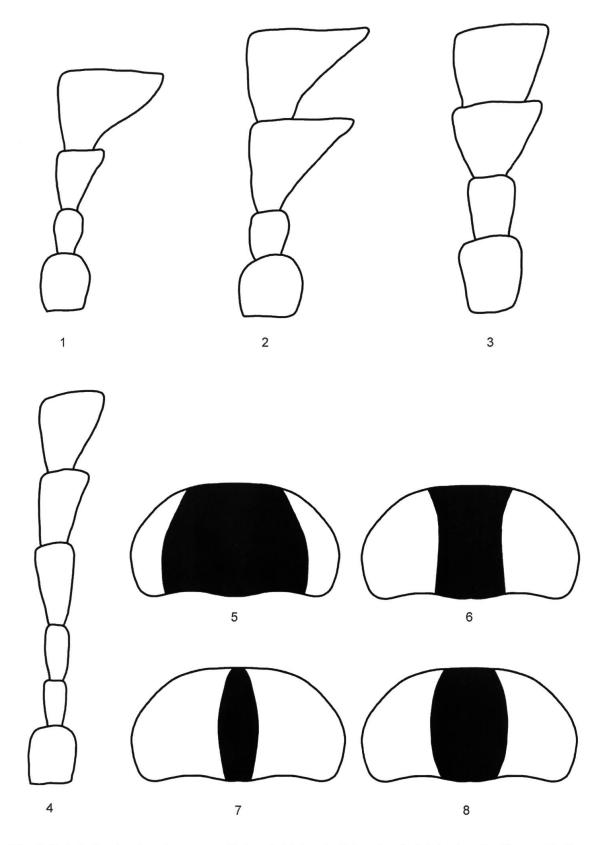
Material examined. Holotype (female): NE Laos, Hua Phan Prov., Ban Saluei, Phu Phan Mt., 20°15'N, 104°02'E, 1500–2000m, 26.IV–11.V.2001, leg. J. Bezděk (LM).

Description. Head fulvous forward, posterior half black, antennae black with 4 basal segments fulvous, prothorax fulvous, scutellum black, elytra dark metallic blue, underside fulvous with metasternum and apical segment of abdomen black, legs fulvous with darkened tarsi. partly apices of tibiae also darkened.

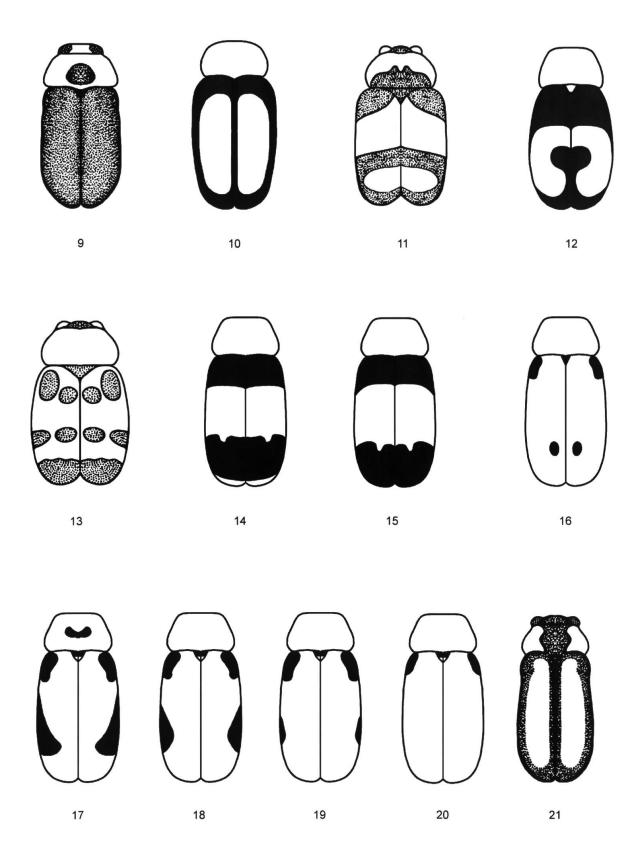
Body cylindrical. Head impunctate, frons twice as wide as transverse diameter of eye, with shallow central groove. Antennae with segments 3–5 cylindrical, 6th widening to apex, but smaller than following ones, which are distinctly widened, weakly serrate, about as long as wide (Fig. 4). Prothorax twice as wide as long, narrowing towards the front, with hind angles broadly rounded, surface impunctate and lustrous. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra with quite large, dense and confused punctures. Pygidium covered by elytra. Length 3.7 mm.

Etymology. The species is dedicated to my friend Dr. Jan Bezděk, a well-known Chrysomelidae specialist, who presented me with this specimen.

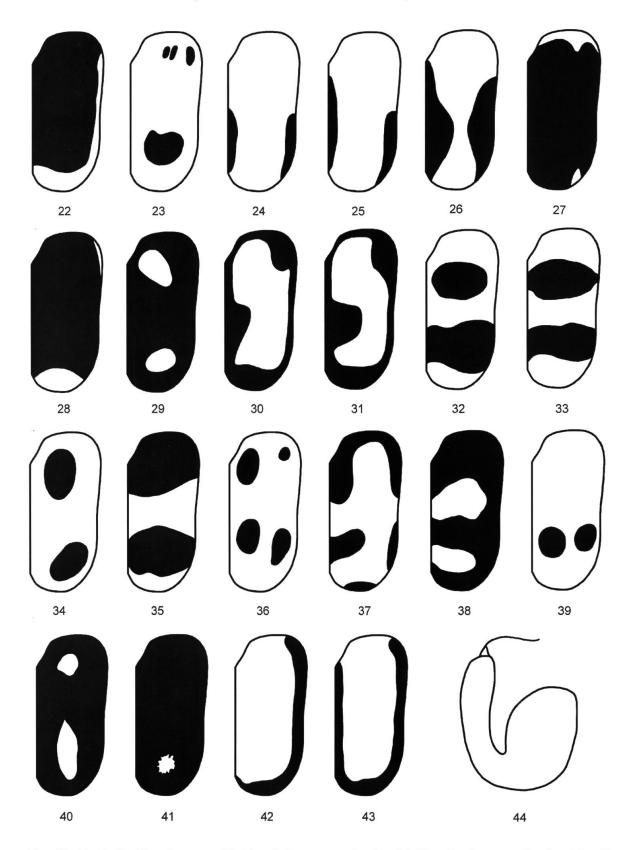
Differential diagnosis. Resembles *S. laticollis* (Duvivier, 1892), but differs in colour of head and abdomen and structure of antennae.



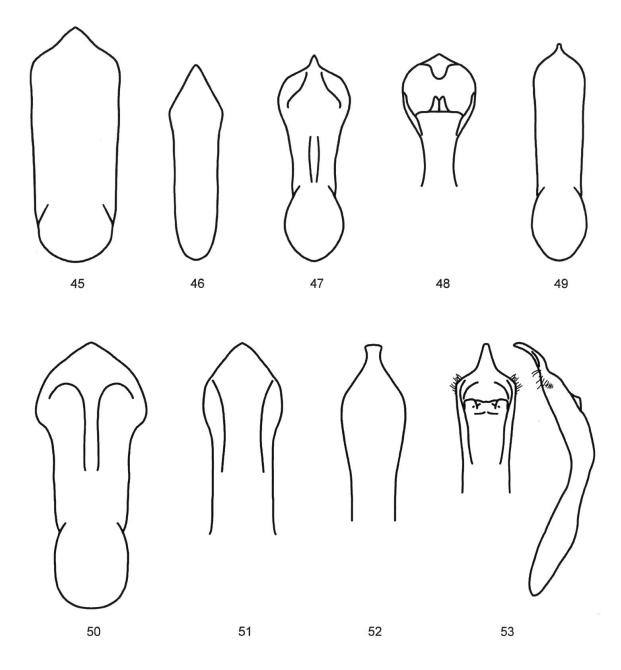
Figs 1–8. 1–4. Basal antennal segments (2–5 or 2–7): 1 – S. divisomima L. Medvedev; 2 – S. constrictifrons sp.nov.; 3 – S. insulana L. Medvedev; 4 – S. bezdeki sp.nov. 5–8. Pattern of prothorax: 5–6 – S. himalayana sp.nov.; 7 – S. delesserti Lacordaire; 8 – S. bertiae L. Medvedev.



Figs 9–21. General view: 9 – S. taynguensis L. Medvedev; 10 – S. dalatensis Kimoto et Gressitt; 11 – S. kimshona L. Medvedev; 12 – S. discoidalis Pic; 13 – S. eroshkinae L. Medvedev; 14–15 – S. bicoloriceps Pic; 16 – S. duporti Pic; 17–20 – S. spenceri Kimoto et Gressitt; 21 – S. regularis L. Medvedev.



Figs 22–44. 22–43. Elytral pattern: 22–23 – S. laevipennis Jacoby; 24–27 – S. nilgiriensis Jacoby; 28 – S. occidentalis sp.nov.; 29 – S. ornatipennis L. Medvedev; 30–31 – S. crucipennis Jacoby; 32–33 – S. maharashtra Kantner et Bezděk; 34–35 – S. minutissima Lopatin; 36 – S. mapellii Takizawa; 37–38 – S. kejvali Kantner et Bezděk; 39 – S. bisbipunctata sp.nov.; 40–41 – S. flavovariegata L. Medvedev; 42–43 – S. striatipennis Jacoby. 44 – S. tamdaoana sp.nov., spermatheca.



Figs 45–53. Aedeagus (d- dorsal, v- ventral, l- lateral): 45 – S. dohertii Jacoby, v; 46 – S. laticollis Duvivier, v; 47 – S. thailandica sp.nov., v; 48 – S. taynguensis L. Medvedev, d; 49 – S. himalayana sp.nov., v; 50 – S. longicornis Jacoby, v; 51 – S. laevipennis Jacoby, v; 52 – S. nilgiriensis Jacoby, v; 53 – S. delesserti Lacordaire, d, l.

Smaragdina thailandica sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): Thailand, Doi Suthep-pui, 1300–1500m, 18–23.IV.1991, leg. P. Pacholátko (NHMB).

Paratypes: same locality and date, 3 males, 2 females (NHMB, 2 ex.–LM); north-eastern Thailand, Chieng Mai Prov., Doi Suthep, 19–24.IV.1991, leg. S. Bílý, 2 males (NHMB, LM).

Description. Head metallic blue with anterior margin of clypeus fulvous, antennae and prothorax fulvous, elytra and scutellum metallic blue, underside fulvous with black metasternum, legs fulvous (males) or with blackish tarsi and apices of tibiae.

Body cylindrical. Head densely punctate and sparsely pubescent, especially on frons, which is about 1.5 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye in both sexes. Antennal segment 3 short and cylindrical, 4th a little longer and widened to apex, but not triangular, differs sharply from the 5th, segments 5-10 triangular, feebly serrate, about as long as wide or slightly transverse. Prothorax twice as wide as long, hind angles broadly rounded, surface lustrous and almost entirely impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra 1.4–1.5 times as long as wide, quite strongly and densely punctate. Pygidium covered by elytra. Propleurae bare. Segment 1 of anterior tarsi slightly widened in male. Aedeagus with triangular apex, underside with longitudinal concavity on each side of central line (Fig. 47). Length of male 3.1–3.3 mm, of female 3.4–4.0 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Resembles S. semiaurantica (Fairmaire, 1888) from China and the Russian Far East, but is much smaller, with underside mostly fulvous and aedeagus of a different form.

Smaragdina himalayana sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): NE India, Megalaya, 9 km of Jowai, 25°30'N, 92°10'E, 1400m, 12.V.1999, leg. Dembický & Pacholátko (NHMB).

Paratype: same locality, 11-15.V.1999, leg. Rolčík, 1 female (LM).

Description. Head black with fulvous anterior margin of clypeus (male) or with anterior part including frons (female), labrum black. Antennae black with fulvous basal segments, prothorax fulvous with central black stripe, which can be very wide (Figs 5, 6). Elytra metallic blue. Underside black, legs fulvous with tarsi; apices of tibiae black.

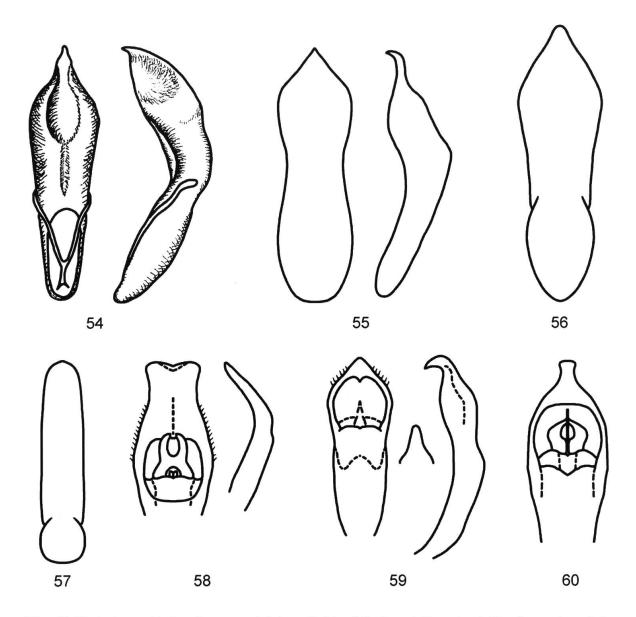
Head impunctate, its surface uneven, with deep impression on frons, clypeus shallow-concave at anterior margin, frons not narrowed towards the rear, about 1.5 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye in male. Antennae lightly serrate, segment 4 more or less triangular, a little smaller than 5, segments 5–10 subquadrangular, about as long as wide. Prothorax 1.9 times as wide as long, broadest before base, side margins slightly rounded, hind angles broadly arcuate, surface impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra of male 1.6 times as long as wide, of females 1.5 times, parallel-sided or widening to the rear, with rather coarse, dense punctures and flat, very finely punctate interspaces. Pygidium of male covered by elytra, exposed in female. Aedeagus with acute triangular apex, evenly convex on underside (Fig. 49). Length of male 4.2 mm, of female 4.9 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Near S. taynguensis L. Medvedev, 1985, differs in colour of prothorax and other form of aedeagus.

Smaragdina occidentalis sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (female): northern India, Jammu, Yourdu, 2125-240m, 16.VII.1980, leg. W. Wittmer (NHMB).

Paratype. Pakistan, Salf-ul-Maluk, Sar, 2-3.VII.1953, leg. F. Schmid, 1 female (LM).



Figs 54–60. Aedeagus (d- dorsal, v- ventral, l- lateral): 54 – S. flaviventris Bryant, v, l; 55 – S. ornatipennis L. Medvedev, v, l; 56 – S. crucipennis Jacoby, v; 57 – S. nigricollis L. Medvedev, v; 58 – S. bertiae L. Medvedev, d, l; 59 – S. laboissierei Pic, d, l and extreme apex; 60 – S. jeanvoinei Pic, d.

Description. Black, anterior part of head, antennae, prothorax, apices and very narrow side margin of elytra in anterior half, epipleurae and legs fulvous.

Body parallel-sided. Head impunctate, anterior margin of clypeus arcuately incised, frons with deep groove, about 3 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Antennae feebly serrate, segment 4 short and slightly widened to apex, much smaller than 5, segments 5–7 subtriangular, 8–9 also subtriangular, but more narrow than preceding, 10 and 11 cylindrical. Prothorax 2.1 times as wide as long, broadest at base and slightly narrowing towards the front, side margins very weakly arcuate, hind angles elevated and broadly rounded, surface impunctate. Scutellum triangular with rounded apex,

impunctate. Elytra 1.6 times as long as wide, with fine and moderately dense punctures, confused. Pygidium covered by elytra.

Length of body 4.3–4.4 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Very near to *S. minutissima* (Lopatin, 1967), differs in colour of antennae, elytra and underside, also in other form of apical antennal segments.

Smaragdina daklaka sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): Vietnam, Daklak Prov., 12km SW of Buon Ma Thuot, lake Eakao, 400m, dry scrub and bush, 26–27.IV.1986, leg. L. Medvedev (LM).

Description. Entirely fulvous.

Body narrow, parallel-sided. Clypeus and frons sparsely punctate, vertex impunctate, anterior margin of clypeus feebly concave, frons not narrowing towards the rear, 1.3 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Antennal segment 4 as large as 5, segments 5–11 subquadrangular, moderately transverse. Prothorax 1.65 times as wide as long, broadest behind midway, side margins rounded, basal angles the most broadly rounded, surface almost impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra 1.7 times as long as wide, surface with dense and moderately strong punctures. Pygidium covered by elytra. Aedeagus with acute triangular apex, evenly convex on underside (Fig. 68).

Length of body 3.6 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Very near to *S. montana* L. Medvedev, 1988 from North Vietnam, but differs in large 4th antennal segment, distinctly punctate elytra and acute apex of aedeagus.

Smaragdina tamdaoana sp.nov.

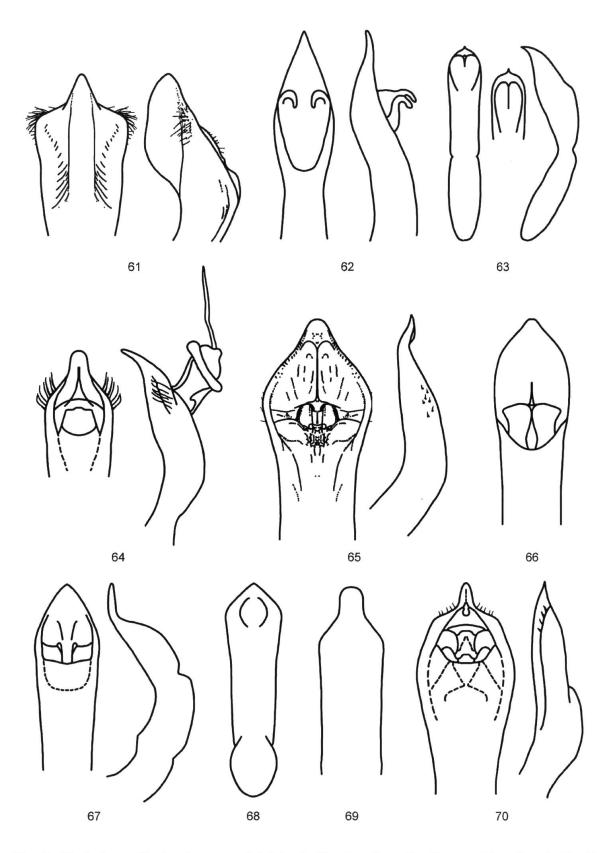
Material examined. Holotype (female): Vietnam, Tam Dao, 900m, V.1982, leg. L. Medvedev (LM). Paratypes: same locality, 4 females (LM).

Description. Fulvous, elytra a little paler than prothorax, antennae except 3 basal segments, metasternum (occasionally fulvous), tibiae and tarsi black.

Head punctate on frons and clypeus; frons with deep central groove, 2.5 times broader than transverse diameter of eye. Third antennal segment short and cylindrical, 4th elongate, widening to apex, but much smaller than 5th, segments 5–10 lightly serrate, as long as wide, triangular, with rounded exterior angles. Prothorax 2.2 times as wide as long, with side margin quite broadly expanded, especially beyond centre, and bent upwards, hind angles broadly rounded and not elevated, surface almost entirely impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra very finely and confusedly punctate. Pygidium covered by elytra, with truncate apex. Propleurae bare. Spermatheca Fig. 44.

Length of body 4.8–5.3 mm.

Differential diagnosis. See key. Further, this species resembles the female of *Tituboea paviei* Lefèvre, 1890, which was once described as *Cyaniris bicoloripes* Pic, 1933, but differs in fulvous head and absence of pubescent triangle on propleurae.



Figs 61–70. Aedeagus (d- dorsal, v- ventral, l- lateral): 61 – S. maharashtra Kantner et Bezděk, v, l; 62 – S. minutissima Lopatin, d, l; 63 – S. spenceri Kimoto et Gressitt, d, l and extreme apex; 64 – S. mapellii Takizawa, d, l; 65 – S. kejvali Kantner et Bezděk, d, l; 66 – S. divisa Jacoby, v; 67 – S. montana L. Medvedev, d, l; 68 – S. daklaka sp.nov., v; 69 – S. divisomima sp.nov., v; 70 – S. insulana L. Medvedev, d, l.

Smaragdina divisomima sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): NW Thailand, Mae Hong Son, Bon Huoi Po, 1600m, 9–16.V.1991, leg. P. Pacholátko (NHMB).

Paratypes: same locality and date, 1 male (LM), 1 female (NHMB).

Description. Fulvous, antennae except 4 basal segments and tarsi black, in female also apices of tibiae, metasternum and apex of abdomen strongly darkened.

Clypeus and vertex impunctate, frons finely punctate, with deep central groove, 1.5 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye in male, about 2 times in female. Antennal segment 3 short and cylindrical, 4 distinctly widening to apex, about as long as wide, but much smaller than 5 (Fig. 1); segments 5–10 distinctly serrate, about 1.5 times as wide as long, triangular with rounded exterior angles. Prothorax twice as wide as long, side margins not widened, hind angles broadly rounded, surface impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra finely punctate, especially in apical half. Pygidium covered by elytra, its apex truncate in both sexes. Propleurae bare. Aedeagus Fig. 69

Length of body 4.4–4.8 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Near *S. divisa* (Jacoby, 1889), differs in small 4th antennal segment, colour of elytra and form of aedeagus.

Smaragdina constrictifrons sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): NW Thailand, Mae Hong Son, Huai Sua Tao, 11–17.V.1992, leg. L. Dembický (NHMB).

Paratypes: same locality and date, 1 male (LM), 1 female (NHMB),- Thailand, Chiang Dao, 19°24'N, 98°55'E, 600m, 10–16.V.1991, leg. D. Král, 1 female (LM).

Description. Body fulvous, only antennal segments 4–11 black.

Clypeus and vertex impunctate, frons finely punctate, with small central groove, 0.7 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye in male, as wide as eye in female. Antennal segment 3 short and cylindrical, segments 4–11 strongly serrate, triangular with acute exterior angle, segment 4 only a little smaller than 5 (Fig. 2). Prothorax twice as wide as long, side margins not widened, hind angles broadly rounded, surface with a few microscopic punctures or impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra with moderately strong and dense punctures, confused. Pygidium covered by elytra, rounded (male) or truncate (female) at apex. Propleurae bare. Aedeagus with apical process toothed on each side, underside roof-like (Fig. 71).

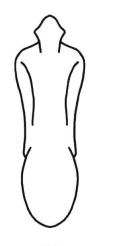
Length of body 5.0–6.0 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Near *S. divisa* (Jacoby, 1889), differs in narrow frons, colour of elytra and very specific form of aedeagus. *S. oculata* L. Medvedev, 1988 is also very similar to this species, but has a different form of aedeagus.

Smaragdina pakistanica sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): Pakistan, Punjab, Changa Manga forest, 70 km S. of Lahore, 19–21.VIII.1998, leg. L. Černy (LM).

Paratypes: same locality and date, 2 males, 8 females (JB).





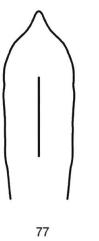




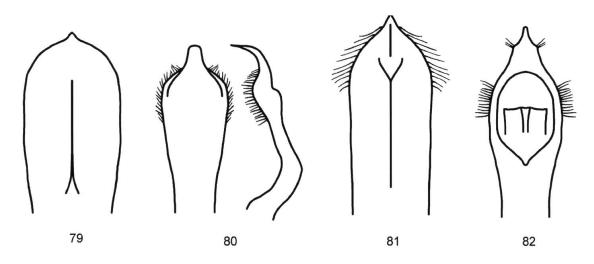












Figs 71-82. Aedeagus (d- dorsal, v- ventral, l- lateral): 71 - S. constrictifrons sp.nov., v; 72 - S. divisoides L. Medvedev, d; 73 - S. diversiceps Pic, d, l; 74 - S. pacholatkoi L. Medvedev, v; 75 - S. pakistanica sp.nov., v; 76 - S. fulvitarsis L. Medvedev, d, l; 77 - S. sprecherae L. Medvedev, v; 78 - S. nigriscutis L. Medvedev, d; 79 - S. regalini L. Medvedev et Kantner, v; 80 - S. sikhima Jacoby, v, l; 81 - S. megalayana L. Medvedev et Kantner, v; 82 - S. oculata L. Medvedev, d.

Description. Entirely fulvous including antennae, elytra fulvous or with poorly delimited black patch before apex near side margin, sometimes prolonged towards the front or with additional dark patch in basal area, or black with fulvous apex, or entirely black.

Body robust, parallel-sided. Head impunctate, anterior margin of clypeus emarginated in deeply triangular fashion, frons very broad, more than twice as wide as transverse diameter of eye, with 3 shallow impressions. Antennae lightly serrate, segment 4 shorter and narrower than 5, segments 5–10 elongate triangular, somewhat longer than wide. Prothorax 1.75 times as wide as long, broadest beyond centre, feebly narrowing towards the front, side margins arcuate, fore- and hind angles broadly rounded, surface impunctate. Scutellum triangular, impunctate. Elytra 1.35 times as long as wide, surface impunctate. Pygidium covered by elytra. Segment 1 of fore-tarsus moderately widened. Aedeagus with acute triangular apex and central ridge on basal half of underside (Fig. 75). Length of male 6.0–6.7 mm, of female 5.7–6.7 mm.

Differential diagnosis. This species is near *S. longicornis* (Jacoby, 1897) and *S. laevipennis* (Jacoby, 1908), but differs in having head and prothorax of male not enlarged, prothorax not wider than base of elytra, colour of elytra very variable, from entirely fulvous to entirely black, and aedeagus of other form.

Smaragdina bisbipunctata sp.nov.

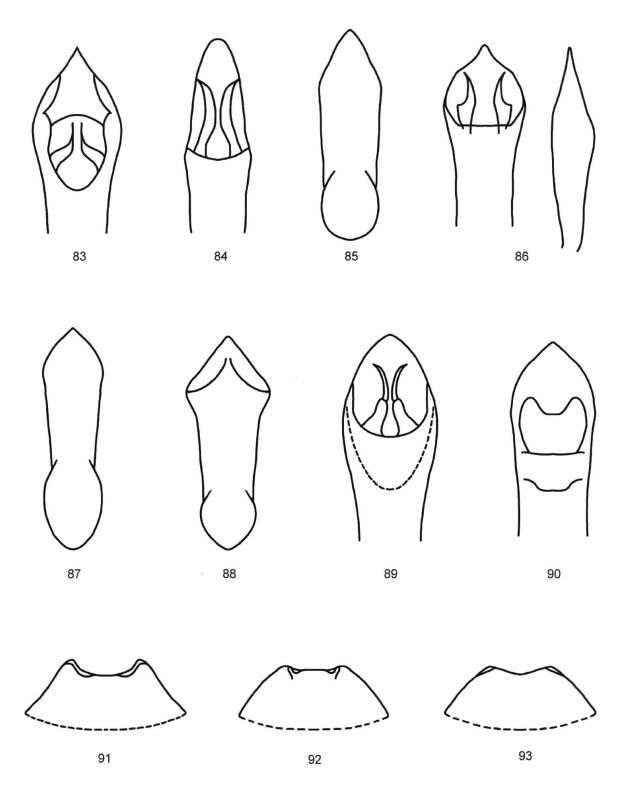
Material examined. Holotype (male): Myanmar, Mandalay, 2.XI.1978, leg. L. Medvedev (LM).

Description. Fulvous, antennae black with fulvous basal segment, each elytron with two dark piceous spots beyond centre, before apical slope (Fig. 39).

Body narrow, parallel-sided. Head impunctate, evenly convex, without grooves, anterior margin of clypeus mildly concave, frons broad, about 2.5 times as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Antennae very lightly serrate, segment 4 widening to apex, but much smaller than 5, segments 5–10 more or less quadrangular, mildly transverse or almost as long as wide. Prothorax 1.7 times as wide as long, broadest before base, with slightly rounded side margins and broadly rounded hind angles, surface impunctate. Scutellum triangular with rounded apex, impunctate. Elytra 1.45 times as long as wide, widening a little towards the rear, with regular rows of punctures, less distinct on apical slope, interspaces flat, rather narrow, with microscopic punctures. Aedeagus with acute triangular apex, evenly convex on underside (Fig. 87).

Length of body 3.0 mm.

Differential diagnosis. I can compare this species only with *S. minuta* (Jacoby, 1908) from southern India, but it differs in other proportions of antennal segments and also spotted elytra.



Figs 83–93. 83–90. Aedeagus (d- dorsal, v- ventral, l- lateral): 83, S. flavovariegata L. Medvedev, d; 84, S. regularis L. Medvedev, d; 85, S. striatipennis Jacoby, v; 86, S. laosensis Kimoto et Gressitt, d, l; 87, S. bisbipunctata sp.nov., v; 88, S. malaccana sp.nov., v; 89, S. chrysomeloides Lacordaire, d; 90, S. chrysomeloides rufocapitis L. Medvedev, d. 91–93. Apex of female pygidium: 91, S. coomani Pic; 92, S. divisa Jacoby; 93, S. divisoides L. Medvedev.

Smaragdina malaccana sp.nov.

Material examined. Holotype (male): Malacca (LM).

Description. Fulvous, antennae black except for 3 basal segments. Body narrow, elongate, widening a little towards the rear. Head impunctate, anterior margin of clypeus mildly concave, frons with central impression, slightly widening towards the rear, about twice as wide as transverse diameter of eye. Antennae distinctly serrate, segment 4 triangular, but much smaller than 5, segments 5–10 more or less subquadrangular, distinctly transverse. Prothorax 1.1 times as wide as long, broadest at base and narrowing towards the front, with almost straight side margins and broadly rounded hind angles, surface impunctate, with arcuate impression at base before scutellum. Scutellum large, triangular and impunctate. Elytra 1.6 times as long as wide, with regular rows of punctures, very slight and almost imperceptible in apical third. Pygidium covered by elytra. Aedeagus (Fig. 88) evenly convex on underside.

Length of body 2.8 mm.

Differential diagnosis. Near *S. minuta* (Jacoby, 1908), but antennal segment 4 small and underside fulvous.

Smaragdina discoidalis (Pic, 1932)

Remarks. I once synonymized this species with *S. crucipennis* Jacoby, 1908 (MEDVEDEV 1995). Both species are definitely very alike, but differ in pattern of upperside. I now consider it is better to accept Pic's species as independent until a male is found. *S. crucipennis* Jacoby has all elytral margins black, while in *S. discoidalis* Pic the black margins are distinctly interrupted on the suture and possibly at the sides (KIMOTO & GRESSITT 1981).

Physosmaragdina motschulskyi L. Medvedev, 1992 (comb.nov.)

Remarks. This species, described as *Smaragdina*, I transfer to the genus *Physosmaragdina* L. Medvedev 1971, because the hind angles of the prothorax in this species are obtuse, at the least, and elevated.

Aetheomorpha apicata L. Medvedev, 1988

Smaragdina nigroapicalis Lopatin, 2005 syn.nov.

Remarks. I have not seen this species, which has been compared with "Smaragdina flavobasalis Jacoby and S. terminalis Lefèvre". This comparison appears a little strange, because both are large species, and the first is now in the genus Aetheodactyla Lacordaire, 1848 and the second belongs to Aetheodactyla or Physosmaragdina L. Medvedev, 1971. However, it is clear from the original description that this is a new synonym of Aetheomorpha apicata L. Medvedev, 1988, quite common in Nepal and northern India.

Smaragdina signaticollis (Redtenbacher, 1844)

Remarks. Unclear species described as the female, but I am almost sure that it belongs to genus *Miochira* Lacordaire, 1848 and is possibly identical with *M. nepalica* L. Medvedev, 1998.

Smaragdina terminalis (Lefèvre, 1883)

Remarks. Unclear and very briefly described species, but very possibly belonging to *Aetheodactyla* Lacordaire, 1848 or to *Physosmaragdina* L. Medvedev, 1971.

Species not included in the key

Species described by I. Lopatin (2003)

Smaragdina kimotoi Lopatin, 2003

Remarks. This is a fulvous species with black antennae (except for the basal segments), tarsi and partly underside. The author compares this species only with *S. divisa* Jacoby, and indicates that the two species differ in the form of aedeagi. Figures for these aedeagi are given, but these illustrations raise some questions. For *S. divisa* Jacoby, author used figure 21 from a 1981 publication by KIMOTO & GRESSITT. This, however, appeared in quite inappropriate proportions: the original figure is 3.55 times as long as wide at the broadest place, while the same part in Lopatin's figure appears only 2.3 times as long. The figure therefore looks enormously broad. This may have occurred in the process of copying or printing.

The aedeagus of the new species has a quite broad and parallel-sided apical process and differs clearly from the actual *S. divisa* Jacoby, but is much more alike at the aedeagus of *S. diversiceps* Pic from same region, apart from a broader apical process. It may be, however, that the proportions in this figure are also distorted, as in the preceding case.

Smaragdina murzini Lopatin, 2003

Remarks. This is a fulvous species with a very narrow black stripe on the lateral and sutural margins of the elytra, and antennae (except for two basal segments), fore-tibiae and tarsi piceous. The figure of the aedeagus in dorsal view looks very strange, and the underside of the aedeagus appears to be rather complicated in lateral view. Nothing is said about the epipleurae or pygidium.

I have not seen a type of this species, but some of its characters are not typical for *Smaragdina*. According to the author, "this species differs well from fulvous species of South East Asia with different colour of upperside and form of aedeagus". Very possibly this species belongs to the genus *Aetheomorpha*.

Species described by M. Pic from India

Cyaniris atropyga Pic, 1941 *C. diversesignata* Pic, 1946 *C. latemedionotata* Pic, 1946 *C. piceifrons* Pic, 1941 *C. reductelineata* Pic, 1946 *C. salemensis* Pic, 1946 *C. trimaculaticeps* Pic, 1946

All these seven species were very briefly described and quite unclear; it is very possible that some of them could belong to another genus or to be aberrations of other species. I have not been able to find types of these species in the Pic collection.

Species described as *Smaragdina* (*Gynandrophthalma*, *Cyaniris*) and removed to other genera

Genus Tituboea Lacordaire, 1848 bicoloripes (Pic,1933)

Genus Diapromorpha Lacordaire, 1848 bohemani (Jacoby, 1908) sexmaculata (Jacoby, 1895)

Genus Aetheomorpha Lacordaire, 1848 assamensis (Jacoby, 1908) atrocincta (Pic, 1932) cochinchinensis Lefèvre, 1889 (= *birmanica* Jacoby, 1892) decemnotata (Jacoby, 1892) (= bavayi Pic, 1932) fuscicornis (Lacordaire, 1848) (= cribellata Jacoby, 1908) (= quadripunctata Jacoby, 1887) (= lacordairei Jacoby, 1895) (= dambullensis Weise, 1903) (= nalandensis Weise, 1903) malayana (Baly, 1865) (= unijuncta Pic, 1927) (= arcuatecincta Pic, 1943) nagaensis (Jacoby, 1908) nigropicta (Lefèvre, 1891) (= cincta Weise, 1903) (= nigropygidialis Pic, 1946) (= rufobasalis Pic, 1943) (= rufosignata Pic, 1943) (= diversenotata Pic, 1943) (= submarginata Pic, 1943) (= *plurisignata* Pic, 1943) ornatula (Baly, 1865) pictipennis (Jacoby, 1892) semipunctata (Duvivier, 1891) sexmaculata (Jacoby, 1889) (= burmanica Jacoby, 1908) sodalis (Lacordaire, 1848)

Genus Clytra Laicharting, 1781 coerulea (Jacoby, 1892) Genus Ceroclytra L. Medvedev, 1962 cornuta (Jacoby, 1895) Genus Coptocephala Chevrolat, 1937 opacipennis (Jacoby, 1903) Genus Aetheodactyla Lacordaire, 1848 wallardiensis (Jacoby, 1908) flavobasalis (Jacoby, 1908) Genus Miochira Lacordaire, 1848 thibetana Pic, 1927 (= disjuncta) Pic, 1927 (= subcincta) Pic, 1927 (= trinotaticollis) Pic, 1927 (= bistrimaculata) Pic, 1927 Genus Aetheantha LM, 1988 higuchii Kimoto et Takizawa, 1981 Genus Physosmaragdina L. Medvedev, 1971 atriceps (Pic, 1927) (= rufithorax Pic, 1927) crassipes (Duvivier, 1891 dunaipurensis (Takizawa, 1990) fabrei (Lefèvre, 1883) nigrifrons (Hope, 1842) (= japonica Baly, 1873) (= immaculata Heiden, 1887) (= mandarina Weise, 1889) (= atrobasalis Pic, 1932) (= formosana Chujo, 1934) (= coreana Kolbe, 1886) (= kiotensis Pic, 1927) (= atripes Pic, 1927) (= submarginata Pic, 1927) (= basidisjuncta Pic, 1934) (= latereducta Pic, 1934) tonkinensis (Lefèvre, 1891) (= apicalis Lefèvre, 1893) (= mungphuensis Jacoby, 1908) (= brancuccii L. Medvedev, 1988) (= subdivisa Jacoby, 1908) wittmeri (L. Medvedev, 1970) Genus Ceratobasis Lacordaire, 1848 vinula (Weise, 1903)

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