

## **A new species of *Calliaspis* Dejean, 1837 (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae) from French Guyana**

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### **Abstract**

*Calliaspis cerdai* **sp. nov.** is described from French Guyana. It is similar to *C. surinamensis* Borowiec, 2000. Both species are the only members of the genus *Calliaspis* Dejean with a distinctly bicoloured, red and black, pronotum and elytra. A key to species of *Calliaspis* is provided.

**Key words:** Chrysomelidae, Cassidinae, *Calliaspis*, French Guyana

### **Introduction**

The genus *Calliaspis* Dejean, 1837 [type species: *Cassida rubra* Olivier, by monotypy] includes 19 species distributed mostly in the mountain and submontane parts of South America (Borowiec & Stojczew 1998; Borowiec 2000). The genus is well characterized by its 10-segmented antennae. It was traditionally classified within Cassidinae in the tribe Imatidiini, but Monrós & Viana (1947) included the tribe in the tribe Cephaloleiini of the family Hispididae (subfamily Alurninae). Recently, Borowiec (1995) and Staines (2002) merged Hispidinae and Cassidinae. According to the ICZN Article 24.2, the name with priority for the combined subfamily is Cassidinae (Staines 2002). At present *Calliaspis* is a member of the tribe Cephaloleiini Chapuis, 1875 of the subfamily Cassidinae Gyllenhal, 1813.

### ***Calliaspis cerdai* sp. nov.**

#### *Etymology*

Dedicated to J. A. Cerda, who collected this new species.