

## A new genus and a new Costa Rican species of Endocephalites (Chrysomelidae: Eumolpinae: Eumolpini)

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### Abstract

*Thysanomerus* **new genus** is described from Costa Rica. The new species *Thysanomerus ulatae* Flowers is described, and *Prionodera jacobyi* Lefèvre is transferred to *Thysanomerus* **NEW COMBINATION** and designated as the type species. The new genus belongs in the informal group Endocephalites of the eumolpine tribe Eumolpini.

### Resumen

Se describen un género y una especie nueva de los Endocephalites de Costa Rica: se describe *Thysanomerus ulatae* Flowers y se designa *Prionodera jacobyi* Lefèvre como la especie tipo de este género. Se presenta un diagnóstico nuevo para los Endocephalites.

**Key words:** *Thysanomerus jacobyi*, *Thysanomerus ulatae*, Chrysomelidae, *Prionodera*, Eumolpinae, Endocephalites, Costa Rica

### Introduction

In the course of reviewing the species of the genus *Prionodera* Chevrolat, *Prionodera jacobyi* Lefèvre, described from Costa Rica was found to differ sufficiently in both internal and external morphology to warrant removal to a new genus which is here established. Additionally, collections of Costa Rican material in the Costa Rica Biodiversity Institute (INBio) revealed a second closely related species which is also described. In the descriptions given below, terminology of the genitalia follows Flowers (1995, 1999) and Askevold and Flowers (1994).