An annotated checklist of ladybeetle species (Coleoptera, Coccinellidae) of Portugal, including the Azores and Madeira Archipelagos

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Abstract

A comprehensive annotated checklist of the ladybeetle species of Portugal, including the Azores and Madeira archipelagos, is presented. The Coccinellidae fauna comprises a total of 101 species: 83 from the Mainland, 39 from Madeira, and 32 from the Azores. The listed species are distributed among 2 subfamilies and 13 tribes: within the subfamily Microweiseinae, Madeireodulini (1 species), Serangiini (2 species), and within the subfamily Coccinellinae, Azyini (1 species), Chilocorini (4 species), Coccidulini (7 species), Coccinellini (30 species), Epilachnini (4 species), Hyperaspidini (7 species), Noviini (2 species), Platynaspini (1 species), Scymnini (37 species), Stethorini (3 species), and Sticholotidini (2 species). The Portuguese fauna comprises 10 exotic species: 5 present in the Mainland, 7 in Madeira, and 6 in the Azores.
Azores. *Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas, 1773) from Madeira, *Propylea quatuordecimpunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758) from the Azores, *Delphastus catalinae* (Horn, 1895) from the Azores and Madeira, *Nephus* (*Geminosipho*) *reunioni* (Fürsch, 1974) and *Nephus* (*Nephus*) *voeltzkowi* Weise, 1910 from Madeira and *Microserangium* sp. from the Mainland, are reported for the first time. Some species are considered doubtful records, as explained in the text. These results were obtained by compiling information on the available literature regarding ladybeetle species on the Portuguese mainland and insular territories, and original data.

**Keywords**
Azores, Coccinellidae, Madeira, Palearctic Region, Portugal

**Introduction**

The book by Raimundo and Alves (1986) was the last review of the coccinellid (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) fauna of Portugal. Since then, several studies on Portuguese ladybeetles have been published, including catalogues (e.g. Fürsch 1987; Kovář 2007; Eizaguirre 2015), new individual records (e.g., Serrano and Borges 1987; Raimundo 1992; Soares et al. 2003a, b; Raimundo et al. 2006; Soares et al. 2006), and studies on ladybeetle communities in agricultural ecosystems (e.g. Magro et al. 1994; Carlos et al. 2005; Silva et al. 2006; Silva et al. 2010; Benhadi-Marin et al. 2011; Santos et al. 2012), among others. However, the information is scattered and therefore difficult to analyse.

Ladybeetles comprise about 375 genera (Nedvěd 2020) and nearly 6000 species (Vandenberg 2002), distributed worldwide. They are characterised by a high diversity as regards to their life history, development, distribution, habitat, and food relationships (see Hodek et al. 2012 for review). This family of insects is very charismatic, in particular because most species are predators recognised as useful natural enemies of pests, including aphids (Aphidoidea), scale insects (Coccoidea), whiteflies (Aleyrodoidea) or mites (Acari). Largely used in biological control programmes, ladybeetles render important ecosystem services to agriculture and silviculture (Ameixa et al. 2018). In fact, the first successful case of classical biological control dates back to the late 1800s, when *Novius (=Rodolia) cardinalis* (Mulsant) was introduced in California from Australia to control the cottony cushion scale, *Icerya purchasi* Maskell, also of Australian origin (Caltagirone et al. 1989). The introduction of this ladybeetle in Portugal in 1897 was the first case of classical biological control in Europe (Amaro 1994). However, ladybeetles also have other food habits and a few species are herbivores causing heavy crop damages in Asia, America and Africa (Barrigossi et al. 2003; Beyene et al. 2007; Das et al. 2012).

Scientific evidence shows that human activities have huge negative impacts on biodiversity (e.g., Vitousek et al. 1997; Newbold et al. 2015; Jung et al. 2019). The structure and composition of insect communities have been particularly affected by these activities, with ecological domino effects along trophic chains (Dyer et al. 2003). Consequently, action in favour of insect conservation and recovery has been claimed (e.g., Harvey et al. 2020). Ladybeetle communities are no exception. For instance, several studies report long-term variations in the composition of ladybeetle communities fol-
Following the introduction of *Harmonia axyridis* Pallas around the world (Roy et al. 2016). Honěk et al. (2014, 2017) included agricultural intensification, habitat (particularly urbanization) and climate changes as additional causes for ladybeetle community changes. In this context, and because it is important that each country should have an updated list of its fauna, from which we can detect changes in biodiversity and implement conservation and recovery programmes, we herein address the issue of the coccinellid fauna of Portugal, within the research project AZORESBIOPORTAL–PORBIOTA (ACORES-01-0145-FEDER-000072).

Based on the literature and unpublished data, we present an updated, comprehensive checklist of ladybeetles of Portugal, including the Azores and Madeira Archipelagos.

**Materials and methods**

In this work we follow the suprageneric classification of Coccinellidae proposed by Che et al. (2021). This recent revised classification recognises three subfamilies: Microweiseinae, Monocoryninae stat. nov., and Coccinellinae. It should be noted that the tribe Coccidulini *sensu* Seago et al. (2011), which comprises several species for Portugal, was redefined by Che et al. (2021) in which Scymnini and Stethorini were split independently.

Current taxonomic affiliation follows Kovář (2007). Species cited for Portugal after Kovář (2007) or those for which the taxonomic position has changed as a result of more recent studies, are indicated here following more recent publications.

The species are listed in alphabetic order according to their valid tribe and genera. Species of the genera *Nephus* and *Scymnus* are listed under the respective subgenera because they are particularly important for their identification. Synonymy is mentioned but is restricted to the original name.

For each species, we specify the regions where the species were recorded (Mainland, Azores and/or Madeira), under “Distribution” and we provide brief notes about the status of the species in each region, possible taxonomic incongruences, and the current biogeographical (limits as in Löbl and Smetana 2007) distribution under “Comments”. New records are marked with a black spot (●), doubtful records with an asterisk (*) and exotic species with a dollar ($). The bibliographic references associated with each species recorded for Portugal are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Checklist (by alphabetic order) and bibliographic references of Coccinellidae species recorded for Portugal, including the Azores and Madeira.

| Species | References |
|---------|------------|
| *Adalia bipunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 12, 27, 29, 30, 32, 39, 42, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 64, 67, 68, 74, 75, 77 |
| *Adalia decempunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 26, 30, 32, 39, 42, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 64, 65, 67, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 82 |
| *Adalia testudinea* (Wollaston, 1854) | 1, 2, 8, 14, 29, 67, 68 |
| *Anatis ocellata* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 12, 67, 77 |
| *Anisosticta novemdecimpunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 13, 12, 39, 67, 77 |
| *Calvia decemguttata* (Linnaeus, 1767) | 39, 67, 77 |
| Species                                                                 | References |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Calvia quatuordecimguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)                            | 12, 39, 77 |
| Calvia quindecimguttata (Fabricius, 1777)                              | 39         |
| Ceratomegilla notata (Laichariting, 1781)                              | 12, 39, 67 |
| Ceratomegilla undecimnotata (Schneider, 1792)                          | 12, 39, 55, 67, 77 |
| Cibocerus bipustulatus (Linnaeus, 1758)                                | 9, 12, 14, 26, 27, 29, 30, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 72, 75 |
| Chmoothra elaterii (Rossi, 1794)                                      | 31, 39, 67, 77 |
| Clitostethus arcuatus (Rossi, 1794)                                    | 1, 2, 8, 14, 17, 29, 37, 42, 57, 66, 72, 74, 75, 77 |
| Coccinella genistae Wollaston, 1854                                     | 1, 2, 8, 14, 17, 29, 37, 42, 57, 66, 72, 74, 75, 77 |
| Coccinella septempunctata Linnaeus, 1758                               | 3, 4, 5, 9, 30, 32, 35, 39, 45, 55, 59, 67, 77, 82 |
| Coccinula quatuordecimpustulata (Linnaeus, 1758)                       | 1, 2, 39 |
| Coccidula rufa (Herbst, 1783)                                          | 18, 39, 77 |
| Coccidula scutellata (Herbst, 1783)                                    | 12, 39, 77 |
| Coccinella undecimpunctata Linnaeus, 1758                              | 1, 2, 8, 14, 17, 29, 37, 42, 57, 66, 72, 74, 75, 77 |
| Chilocorus bipustulatus (Linnaeus, 1758)                               | 9, 12, 14, 26, 27, 29, 30, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 72, 75 |
| Cnephasia montrouzieri Mulsant & Rey, 1852                             | 67         |
| Cryptolaemus montrouzieri Mulsant & Rey, 1852                          | 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 64 |
| Delphastus catalinae (Horn, 1895)                                      | Present study |
| Exochomus quadripustulatus Linnaeus, 1758                              | 19, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 56, 66, 67, 72, 75 |
| Harmonia axyridis (Herbst, 1783)                                      | 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 30, 32, 35, 39, 45, 55, 59, 67, 77, 82 |
| Henosepilachna angusticollis (Reiche, 1862)                            | 77         |
| Henosepilachna argus (Geoffrey, 1785)                                  | 12, 39, 67 |
| Hippodamia variegata (Goeze, 1777)                                    | 1, 2, 8, 11, 14, 21, 23, 25, 29, 32, 36, 39, 42, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 64, 67, 68, 72, 75, 77 |
| Hyperaspis concolor (Suffrian, 1843)                                   | 67, 77     |
| Hyperaspis duvergieri Fürsch, 1985                                     | 70         |
| Hyperaspis hoffmannneggi (Gravenhorst, 1807)                           | 39         |
| Hyperaspis illecebrosa Mulsant, 1846                                   | 16, 67, 77 |
| Hyperaspis pantherina Fürsch, 1975                                     | 58, 61, 68, 69 |
| Hyperaspis reppensis (Herbst, 1783)                                    | 12, 47, 50, 52, 53, 60, 64, 66 |
| Hyperaspis stigma (Olivier, 1808)                                      | 67         |
| Iberoryzobius rondei (Eizaguirre, 2004)                                | 62, 63, 74, 77, 78, 79 |
| Madeirodula atlantica Szawaryn, Větrovec & Tomaszweska, 2020          | 85         |
| Microcerus sp.                                                          | Present study |
| Myrrha octodecimguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)                              | 6, 8, 14, 20, 29, 36, 38, 39, 42, 55, 59, 65, 67, 68, 75, 77 |
| Myzia oblongiguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)                                  | 39, 66     |
| Nephus (Bipunctatus) brignatensis (Boheman, 1850)                      | 38, 40, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 64, 67, 72, 75, 77 |
| Nephus (Bipunctatus) conjunctus (Wollaston, 1870)                      | 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 64, 67, 68, 77 |
| Nephus (Bipunctatus) pyrermioffi (Sicard, 1923)                        | 49, 50, 64, 67, 77 |
| Nephus (Geminosipho) reunionis (Fürsch, 1974)                          | 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 64, 67, 71, 77 |
| Nephus (Nephus) binotatus (Brissout de Barneville, 1863)              | 39, 47, 52, 53, 64 |
| Nephus (Nephus) flavopictus (Wollaston, 1854)                          | 1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 25, 30, 26, 27, 29, 32, 35, 40, 41, 42, 46, 55, 57, 59, 67, 68, 83 |
| Nephus (Nephus) quadriramaculatus (Herbst, 1783)                      | 39, 64     |
| Nephus (Nephus) schattenayri Canepari & Tedeschi, 1977                 | 67         |
| Nephus (Nephus) ulbrichi Fürsch, 1977                                  | 49, 52, 53, 64 |
| Nephus (Nephus) voeltzkowi Weise, 1910                                 | 84         |
| Nephus (Sidis) depressiusculus (Wollaston, 1867)                       | 46, 68     |
| Nephus (Sidis) bieki Fürsch, 1965)                                     | 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 64, 72, 77 |
| Nephus (Sidis) posti Fürsch, 1999                                      | 77         |
| Novius cardinalis Mulsant, 1850                                        | 30, 32, 35, 39, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 60, 64, 68, 73, 67, 82 |
| Novius cruentatus Mulsant, 1846                                        | 67         |
| Oenopia conglobata (Linnaeus, 1758)                                    | 12, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 59, 63, 65, 73, 74, 76 |
| Oenopia doublieri (Mulsant, 1846)                                      | 12, 39, 50, 52, 53, 64, 67, 72, 77, 81 |
| Ladybeetle species of Portugal | References |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Oenopia lynceola (Olivier, 1808) | 12, 39, 67 |
| Paroxyphonus nigripennis (Erichson, 1843) | 67 |
| Paroxyphonus nigromaculatus (Goeze, 1777) | 12, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 60, 64, 66, 72, 74, 75 |
| Pharscyphus decempunctatus (Wollaston, 1857) | 2, 7, 14, 29, 32, 42, 46, 55, 67, 68, 82 |
| Platynapsis laterotrubra (Goeze, 1777) | 12, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 64, 72, 75 |
| Propylea quatuordecimpunctata (Linnaeus, 1758) | 11, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 60, 64, 67, 72, 73, 75 |
| Pylllobia nigristriata (Linnaeus, 1758) | 12, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 67, 77 |
| **Rhyzobius chrysoleides** (Herbst, 1792) | 10, 12, 36, 39, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75, 82 |
| **Rhyzobius forestieri** (Mulsant, 1853) | 80 |
| **Rhyzobius liturum** (Fabricius, 1787) | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 35, 36, 39, 42, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 72 |
| **Rhyzobius lophanthae** (Blasidell, 1892) | 36, 39, 42, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 72 |
| Scymnus niarchi (Plaza, 1981) | 50, 62, 64 |
| Scymnus helgae (Fürsch, 1965) | 38, 39, 40, 55, 59, 72, 74, 75 |
| Scymnus seminifus (Weise, 1885) | 39, 47, 48, 64, 72, 77 |
| Scymnus (Mimopus) epitemeides Wollaston, 1867 | 10, 14, 29, 30, 40, 66, 67 |
| Scymnus (Mimopus) limnicoides Wollaston, 1854 | 1, 2, 8, 14, 30, 40, 51, 67, 68 |
| Scymnus (Mimopus) marinus (Mulsant, 1850) | 1, 2, 8, 12, 14, 30, 39, 40, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 64, 65, 68, 74, 75 |
| Scymnus (Neopallus) atrorubens Kugelann, 1794 | 13, 34, 39, 77 |
| Scymnus (Neopallus) haemorrhoidalis Herbst, 1797 | 2, 8, 14, 40, 51, 67, 68 |
| Scymnus (Neopallus) limbatu Stephens, 1832 | 27, 29, 67, 68 |
| Scymnus (Parapallus) obesus (Paykull, 1798) | 2, 11, 39, 56, 57, 68, 77 |
| Scymnus (Pallas) auritus Thunberg, 1795 | 12, 39, 49, 50, 52, 53, 64, 67, 77 |
| Scymnus (Pallas) rubilloso (Goeze, 1777) | 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 26, 29, 32, 34, 35, 39, 43, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 72, 74, 75, 82 |
| Scymnus (Pallas) subvilloso (Goeze, 1777) | 24, 12, 27, 29, 30, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 59, 73, 66, 67, 68, 82 |
| Scymnus (Sceymnus) aptus Mulsant, 1846 | 1, 2, 4, 8, 14, 25, 27, 29, 32, 39, 40, 42, 46, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55, 64, 67, 68, 72, 74, 75 |

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Results

Subfamily MICROWEISEINAE

Tribe MADEIRODULINI

*Madeirodula atlantica* Szawaryn, Vetřovec and Tomaszewska 2020 (following Szawaryn et al. 2020)

**Distribution.** Madeira.

**Comments.** This is a recently described new tribe, genus and species, endemic to Madeira.

Tribe SERANGIINI

*$Delphastus catalinae* (Horn, 1895)

= *Cryptognatha catalinae* Horn 1895

**Distribution.** Madeira* and Azores*.

**Comments.** A native species of Nearctic and Neotropical regions, currently established in the Palearctic region following introductions in biological control programs. Its presence in the Azores probably originated from deliberate releases for biological control of whiteflies. A large population was first recorded by Isabel Borges, from kales in a vegetable garden (S. Miguel Island 37°48'02"N, 25°36'42"W), August 2018, where both adults and larvae were abundant. In Madeira, Délia Cravo collected in October 2006 from *Musa acuminata* Colla (Funchal 32°39'26"N, 16°55'56"W) and José Jesus collected in September 2020 on *Citrus reticulata* Blanco, (Santana 32°48'27"N, 16°53'13"W). First records for Portugal.

*$Microserangium sp.*

= *Microserangium* Miyatake, 1961

**Distribution.** Mainland*.

**Comments.** Oriental origin. First observations by Vera Zina, in 2012, Algarve. A few individuals were collected in August 2012, and May, July and November 2013 from the canopy of citrus (Carocha, Boliqueime 37°08'55.9"N, 8°08'11.6"W; Estibeira, Boliqueime 37°07'27"N, 8°07'16"W; Benafim 37°14'17"N, 8°06'36"W). First record for Portugal.
Subfamily COCCINELLINAE
Tribe AZYINI

$ Cryptolaemus montrouzieri Mulsant, 1853

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Currently established in Palearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic and Neotropical regions. This exotic species of Australian origin, used around the world for biological control since the 19th century, was introduced from France in the early 20th century for the biological control of the citrus mealybug, *Planococcus citri* (Risso) (Franco et al. 1994), but the first record in Europe was in Italy, 1908 (Roy and Migeon 2010).

Tribe CHILOCORINI

*Chilocorus bipustulatus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella bipustulata* Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic, Afrotropical, and Nearctic distribution.

*Exochomus quadripustulatus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella quadripustulata* Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Nearctic distribution.

*Parexochomus nigripennis* (Erichson, 1843)

= *Chilocorus nigripennis* Erichson, 1843

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

*Parexochomus nigromaculatus* (Goeze, 1777)

= *Coccinella nigromaculata* Goeze, 1777

Distribution. Mainland

Comments. Palearctic distribution.
Tribe COCCIDULINI

*Coccidula rufa* (Herbst, 1783)

* = *Dermestes rufus* Herbst, 1783

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Coccidula scutellata* (Herbst, 1783)

* = *Chrysomela scutellata* Herbst, 1783

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Iberorhyzobius rondensis* (Eizaguirre, 2004)

* = *Coccidula rondensis* Eizaguirre, 2004

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** This is an endemic species of the Iberian Peninsula, associated with maritime pine forests, and is a specialist predator of the maritime pine bast scale, *Mat-sucoccus feytaudi* Ducasse (Tavares et al. 2014; Tavares et al. 2015a; Tavares et al. 2015b). Adults and mostly larvae were shown to be attracted by the sex pheromone of their prey (Branco et al. 2006).

*Rhyzobius chrysomeloides* (Herbst, 1792)

* = *Strongyulus chrysomeloides* Herbst, 1792

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

$Rhyzobius forestieri$ (Mulsant, 1853)

* = *Platyomus forestieri* Mulsant, 1853

**Distribution.** Azores.
**Comments.** Palaearctic, Nearctic and Australian distribution. This exotic species of Australian origin was introduced in Europe in the 1980’s for the biological control of scale insects (Coccoidea), and became established in different countries, including Italy, France, Greece and Albania (Roy and Migeon 2010; Soares et al. 2018). The first record in Europe was in Italy in 1982 (Roy and Migeon 2010). It was recently recorded in the Azores (Borges et al. 2017).

*Rhyzobius litura* (Fabricius, 1787)

= *Nitidula litura* Fabricius, 1787

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

$Rhyzobius lophanthae* (Blaisdell, 1892)

= *Scymnus lophanthae* Blaisdell, 1892

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palaearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic, Neotropical, and Australian distribution. This species, native to Queensland, Australia (Tomaszewska 2010) was first introduced in Europe (Italy), in 1908, for the biological control of armoured scale insects (Coccoidea: Diaspididae) and imported to Portugal in the 1930’s and 1980’s (Roy and Migeon 2010).

**Tribe COCCINELLINI**

*Adalia bipunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella bipunctata* Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Worldwide distributed (Palaearctic, Afrotropical, Australian, Nearctic and Neotropical regions).

*Adalia decempunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella decempunctata* Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
Adalia testudinea (Wollaston, 1854)

= Coccinella testudinea Wollaston, 1854

Distribution. Madeira.
Comments. Macaronesian endemic species.

Anatis ocellata (Linnaeus, 1758)

=Coccinella ocellata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Anisosticta novemdecimpunctata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella novemdecimpunctata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Calvia decemguttata (Linnaeus, 1767)

= Coccinella decemguttata Linnaeus, 1767

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Calvia quatuordecimguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella quatuordecimguttata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic, Nearctic and Oriental distribution.

Calvia quindecimguttata (Fabricius, 1777)

= Coccinella quindecimguttata Fabricius, 1777
Ladybeetle species of Portugal

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Ceratomegilla notata* (Laicharting, 1781)

= *Coccinella notata* Laicharting, 1781

Distribution. Mainland.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Ceratomegilla undecimnotata* (Schneider, 1792)

= *Coccinella undecimnotata* Schneider, 1792

Distribution. Mainland and Azores.
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Coccinella genistae* Wollaston, 1854

Distribution. Madeira.
Comments. Macaronesian endemic species.

*Coccinella septempunctata* Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores*.
Comments. Palearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic and Oriental distribution. Relatively important species in cereal crops in the Azores, especially in the first half of the 20th century, having eventually disappeared when these crops became scarce (Soares et al. 2008; Soares et al. 2017). The taxonomic status of *C. algerica* has been under discussion because of its morphological similarities to the geographically widespread *Coccinella septempunctata* L. Although Lecompte et al. (2016) revealed a high genetic structuring pattern, with an Algerian rear-edge population highly differentiated, consistent with their morphological distinctiveness, a recent study by Romanowski et al. (2019) demonstrated that individuals from Canarian populations, usually classified as *C. algerica*, can hybridise with individuals from European populations of *C. septempunctata* giving rise to fertile F1 descendants. These authors therefore propose to synonymise *C. algerica* with *C. septempunctata* but, taking into account the morphological peculiarities of the North African and the Canarian populations, they consider that this species is a subspecies: *Coccinella septempunctata algerica* Kovář, 1977.
Coccinella undecimpunctata Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution.** Mainland and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic, Australian and Nearctic distribution. In the Azores, it is a threatened species due to anthropogenic pressures on the coastal areas (Soares et al. 2017).

Coccinula quatuordecimpustulata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella quatuordecimpustulata Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution.** Mainland and Madeira*.

**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution. Although previously recorded in the Madeira archipelago, there are doubts regarding its present occurrence. It might have been introduced but did not establish (Franquinho Aguiar, personal communication).

Coccinula sinuatomarginata (Faldermann, 1837)

= Coccinella sinuatomarginata Faldermann, 1837

**Distribution.** Mainland and Madeira*.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution. Although previously recorded for the Madeira archipelago, there are doubts as to its present occurrence. It might have been introduced but did not establish (Franquinho Aguiar, personal communication).

$^5$ Eriopis connexa (Germar, 1824)

= Coccinella connexa Germar, 1824

**Distribution.** Azores*.

**Comments.** Of Neotropical origin where it is very common. Although previously reported for the Azores, it did not become established (*fide* A. O. Soares, after intensive surveys).

Halyzia sedecimguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella sedecimguttata Linnaeus, 1758

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
Harmonia axyridis (Pallas, 1773)

= Coccinella axyridis Pallas, 1773

Distribution. Madeira.

Comments. Worldwide distribution. Several specimens (adults, larvae and pupae) collected by Miguel M. Andrade, in September 2019, from Enterolobium sp. (Funchal 32°38’39”N, 16°55’31”W), Graça Freitas and Franquinho Aguiar, collected in September and October 2020, from Annona cherimola Mill. (Funchal 32°39’47”N, 16°53’41”W). Harmonia axyridis is the most invasive insect of the world (Roy et al. 2016). However, despite deliberate attempts to introduce the species in the Azores, she has not became established. The apparent failure can be explained by a combination of resource availability and inter-specific competition (Soares et al. 2017; Soares et al. 2018) and climate conditions (Alaniz et al. 2021). The fate of this introduction in Madeira, whose conditions are like those of the Azores, will be important to follow. First record for Portugal.

Harmonia quadripunctata (Pontoppidan, 1763)

= Coccinella quadripunctata Pontoppidan, 1763

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira.

Comments. Palearctic and Nearctic distribution.

Hippodamia variegata (Goeze, 1777)

= Coccinella variegata Goeze, 1777

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic and Oriental distribution.

Myrrha octodecimguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella octodecimguttata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Myzia oblongoguttata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella oblongoguttata Linnaeus, 1758
Oenopia conglobata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella conglobata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.  
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Oenopia doublieri (Mulsant, 1846)

= Harmonia doublieri Mulsant, 1846

Distribution. Mainland and Azores.  
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Oenopia lyncea (Olivier, 1808)

= Coccinella lyncea Olivier, 1808

Distribution. Mainland.  
Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Propylea quatuordecimpunctata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella quatuordecimpunctata Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland and Azores*.  
Comments. Palearctic and Nearctic distribution. First record for the Azores. Several adults were collected in July 2019 by António O. Soares and Isabel Borges, in a vegetable garden, of the parish of Castelo Branco (GPS coordinates: 38°31'23.2"N, 28°41'21.0"W), Faial Island.

Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata (Linnaeus, 1758)

= Coccinella vigintiduopunctata Linnaeus, 1758
Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Sospita vigintiguttata* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella vigintiguttata* Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata* (Linnaeus, 1761)

= *Coccinella sedecimpunctata* Linnaeus, 1761

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Vibidia duodecimguttata* (Poda von Neuhaus, 1761)

= *Coccinella duodecimguttata* Poda von Neuhaus, 1761

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Oriental distribution.

Tribe EPILACHNINI

*Chnootriba elaterii* (Rossi, 1794)

= *Coccinella elaterii* Rossi, 1794

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution. Reported by Fürsch (1964) as the subspecies *portugalensis*. Based on molecular and morphological data, it was suggested to transfer this species to the genus *Chnootriba* (Szawaryn et al. 2015; Tomaszewska and Szawaryn 2016).

*Henosepilachna angusticollis* (Reiche, 1862)

= *Epilachna angusticollis* Reiche, 1862
Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Distributed in the Mediterranean region.

*Henosepilachna argus* (Geoffrey, 1785)

= *Coccinella argus* Geoffrey, 1785

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

*Subcoccinella vigintiquatuorpunctata* (Linnaeus, 1758)

= *Coccinella vigintiquatuorpunctata* Linnaeus, 1758

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic and Nearctic distribution.

**Tribe HYPERASPIDINI**

*Hyperaspis concolor* (Suffrian, 1843)

= *Coccinella concolor* Suffrian, 1843

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Hyperaspis duvergeri* Fürsch, 1985

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Hyperaspis hoffmannseggi* (Gravenhorst, 1807)

= *Coccinella hoffmannseggi* Gravenhorst, 1807

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.
Hyperaspis illecebrosa Mulsant, 1846

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution. Eizaguirre (2015) refers to the existence of two subspecies for the Iberian Peninsula; illecebrosa Mulsant, 1846 and castiliana Eizaguirre ssp. nov.; only the first one is mentioned for Portugal.

Hyperaspis pantherina Fürsch, 1975, following Félix et al. (2004), Félix et al. (2005), Félix et al. (2008)

Distribution. Madeira.

Comments. Established in Palearctic/Madeira, originally from Afrotropical region. The first record for Europe was in 2002, in Madeira archipelago (Roy and Migeon 2010). In Madeira, it was introduced as a biological control agent against Insignorthizia insignis (Browne 1887).

Hyperaspis reppensis (Herbst, 1783)

= Coccinella reppensis Herbst, 1783

Distribution. Mainland*.

Comments. Palearctic distribution. According to Eizaguirre (2015), this species does not exist in the Iberian Peninsula and has been mistaken for the endemic species, H. illecebrosa.

Hyperaspis stigma (Olivier, 1808)

= Coccinella stigma Olivier, 1808

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

Tribe NOVIINI

Novius cardinalis (Mulsant, 1850), following Pang et al. (2020)

= Vedalia cardinalis Mulsant, 1850

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Established in Palearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic and Neotropical, Oriental. Native to Australian region. This exotic species was introduced in California
and South Africa in the 1890’s for the control of the cottony cushion scale, *Icerya purchasi* Maskell (Roy and Migeon 2010). The first introduction in Europe was made in Portugal, 1897 (Amaro 1994; Roy and Migeon 2010). *Rodolia cardinalis* is the widely known name and it was included in the genus *Novius* by Pang et al. (2020).

*Novius cruentatus* Mulsant, 1846

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Tribe PLATYNASPIDINI**

*Platynaspis luteorubra* (Goeze, 1777)

= *Coccinella luteorubra* Goeze, 1777

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Tribe SCYMNINI**

*Clitostethus arcuatus* (Rossi, 1794)

=*Coccinella arcuata* Rossi, 1794

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.
**Comments.** Palearctic, Afrotropical, Nearctic distribution.

*Nephus (Bipunctatus) bisignatus* (Boheman, 1850)

= *Scymnus bisignatus* Boheman, 1850

**Distribution.** Mainland and Azores.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Nephus (Bipunctatus) conjunctus* (Wollaston, 1870)

= *Scymnus conjunctus* Wollaston, 1870

**Distribution.** Mainland and Madeira.
Comments. Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution. This species was first reported as *N. (bipunctatus) includens* (Kirsch 1871) based on adults emerged from larvae collected in 1988 from citrus fruits infested with mealybugs, in the South of Portugal (Algarve) (Raimundo 1992). However, Eizaguirre (2015) indicates that *N. (bipunctatus) includens* is a junior synonym of *N. conjunctus*. Taking this into account and knowing that specimens previously collected in 1984 in the Algarve and identified as *N. quadrimaculatus* Herbst were in fact shown to be *N. includens* (Raimundo and Alves 1986; Magro et al. 1992; Raimundo 1992), we have to consider that the first report of this species dates from 1984. The distribution is apparently restricted to the Algarve (Magro et al. 1992).

*Nephus* (*Bipunctatus*) *peyerimhoffi* (Sicard, 1923)

= *Scymnus peyerimhoffi* Sicard, 1923

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

$^5$ *Nephus* (*Geminosipho*) *reunioni* (Fürsch, 1974a)

= *Scymnus reunioni* Fürsch, 1974a

**Distribution.** Mainland, Azores and Madeira*.

**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution. The first record in Europe was in France in 1983 (Roy and Migeon 2010). This species of Afrotropical origin was imported from France (laboratory rearing in Antibes) in the early 1980’s and released in Oeiras, in 1984 (Magro et al. 1992). Its presence in Portugal was detected for the first time in 1990, in citrus orchards in the Setúbal region (Franco et al. 1992). In his Catalogue of the African species of the genus *Nephus*, Fürsch (2007) mentions that the distribution of *N. reunioni* is apparently restricted to Reunion Island and Mauritius, and that the references to its presence in South Africa and other Mediterranean countries, such as Portugal and Israel, are due to misidentifications by the author himself, which most likely correspond to *N. derroni* Fürsch 1974b, a species described from São Tomé Island and that is common in South Africa. However, Magro et al. (2020a) analysed specimens from Portugal and showed that they corresponded to the original description of *N. reunioni* made by Fürsch in Chazeau et al. (1974). Raimundo (1992), who first described *N. reunioni* for Portugal, also illustrated the external morphology and genitalia corresponding to the original description by Fürsch in Chazeau et al. (1974). In both cases, the observations showed that the specimens from the Portuguese population are distinct from *N. derroni*. In Madeira, collected by Aguiar and Jesus, in October 2008, from *Dombeya wallichii* (Lindl.) Baill. (Funchal 32°38’49”N, 16°56’16”W), Celestina Brazão in February 2003, from *Dombeya wallichii* (Lindl.)
Baill. (Funchal 32°39’49”N, 16°55’44”W), Aguiar and Jesus, in April 2005, from *Olea europaea* L. (Machico 32°38’49”N, 16°56’16”W), Délia Cravo, in September 2006, from *Jacaranda mimosifolia* D. Don (Funchal 32°39’05”N, 16°54’18”W), J.D. Sardinha, in January 2010, from *Persea americana* Mill. (Funchal 32°39’30”N, 16°54’34”W), Graça Freitas, in August 2011, from *Persea americana* Mill. (Funchal 32°39’00”N, 16°53’27”W), Graça Freitas, in July 2013, from *Persea americana* Mill. (Calheta 32°42’23”N, 17°08’39”W), Paula Rocha, in January 2015, from *Annona cherimola* Mill. (Funchal 32°39’47”N, 16°50’40”W), Florasanto, in June 2015, from *Pinus pinaster* Aiton (São Vicente 32°47’46”N, 17°01’55”W), Natália Nunes, in January 2016, from *Laurus novocanariensis* Rivas Mart., Lousã, Fern. Prieto, E. Díaz, J.C. Costa & C. Aguiar (Ponta do Sol 32°40’57”N, 17°06’01”W), Celestina Brazão, in August 2017, from *Nerium oleander* L. (Funchal 32°38’11”N, 16°56’02”W), Fátima Rocha, in November 2019, from *Psidium guajava* L. (Funchal 32°39’34”N, 16°52’33”W), Graça Freitas, in September 2020, from *Annona cherimola* Mill. (Funchal 32°39’47”N, 16°53’40”W), and Alexandra Magro and Miguel Sequeira, in September 2018, from herbaceous plants (Anjos 32°69’11”N, 17°11’96”W and Ribeira de Natal, Caniçal 32°73’57”N, 16°74’62”W). New record for Madeira.

**Nephus** (*Nephus*) *binotatus* (Brisout de Barneville, 1863)

= *Scymnus binotatus* Brisout de Barneville, 1863

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Nephus** (*Nephus*) *flavopictus* (Wollaston, 1854)

= *Scymnus flavopictus* Wollaston, 1854

**Distribution.** Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Macaronesian endemic species.

**Nephus** (*Nephus*) *quadrimaculatus* (Herbst, 1783)

= *Sphaeridium quadrimaculatum* Herbst, 1783

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
Ladybeetle species of Portugal

*Nephus (Nephus) schatzmayri* Canepari & Tedeschi, 1977

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Nephus (Nephus) ulbrichi* Fürsch, 1977

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Nephus (Nephus) voeltzkowi* Weise, 1910, following Magro et al. (2020b)

**Distribution.** Azores and Madeira.
**Comments.** Afrotopical origin. Very recently, two parthenogenetic populations of this species were found in the Azores and Mascarene archipelagos, becoming the first reported case of asexuality in the Coccinellidae (Magro et al. 2020b). Observations by António Onofre Soares, in September of 1997, Madeira Island (Anjos; approximately at 32°41’15”N, 17°06’54”W; Faial approximately 32°47’24”N, 16°51’02”W; Caniçal approximately 32°44’49”N, 16°44’26”W), and Alexandra Magro and Miguel Sequeira in September 2018, from herbaceous plants (Anjos 32°69’11”N, 17°11’96”W; Ribeira de Natal, Caniçal 32°73’57”N, 16°74’62”W; Ribeira Brava 32°66’98”N, 17°06’09”W; Fajã dos Padres 32°65’45”N, 17°02’13”W). New record for Madeira.

*Nephus (Sidis) depressiusculus* (Wollaston, 1867)

= *Scymnus depressiusculus* Wollaston, 1867

**Distribution.** Madeira.
**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotopical distribution.

*Nephus (Sidis) hiekei* Fürsch, 1965

= *Scymnus hiekei* Fürsch, 1965

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
**Nephus (Sidis) pooti** Fürsch, 1999

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Scymniscus fuerschi** (Plaza, 1981)

= **Nephus fuerschi** Plaza, 1981

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Scymniscus helgae** (Fürsch, 1965)

= **Scymnus helgae** Fürsch, 1965

**Distribution.** Mainland and Azores.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Scymniscus semirufus** (Weise, 1885)

= **Scymnus semirufus** Weise, 1885

**Distribution.** Mainland.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Scymnus (Mimopullus) epistemoides** Wollaston, 1867

**Distribution.** Madeira.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Scymnus (Mimopullus) limnichoides** Wollaston, 1854

**Distribution.** Madeira.
**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
Ladybeetle species of Portugal

*Scymnus (Mimopullus) marinus* (Mulsant, 1850)

= *Rhyzobius marinus* Mulsant, 1850

**Distribution.** Mainland and Madeira.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Neopullus) ater* Kugelann, 1794

**Distribution.** Mainland.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Neopullus) haemorrhoidalis* Herbst, 1797

**Distribution.** Madeira and Azores.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Neopullus) limbatus* Stephens, 1832

**Distribution.** Madeira.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Parapullus) abietis* (Paykull, 1798)

= *Coccinella abietis* Paykull, 1798

**Distribution.** Mainland and Madeira.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Pullus) auritus* Thunberg, 1795

**Distribution.** Mainland.
  **Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Pullus) subvillosus* (Goeze, 1777)

= *Coccinella subvillosa* Goeze, 1777
Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

*Scymnus (Pullus) suturalis* Thunberg, 1795

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic and Nearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Scymnus) apetzi* Mulsant, 1846

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Scymnus) bivulnerus* Baudi di Selve, 1894

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Scymnus) frontalis* (Fabricius, 1787)

= *Coccinella frontalis* Fabricius, 1787

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Scymnus) interruptus* (Goeze, 1777)

= *Coccinella interrupta* Goeze, 1777

Distribution. Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

Comments. Palearctic distribution.

*Scymnus (Scymnus) laetificus* Weise, 1879

Distribution. Mainland.

Comments. Palearctic distribution. However, it only occurs in the Western Mediterranean.
Scymnus (Scymnus) nubilus Mulsant, 1850

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution. On Portugal's mainland, this species was wrongly identified as *Scymnus levaillanti* Mulsant.

Scymnus (Scymnus) rubromaculatus (Goeze, 1777)

= *Coccinella rubromaculata* Goeze, 1777

**Distribution.** Mainland, Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

Scymnus (Scymnus) rufipes (Fabricius, 1798)

= *Coccinella rufipes* Fabricius, 1798

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

Scymnus (Scymnus) schmidti Fürsch, 1958

**Distribution.** Mainland and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

Scymnus (Scymnus) suffrianioides Sahlberg, 1913

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

**Tribe STETHORINI**

*Stethorus pusillus* (Herbst, 1797)

= *Scymnus pusillus* Herbst, 1797

**Distribution.** Mainland and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.
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**Stethorus tenerifensis** Fürsch, 1987

**Distribution.** Madeira.

**Comments.** Macaronesian endemic species.

**Stethorus wollastoni** Kapur, 1948

**Distribution.** Madeira.

**Comments.** Macaronesian endemic species.

**Tribe STICHOLOTIDINI**

**Coelopterus salinus** Mulsant & Rey, 1852

**Distribution.** Mainland.

**Comments.** Palearctic and Afrotropical distribution.

**Pharoscymnus decemplagiatus** (Wollaston, 1857)

= **Scymnus decemplagiatus** Wollaston, 1857

**Distribution.** Madeira and Azores.

**Comments.** Palearctic distribution.

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