

***Pachybrachis pallens* Blanchard, 1851 collected by Charles DARWIN and more new records and a new species of Neotropical Pachybrachina**
(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Cryptocephalinae)

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Abstract: A specimen of *Pachybrachis pallens* Blanchard, 1851 collected by Charles DARWIN in Valparaiso, Chile, during his voyage with the Beagle was traced. Male and female genitalia of *P. pallens* are figured for the first time. A new species similar to *P. pallens*, *P. darwini* n. sp. from Peru is described. *P. dissolutus* Suffrian, 1866 is recorded for the first time from Venezuela. The genus *Acolastus* is recorded for the first time from the Neotropical region, with the exotic species *Acolastus arabicus* (Lopatin, 1982) originating from Oman collected in Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. This is the first case of an invasive Palaearctic species of Cryptocephalinae in the Americas.

Key words: Chrysomelidae, *Pachybrachis*, *Acolastus*, Palaearctic, Neotropic, Chile, Trinidad, Arabia, new species, invasive species

Introduction

The subtribe Pachybrachina of Cryptocephalinae is represented by seven genera and approximately 350 described species in the Neotropical region, amongst them the genus *Pachybrachis* Chevrolat, 1832 with 126 species (BLACKWELDER 1946). In this study, a new species of *Pachybrachis* from Peru is described, and new records of Pachybrachina from Chile, Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago are given.