

A New Species of the Genus *Cryptogonus* MULSANT  
(Coleoptera, Coccinellidae) from the Seychelle Islands

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**Abstract** Description of *Cryptogonus oncotrichus* sp. nov. from the Seychelle Islands is given.

This paper gives description of a new species of the genus *Cryptogonus* MULSANT of the tribe Aspidimerini. The holotype is deposited in the Institute of Biology and Pedology, Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok.

Genus *Cryptogonus* MULSANT, 1850

Body small to medium-sized, oval to subrounded, moderately convex to rather subhemispherical, punctate and pubescent on both the dorsal and ventral surfaces. Prosternum obtriangular, flat, with a pair of carinae which are subparallel in the basal halves, either subparallel, wider or narrower in the apical half, and always meeting each other in an arch a little before or at anterior margin.

*Cryptogonus oncotrichus* KUZNETSOV et PANG Hong, sp. nov.

(Fig. 1)

Length: 2.9 mm; width: 2.4 mm.

Form short oval in outline, convex, dorsal pubescence grey. Head yellow; pronotum black with yellowish anterior angles; scutellum black; elytron black with two yellowish spots on median line; venter dark brown and legs reddish brown. Prosternum with two intercoxal carinae extending to 4/5 length and connected together at anterior margin. Male genitalia as in Fig. 1 B–E. Median lobe shorter than parameres, siphon with two upwardly directed hooks on the stalk near apex, and with pubescence under hooks.

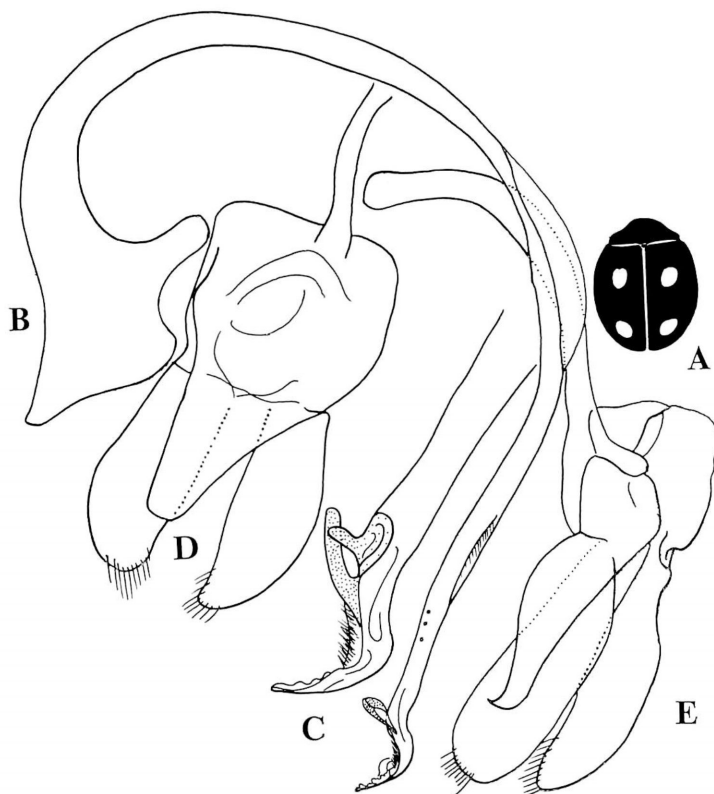


Fig. 1. *Cryptogonus oncotrichus* sp. nov.; A, outline of body; B, siphon; C, apex of siphon; D, tegmen, ventral aspect; E, tegmen, lateral aspect.

Holotype: male, Seychelle Isls., Island Round near Island Praslen, 28-II-1984, N. KURSENKO leg.

*Remarks.* This new species is similar to *Cryptogonus quadriguttatus* (WEISE), but is easily distinguished from the latter by the wider lateral lobes of the tegmen and the shorter median lobe. It has the siphon with two upwardly directed hooks on the stalk near the apex, while no such hooks are found in *C. quadriguttatus*.

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## 要 約

V. KUZNETSOV • PANG Hong: セイシェル諸島産フタモンクロテントウ属の1新種。——マルヒメテントウ族フタモンクロテントウ属の1新種をセイシェル諸島から記載し、これに *Cryptogonus oncotrichus* KUZNETSOV et PANG という新名を与えた。

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