

Systematic Position of *Theresea diversipennis*
(Coleoptera, Tenebrionidae)

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The genus *Theresea* was erected by PIC (1917) for *T. diversipennis* from Java. In his catalogue of the Tenebrionidae (p. 1146), GEBIEN (1941) included this species in the tribe Cnodalonini. Through the courtesy of Dr. Claude GIRARD, I had an opportunity of examining the type and some other materials of this species in the collection of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. After a careful examination, I have concluded that this genus should be placed in the tribe Strongyliini rather than in the Cnodalonini, because of the peculiarities mentioned below. It is firstly recorded from Sumatra.

Genus *Theresea* PIC, 1917

Type species: *Theresea diversipennis* PIC.

Description. Iridescent and metallicly shining; oblong-ovate, strongly convex. Head abruptly inclined forwards; clypeus with apex truncate and finely membranous. Eyes very large, with emarginate anterior parts. Antennae subclavate, with 5 apical segments provided with stellate sensoria. Pronotum quadrate, remarkably sinuous before base; apex and base clearly bordered; lateral sides finely margined. Scutellum triangular. Elytra somewhat cuneiform, finely punctato-striate, 5th striae reaching base; dorsum with a pair of gibbosities. Prosternum depressed between coxae, roundly produced posteriorly; mesosternum neither abruptly inclined nor V-shaped in front; metasternum long. Legs normal with slender tarsi.

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Specimens examined. 1 ex., Java (holotype); 2 exs., Dolok-Merangir, northern Sumatra, 14-VII-1971, DIEHI leg.

Distribution. Java; Sumatra.