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**Academician Chen Sicien (1905-1988)**

## Preface

This year we celebrate 110th birthday anniversary of Prof. Chen Sicien. With this publication, we commemorate his fundamental works on the systematics of Chrysomeloidea and follow influential *The Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) of China and Korea* by Gressitt and Kimoto published nearly 50 years ago. As the students and the members of research group established by Prof. Chen Sicien, we continue to systematically review and revise Chinese leaf beetles. This book is a result of many years of filed and laboratory investigations carried out by the members of our research group.

We treat the following Chrysomelidae subfamilies: Chrysomelinae, Galerucinae and Alticinae. The current systematic status of Alticinae and its relationships to Galerucinae are still unresolved. Some researchers suggested Alticinae should be a tribe of Galerucinae (provide citation). Based on our data, Alticinae appears to be a complex group which needs to be revised systematically based on multiple evidences such as adult and larval morphology, molecular data, morphology of metafemoral spring, etc. Here, we tentatively treat it as a subfamily same rank as subfamily Galerucinae.

Prof. Chen Sicien had studied leaf beetles for 60 years (1928-1988). He described numerous new genera and species. At the same time, he revised many genera and generic groups. Chen's works formed the research foundation for studying Chinese leaf beetles and stimulated many followers who produced many excellent publications on leaf beetles from mainland China and Taiwan Island. These are: Gressitt, JL from the United States, Chûjô, M and Kimoto, S from Japan, Lopatin, IK from Belarus and Medvedev, LN from Russia, respectively. We have begun our work on the current project in 2000. The members of our group had visited many museums worldwide, such as the United States Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University, American Museum of National History, New York, National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC, the Natural History Museum, London, Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, Institute of Zoology of Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, and other institutions from Italy which have collections of Chinese leaf beetles both type or authoritatively identified specimens. We also collaborated with many foreign colleagues on preliminary studies that lead to this work such as Daccordi, M. from Italy, Konstantinov AS from United States, Bezdek J. from Czech, Beenken, R. from Holland, etc. All of these works formed the base of this book and greatly improved its quality. There are 260 genera and 2304 species and subspecies of leaf beetles recorded in China, that belong to three subfamilies under consideration. Among them, 397 species and 36 genera are from Chrysomelinae, 1054 species and 124 genera are from Galerucinae, and 835 species and 100 genera are from Alticinae. Compare to the book of *The Chrysomelidae (Coleoptera) of China and Korea*, subfamily Chrysomelinae which treats 8 genera and 206 species and subspecies, 28 genera and 191 species and subspecies has been added; in Galerucinae, 30 genera, 527 species and subspecies have been added (previously 94 genera and 527 species and subspecies); in Alticinae 37 genera, 543 species and subspecies have been added (previously 63 genera and 310 species and subspecies). Thirty one new genus and 996 new species and subspecies were recorded to China. At the same time, many genera and species were revised

or synonymized.

Genera are arranged in this book based on their systematic position. Species within genera are arranged alphabetically. For each species, we listed all key information of citations, type locality and type deposition. It should be noted that simple citation style is followed in this book and complex and complete citation style is hardly accepted due to the limited spaces and a huge number of references. Type location and type deposition of some species could not be given as the related references are too hard to access. And some new combinations of species were not listed either. The distribution records of Chinese provinces of each species were given, so as the distribution record of Asian countries. For other major geographic regions which are far away from China, we just give the region name such as Europe, Australia and Africa and so on. The known host plants of species were given following distribution.

Prof. Yang Xingke is the chief editor of this book, who leads the project and organized the contents, style, and revised the manuscript. Subfamily Chrysomelinae was contributed by Dr. Ge Siqin and Prof. Yang Xingke. Subfamily Galerucinae was contributed by Dr. Nie Ruie and Prof. Yang Xingke. Subfamily Alticinae was contributed by Mr. Ruan Yongying and Prof. Yang Xingke. Drawing works were mainly done by Mr. Li Wenzhu, Mr. Wang Shuyong. Mrs. Cui Junzhi also made a great contribution to species identification, pictures of characters and word processing. Over the long course of producing this book, we have greatly benefited from the comments and helps of many colleagues, such as: Daccordi, M., Konstantinov, AS, Bezdek, J., Beutel, RG, Furth, DG, Beenen, R., Medvdev, LN, Takizawa, H., Samuelson, GA, Lee, CF. In addition, graduated students from our group, Zhang Lijie, Zhang Yong and Ge Deyan, whose research results during doctoral period contributed materials and important results for this book. Here, we gratefully thank the colleagues mentioned above and those who ever given us help and support.

China owns vast territory and riches in species diversity. Under the leadership of Academician Chen Sicien, we have yielded some great results after 70 years of unremitting efforts, but our efforts need to continue, especially in Galerucinae and Alticinae; lots of specimens are still not identified; many areas in China have not been collected; some type specimens have not been studied. We publish this book to commemorate the 110th birthday anniversary of Academician Chen Sicien. With the publication of the book and our tireless efforts in collecting and otherwise investigating Chinese leaf beetles, we built on Prof. Chen's legacy and continue his tradition, taking an ongoing research of Chinese leaf beetles to the world's advanced level.

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## Subfamily Chrysomelinae Lacordaire, 1845

Chrysomelinae is the fifth largest of the 11 subfamilies (Reid, 2000), after Galerucinae, Eumolpinae, Cassidinae and Cryptocephalinae (Reid, 2006). Most of them are phytophagous and possess important economic significance. It includes 2000 described species (Farrell, 1998) in 176 (Seeno & Wilcox, 1982) or 132 (Daccordi, 1994) genera. This subfamily has been classified into two tribes, Timarchini and Chrysomelini (Seeno & Wilcox, 1982). Seeno & Wilcox (1982) divided Chrysomelini into 12 subtribes. Daccordi (1994) recombined these 12 subtribes into 4 subtribes.

The result of the present work is mainly based on the data of *Fauna Sinica: Chrysomelinae* (Yang *et al.*, 2014). Among them, 36 genera and 397 species (subspecies) are presented. 17 plates of habitus, aedeagus and characters are illustrated too.

The present work is based on the work of the passed chrysomelid specialist, Prof. Chen Sicien. We dedicate this book to celebrate his 110 anniversary and memorize his excellent works on Chrysomelidae.

### Key to the tribes of Chrysomelinae

1. Tegmen ring circles; eggs with fecal-like ootheca ..... **Timarchini**
- Tegmen forked; eggs without fecal-like ootheca ..... **Chrysomelini**

### Key to Chinese genera of Chrysomelinae

1. Procoxal cavity close or almost close behind ..... 2
- Procoxal cavity open behind ..... 9
2. Claws appendiculate; background of elytra dark brown or blackish; on each elytron eight (2, 2, 2, 2) yellow spots ..... **Phola** Weise, 1890
- Claws simple; the coloration not above ..... 3
3. Apex of tibiae not angularly dilated ..... 4
- Apex of tibiae angularly dilated ..... 7
4. Hind wing well developed; humeral calli present ..... **Potaninia** Weise, 1889
- Brachypterous or apterous; humeral calli absent ..... 5
5. Elytron subparallel at middle; elytra striae regular close to suture and lateral margin, confused on central disc only ..... 6
- Elytron rounded at middle; elytra striae totally confused ..... **Oreomela** Jakobson, 1895
6. Body fusiform, dorsum not strongly convex; lateral side of pronotum slightly wider at base, not strongly narrow upward ..... **Suinzona** Chen, 1931
- Body almost oval, dorsum strongly convex; lateral side of pronotum wide at base, then strongly narrow upward ..... **Taipinus** Lopatin, 2007
7. Hind wing present; outer lateral side of tibiae apex without dense pubescence ..... **Entomoscelis** Chevrolat, 1837
- Hind wing absent; outer lateral side of tibiae apex with dense pubescence ..... 8

8. Outer lateral side of hind tibiae with dentate bluntly, external margin of hind tibiae not marginate ..... *Cystocnemis* Motschulsky, 1860
- Outer lateral side of hind tibiae with dentate sharply, external margin of hind tibiae marginate ..... *Xenomela* Weise, 1884
9. Tarsal claws appendiculate or bifid ..... 10
- Tarsal claws simple ..... 14
10. Tarsal claws bifid; last segment of maxillary palpus strongly expanded from narrow base to truncate apex; epipleuron concave ..... 11
- Tarsal claws appendiculate; last segment of maxillary palpus quadrate or elongate-cylindrical; epipleuron flat ..... 12
11. Tibiae angularly dilated at apex; lateral side of mandibles with distinct fossette; prosternal appendix anteriorly raised; apex of prosternal process truncate behind, not incised; pronotal seta present in posterior angles only ..... *Asiparopsis* Chen, 1934
- Prosternal appendix flat; apex of prosternal process angulate or incised semicircular; pronotal seta present in anterior and posterior angles ..... *Paropsides* Motschulsky, 1860
12. Tibiae angularly dilated at apex; lateral side of mandibles with distinct fossette ..... *Gonioctena* Chevrolat, 1837
- Tibiae not angularly dilated at apex; lateral side of mandibles without fossette ..... 13
13. Pronotum with sulci at sides; 3th tarsomere not bilobed; rounded body ..... *Yunnaedon* Daccordi et Medvedev, 1999
- Pronotum without sulci at sides; 3th tarsomere bilobed; elongate body ..... *Phratora* Chevrolat, 1837
14. Inner side of epipleura without setae (except *L. aenea*); maxillary palpi closer at base ..... 15
- Inner side of epipleura with setae along entire length or along apical third or reduced in two thirds, setae only at apex of elytra; distance at base of maxillary palpi wide ..... 29
15. Elytral punctures completely irregular ..... 16
- Elytral punctures in regular range, rarely a little confused on central part of elytra ..... 18
16. Mesoventrite elongate, without sulcus or fossette ..... 17
- Mesoventrite short, with transverse sulcus or fossette ..... 23
17. Apex of tibiae angularly dilated; thorax base margined; lateral sides of prothorax regularly arcuated ..... *Gastrophysa* Chevrolat, 1837
- Apex of tibiae not angularly dilated; thorax base not margined; lateral sides of prothorax rounded and converged anteriorly and toward ventral part ..... *Colaphellus* Weise, 1845
18. Eighth striae short and not reaching apex of elytra ..... *Neophaedon* Jakobson, 1901
- Eighth striae complete and reaching apex of elytra ..... 19
19. Distal part of the onychium dentate ..... *Odontedon* Ge et Daccordi, 2013
- Distal part of the onychium not dentate ..... 20
20. Epipleuron ended in 1/3 ..... *Phaedon* Latreille, 1829
- Epipleuron ended in whole length ..... 21
21. Prosternal process wide, paralleled sides; punctures on head and clypeus sparse, in some case very fine ..... *Sclerophaedon* Weise, 1882
- Prosternal process narrow, constricted medially; punctures of head and clypeus dense and big ..... 22

22. Short metaventrite; third tarsomere entire .....	<b><i>Sternoplatys</i> Motschulsky, 1860</b>
- Elongated metaventrite; third tarsomere incised.....	<b><i>Prasocuris</i> Latreille, 1802</b>
23. Metaventrite with upper lateral plate .....	<b><i>Yulongedon</i> Daccordi et Ge, 2012</b>
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26. Anterior margin of prothorax immarginate.....	<b><i>Gastrolinoides</i> Chûjô et Kimoto, 1960</b>
- Anterior margin of prothorax marginate .....	27
27. Prothorax very short in relation of width of base of elytra; prosternal appendix short; body rounded .....	<b><i>Agasta</i> Hope, 1840</b>
- Prothorax few narrow than base of elytra; prosternal appendix elongated; body elongate .....	28
28. Pronotum flat, without lateral swelling .....	<b><i>Linaeidea</i> Motschulsky, 1860</b>
- Pronotum with lateral swelling; swelling separated from central part of surface by a row of punctures or by a furrow .....	<b><i>Chrysomela</i> Linnaeus, 1758</b>
29. Terminal article of maxillary palpi much shorter and narrower than previous; colour of elytra usually yellow with ten longitudinal black strips, in rare case confluent in a more or less wide fusion or very rarely completely black .....	<b><i>Leptinotarsa</i> Chevrolat, 1836</b>
- Terminal article of maxillary palpi not shorter and usually broader than previous; elytra without yellow colour with ten longitudinal black stripes .....	30
30. Ventral surface of male hind tarsi and female tarsomere I to III glabrous alone mid-line .....	
.....	<b><i>Crosita</i> Motschulsky, 1860</b>
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- Anterior margin of pronotum margined; inner margin of epipleura with setae along apical one third length .....	<b><i>Parambrostoma</i> Chen, 1836</b>
33. Inner margin of epipleura with setae along entire length .....	34
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- Elytra with confuse punctures; prosternum and metaventrite at same line from lateral view .....	
.....	<b><i>Humba</i> Chen, 1857</b>
35. Body shape elongated, narrow; humeral callus ample and visible; metaventrite appendix elongated between coxae, not bordered .....	<b><i>Agrosteella</i> Medvedev, 1987</b>
- Body shape roundish; humeral callus usually indistinct or very few visible; metaventrite appendix bordered, or elongated .....	
.....	<b><i>Chrysolina</i> Motschulsky, 1758</b>

## (1) Genus *Phola* Weise, 1890

*Phola* Weise, 1890: 482. **Type species:** *Chrysomela octodecimguttata* Fabricius, 1775, by original designation.

Distribution: Oriental Region.

### 1. *Phola octodecimguttata* (Fabricius, 1775) (Plate 1-A, Plate 31-A)

*Chrysomela octodecimguttata* Fabricius, 1775: 100. TL: Australia; TD: ZMUC.

*Chalcolampra cybele* Stål, 1860: 464. Synonymized by Gressitt & Kimoto, 1963: 373.

*Chalcolampra viticis* Fairmaire, 1888: 39. Synonymized by Chen, 1934: 81.

*Chalcolampra keyserlingi* Weise, 1890: 482. Synonymized by Jacoby, 1896: 254.

*Chalcolampra octodecimguttata*: Maulik, 1926: 87.

*Phola octodecimguttata*: Chen, 1934: 81.

*Phola cybele*: Chen, 1934: 82.

Distribution: China: Hebei, Gansu, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Hubei, Jiangxi, Hunan, Fujian, Taiwan, Guangdong, Hainan, Guangxi, Sichuan, Guizhou; Japan, Vietnam, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Malaya, Philippines, Papua New Guinea.

Host plants: *Vitex negundo* var. *cannabifolia*.

## (2) Genus *Potaninia* Weise, 1889

*Potaninia* Weise, 1889: 603. **Type species:** *Potaninia polita* Weise, 1889, by original designation.

Distribution: South China; Japan, North Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, India.

### 2. *Potaninia assamensis* (Baly, 1879) (Plate 1-B, Plate 31-B)

*Entomoscelis assamensis* Baly, 1879: 437. TL: India, Assam; TD: BMNH.

*Entomoscelis metallica* Baly, 1888: 85. Synonymized by Maulik, 1926: 152.

*Potaninia assamensis*: Jacoby, 1896: 253.

*Potaninia polita* Weise, 1889: 604. Synonymized by Maulik, 1926: 152.

*Potaninia collaris* Weise, 1905: 216. Synonymized by Maulik, 1926: 152.

Distribution: China: Hubei, Hunan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Xizang; Vietnam, India.

Host plants: Urticaceae sp.

## (3) Genus *Suinzona* Chen, 1931

*Suinzona* Chen, 1931: 130. **Type species:** *Suinzona laboissierei* Chen, 1931, by original designation.

Distribution: China.

### Key to Chinese species of *Suinzona*

1. Anterior margin of metaventrite marginate, intercoxal process thickened ..... 2
- Anterior margin of metaventrite immarginate, intercoxal process not thickend ..... 14
2. Posterior angles of pronotum with trichobothria..... *S. cheni Daccordi et Yang, 2011*