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Mahé. The insects were still present on the same trees in March 1997.

Chazeau *et al.* (1974) report that this ladybird feeds on the fungus *Oidium* sp. and that in Réunion large numbers are found on the underside of *C. papaya* leaves on which this fungus occurs.

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Further records of jewel beetles (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) from Seychelles

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The state of knowledge regarding the Buprestidae of Seychelles was summarised in a previous account (Matyot 1996). The following observations, most of them accumulated over the past year, should improve understanding of the distribution of several species.

1. *Belionota prasina* Thunberg, 1789

This species is now known to occur on Praslin island as well. On 9th August 1996 Catherine and Michel Claveau discovered a specimen on a felled tree

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by the roadside at Anse Lazio (exact locality unknown). This is the first record of a buprestid from Praslin.

2. *Iridotaenia mahena* Farimaire, 1891

The following records provide further evidence that this species frequents secondary vegetation on Mahé, including in the vicinity of the urban environment of Victoria:

10th July 1996: a specimen was seen at around 2pm, on the ground on a wooded slope at Hermitage, to the west of Victoria hospital (35m above sea level).

9th August 1996: a specimen was found at around 11am on the ground on a wooded slope between La Rosière and Rivière Anglaise (20m).

6th October 1996: a dead specimen was found on a path in a wooded locality between La Rosière and Mont Buxton (20m).

Brauer found this species from June to July in a cultivated area of Mamelles on Mahé (Kolbe 1910)

3. *Chrysobothris dorsata* Fabricius, 1787

The following record was left out of my previous account (Matyot 1996):

7th July 1994: a specimen was caught at light in a flat near the coast at Anse Nord-Est, Mahé.

Brauer caught this species, too, in a cultivated area of Mamelles on Mahé (Kolbe 1910).

4. *Dicercomorpha alluaudi* Kerremans, 1893

There are two further records of this species from Mahé:

21st March 1996: a specimen was observed at around 11am on a *Terminalia catappa* L., 1767 tree, on the upper surface of a leaf two metres above the ground, near the coast at Anse aux Courbes.

29th January 1997: Katy Beaver found a specimen on the sand beneath a *Calophyllum inophyllum* L., 1753 near Port Glaud church.

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