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A NEW REPORT OF HOG PLUM BEETLE (*PODONTIA QUATUORDECIMPUNCTATA*) FROM SOUTH 24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

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Abstract: *The Hog Plum Beetle (Podontia quatuordecimpunctata) is notable for its bright, distinctive coloration, which includes a yellow head and pronotum, along with orange or pink elytra adorned with black spots. Its primary host plant is the hog plum (Spondias sp.), where both the adult beetles and larvae cause significant damage to the leaves. Spondias pinnata (L. f.) Kurz. is commonly found across Southeast Asia and parts of India. This beetle can be a concern in agricultural areas where these trees are cultivated. In this present study a population fluctuation of Hog Plum Beetle was observed in the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.*

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