

Caryedon serratus (Olivier) new to continental United States
(Coleoptera: Bruchidae).

Vincent Golia, Delray Beach, Florida, collected a single female specimen of the tamarind seed beetle, *Caryedon serratus*, in an orange grove near Homestead. This is the first record of this bruchid for continental United States although the species is recorded from the Hawaiian Islands, and is often intercepted during port inspections.

This bruchid is a tropicopolitan tramp species associated principally with *Tamarindus indicus* (L.), the tamarind tree, and in the Americas has been collected in Mexico, the West Indies, and Venezuela. Tamarind has been introduced into south Florida, and is common in coastal strands and in the Keys.

In Africa, this bruchid is a serious pest of stored ground nuts, *Arachis hypogaea* L. It, however, poses little threat to the peanut industry in the United States because harvesting methods are different from those in Africa, and the alternate host plants are not available near where peanuts are grown. Old World hosts other than *Arachis* and *Tamarindus* are found in the genera *Acacia*, *Bauhinia*, *Caesalpinia*, *Cassia*, *Piliostigma*, and *Senna*. - John M. Kingsolver, c/o Florida State Collections of Arthropods, P.O. Box 147100, Gainesville, FL 32614-7100