

On some generic homonymies in spiders (Araneae)

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Summary

Twelve generic homonymies have been discovered in spiders; five nomina nova are proposed, for those taxa not described by living authors.

We all know that, according to the ICZN rules, it is not permitted to use the same name for two different genera; some authors (as Bonnet, 1945) have objected to the strict application of this law and have suggested allowing the alteration of homonymies only between genera of the same animal group. Although one can understand the reasons behind proposals of this kind, the growing interest in ecology (which often includes the preparation of lists of all animals living in a certain environment), biogeography (which uses similar lists) and the need for computerizing our work, argue against any modification of the rules.

Until recently, I did not have at hand Neave's classical work (1939-1950) and in preparing my catalogue (1983) I had to leave aside the problem of the homonymies between spider genera and genera of other groups. Most, if not all, of the older homonymies have been eliminated by the useful, but unappreciated, work of Embrik Strand; however, in recent years a few have crept in. Possibly there are more: Neave's *Nomenclator Zoologicus* stops at 1945 (!) and nobody seems to have the courage to continue it.

In order not to be accused of "robbing" authors of their names, like Strand, I change here only the

names of those taxa described by authors now deceased.

Bryantina nom. nov. pro *Bryantia* Mello-Leitão, 1946 (Pholcidae) nec *Bryantia* Schaus, 1922 (Lepidoptera).

Davidina nom. nov. pro *Davidia* Schenkel, 1963 (Salticidae) nec *Davidia* Hicks, 1873 (Mollusca) et Ribeiro, 1915 (Pisces).

Falconina nom. nov. pro *Falconia* Schenkel, 1953 (Clubionidae) nec *Falconia* Distant, 1884 (Hemiptera).

Karschiolina nom. nov. pro *Karschiola* Strand, 1932 (Salticidae) nec *Karschiola* Gaede, 1926 (Lepidoptera).

Melloina nom. nov. pro *Melloa* Schenkel, 1953 (Theraphosidae) nec *Melloa* Roewer, 1930 (Opiliones).

The following names are also homonyms, and I hereby invite their authors to change them:

Cyclopelma Benoit, 1965 (Barychelidae) nec *Cyclopelma* Busch, 1851 (Incertae sedis).

Dunstania Forster & Wilton, 1973 (Amphinectidae) nec *Dunstania* Tillyard, 1916 (Lepidoptera).

Elgonella Holm, 1962 (Linyphiidae) nec *Elgonella* Preston, 1914 (Mollusca).

Hubertia Georgesco, 1977 (Linyphiidae) nec *Hubertia* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1863 (Diptera).

Mala Forster & Wilton, 1973 (Amaurobiidae) nec *Mala* Distant, 1884 (Hemiptera).

Poria Forster, 1977 (Hahniidae) nec *Poria* Mulsant, 1850 (Coleoptera).

Vitia Marples, 1957 (Salticidae) nec *Vitia* Ramsay, 1876 (Aves).

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