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New synonyms in African Clytrinae
(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

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Abstract: The revision of African Clytrini (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) resulted 27 new synonyms, 7 new statuses and 1 new combination in the following genera: Peploptera, Melitonoma, Phoenicodera, Smeia, Aetheomorpha, Barybaena, Paralytra, Herma, Anisognatha, Antipa and Gynandrophthalma.

In the present work I list new synonyms which have been established in the course of my work with the types of African Clytrinae. I had an opportunity to study the types of all species mentioned below, described by JACOBY, LEFEVRE, WEISE, CLAVAREAU, PIC, BURGEON and BRYANT and some of LACORDAIRE's types from the genera Peploptera, Melitonoma, Aetheomorpha and Gynandrophthalma, through the kindness of Dr. R. T. THOMPSON, (British Museum /Natural History/, London), Dr. P. BASILEVSKY (Musée Royal de l'Afrique centrale, Tervuren), Miss. N. BERTI (Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris) and Dr. F. HIEKE (Zoologisches Museum zu Berlin).

Most of the names in this list are plain synonyms, a few of them differing only in colour pattern; others are of subspecific value. In addition the status of forms erroneously synonymized by BRYANT and MONROS is discussed.

Peploptera pallipes Clavareau, 1906
= P. meruensis Weise, 1909 (syn. nov.)
= P. minuta Bryant, 1948 (syn. nov.)
= P. kaszabi L. Medvedev, 1962
(syn. nov.)
= P. katonica L. Medvedev, 1962
(syn. nov.)

The following colour variations are known for this species:

- a) prothorax with black central longitudinal stripe, which may be entire, interrupted in the middle or reduced to small black spots on anterior and posterior margins;
- b) preapical elytral black band entire or interrupted;
- c) legs fulvous or with black femora;
- d) venter black or red.

Peploptera eckloni Lacordaire, 1848
= P. quadripunctata Jacoby, 1897
(syn. nov.)

This species is not a synonym of P. dorsata Lac., as was stated by MONROS (1953).

Peploptera ertii Weise, 1905
= P. mandibularis Bryant, 1948
= P. dollmani Bryant, 1948

Peploptera suturalis Clavareau, 1906
= P. angolensis Weise, 1919
= P. monardi Pic, 1931

Peploptera cylindriciformis Lacordaire, 1848

- = P. basiquadrinotata Pic, (1938)
(syn. nov.)
- subsp. sudanica Weise, 1919 (status nov.)
- = P. nigridorsum Bryant, 1948
(syn. nov.)

Peploptera abyssinica Lefèvre, 1877
subsp. lefevrei Jacoby, 1900 (status nov.)
= P. jacksoni Bryant, 1948 (syn. nov.)
subsp. anchoralis Jacoby, 1900 (status nov.)
subsp. humeralis Jacoby, 1897 (status nov.)

Peploptera florida Lacordaire, 1848
= P. marshalli Jacoby, 1901 (syn. nov.)

- Peploptera tritaeniata Lacordaire, 1848
= P. barkeri Jacoby, 1901 (syn. nov.)
- Peploptera dorsata Lacordaire, 1848
= P. braunsi Jacoby, 1903 (syn. nov.).
This form was erroneously synonymized with P. curcilinea Jac. (Monros, 1953).
- Peploptera irregularis Jacoby, 1901. This species is not a synonym of P. trilineata Lac. as was stated by Bryant (1923), but a subspecies of P. acromialis Lac.
- Peploptera trifida Lacordaire, 1848
= P. rhodesiae Bryant, 1948 (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma decempunctata Olivier, 1808, Monros (1953) synonymized M. patruelis Lef., M. pedestris Lef., M. polysticta Lac., M. maculigera Lac., M. sobrina Lac., and M. litigiosa Lac. with this species. All these species are quite different from M. decempunctata Oliv.
- Melitonoma patruelis Lefèvre, 1891
= M. pedestris Lefèvre, 1891 (syn. nov.)
= M. clavareau Jacoby, 1893 (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma litigiosa Lacordaire, 1848
= M. flavotibialis Bryant, 1960 (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma mandibularis Weise, 1909
= M. nyassica Bryant, 1966 (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma rugosicollis Burgeon, 1942
= M. neavei Bryant, 1960 (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma duodecimpunctata Jacoby, 1898
= M. dollmani Bryant, 1960 (syn. nov.)
sbsp. nigriceps Bryant, 1960 (stat. nov.)
- Melitonoma kivuensis Burgeon, 1942
= M. ugandensis Bryant, (1960) (syn. nov.)
- Melitonoma sobrina Lacordaire, 1848
= M. punctipennis Jacoby, 1903
- Miopristis catenata Thunberg, 1821
= Labidostomis (Miopristis) insidiosa Peringuey, 1886 (syn. nov.)
- Phoenicodera varicollis Lacordaire, 1848
= Tituboea sexnotata Peringuey, 1886 (syn. nov.)
- Smeia virginea Lacordaire, 1848
= Melitonoma pictipennis Jacoby, 1898
- Aetheomorpha seminigra Lacordaire, 1848
sbsp. pumilio Lacordaire, 1848 (status nov.)
- Barybaena bilineolata Lacordaire, 1848
= Gynandrophthalma vittigera Lacordaire, 1848
- Paraclytra intersecta Illiger, 1800
= Gynandrophthalma seminigra Jacoby, 1894
- Herma insignis Weise, 1900
sbsp. juncta Pic, 1921 (status nov.)
= guillielmi Weise, 1924 (syn. nov.)
= subfasciata Pic, 1939 (with variations separata Pic, 1951; monardi Pic, 1951) (syn. nov.)
- Anisognatha discors Erichson, 1843
= Gynandrophthalma decora Lefèvre, 1886
- Antipa cingulata Lefèvre, 1883 (comb. nov.)
(transferred from the genus Camptolenes Lac.)
= Antipa pubipennis L. Medvedev, 1962
- Gynandrophthalma zanzibarica Lefèvre, 1877
= G. fastidiosa Lefèvre, 1877 (syn. nov.)
- Gynandrophthalma nugatrix Lacordaire, 1848
= G. natalensis Jacoby, 1897 (syn. nov.)
- Gynandrophthalma punctipennis Lefèvre, 1877
= Damia frontalis Jacoby, 1900 (syn. nov.)
- Gynandrophthalma dorsalis Lacordaire, 1848
= G. malvernensis Jacoby, 1901 (syn. nov.)
- Gynandrophthalma asphaltina Gerstaecker, 1871
= G. purpurea Bryant, 1960 (syn. nov.)
- Gynandrophthalma liturata Lacordaire, 1848
= G. miochiroides Lefèvre, 1877.

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