

**Comment on the proposed conservation of *Disparalona* Fryer, 1968 (Crustacea, Branchiopoda)**

(Case 2990; see BZN 54: 89–91)

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I oppose Fryer's proposal to set aside priority and conserve the chydorid water flea generic name *Disparalona* Fryer, 1968. This name is threatened by the recent discovery of the true nature of the problematical *Phrixura rectirostris* Müller, 1867, *Phrixura* Müller, 1867 being the senior generic synonym. However, *Disparalona* appears to be a name important to only a few taxonomic specialists who can easily keep track of a change. Fryer presents no evidence that this problem is of any wider urgency for other biologists or ecologists (such as a threat to the name *Daphnia* would engender, for instance). Although, as Fryer notes, the senior name was based on a deformed specimen and is morphologically inappropriate, this is no cause for rejecting it (Articles 18 and 23m of the Code).

Fryer's citation (para. 7 of the application) of Article 23b is hardly applicable because *Disparalona* is not 'long-established', having been proposed only 30 years ago. In my view Fryer has failed to present convincing reasons for upsetting priority in this case.

**Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Papilio sylvanus* Esper, [1777] (currently *Ochlodes venata* or *Augiades sylvanus*; Insecta, Lepidoptera)**  
(Case 3046; see BZN 54: 231–235)

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I can well understand that Dr Devyatkin has found nomenclatural problems in the course of his work on the *Ochlodes venata*-group of Palaearctic butterflies. My colleagues and I were not happy with using the name *venata* in our book on the butterflies of Turkey (Hesselbarth, van Oorschot & Wagener, 1995, pp. 177–178) and I think that the proposal put forward by Dr Devyatkin, to use the name *sylvanus* Esper, [1777], is the best solution to the problem of a name for the Large Skipper.

Following Dr Devyatkin's finding that *O. venata* (Bremer & Grey, 1853) and *O. sylvanus* (Esper, [1777]) represent distinct species (paras. 6 and 7 of the application), I support the proposed conservation of the name *sylvanus* for the taxon recently, but possibly incorrectly, known as *O. venata faunus* (Turati, 1905).

In relation to para. 2, I should like to point out that pl. 36 in Esper's work, which includes the figure of *Papilio sylvanus* and from which the name is available (Article 12b(7) of the Code), was published in 1777, and the corresponding description in 1779 (see Heppner, 1981), and that the text of *Augiades sylvanus* by Mabilite (in Seitz, vol. 1, pp. 1–347) was published in 1909 (not 1906).



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