

OPINION 1936

Thamnotettix nigropictus Stål, 1870 (currently *Nephotettix nigropictus*; Insecta, Homoptera): specific name conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *nigromaculatus* Motschulsky, 1859, as published in the binomen *Pediopsis nigromaculatus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *nigropictus* Stål, 1870, as published in the binomen *Thamnotettix nigropicta* (sic), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *nigromaculatus* Motschulsky, 1859, as published in the binomen *Pediopsis nigromaculatus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3039

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Thamnotettix nigropictus* Stål, 1870 was received from Dr M.R. Wilson (*National Museums and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff, U.K.*) on 28 January 1997. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 55: 90–92 (June 1998). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1999 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 55: 91. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1999 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Savage, Schuster, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Dupuis, Lehtinen, Patterson and Song.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Dupuis declined to vote on the grounds that less than a year had elapsed since publication of the case. [*Editorial note.* An explanation of procedure followed in sending cases for voting was given in BZN 54: 53–54, March 1997].

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

nigromaculatus, *Pediopsis*, Motschulsky, 1859, *Études Entomologiques, redigées par Victor de Motschulsky*, vol. 8, p. 111.

nigropictus, *Thamnotettix*, Stål, 1870, *Öfversigt af Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar*, 27: 740.



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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 56, 213–213.

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