

*TROPIPHORUS* SCHÖNHERR, 1842 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):  
PROPOSED CONSERVATION BY SUPPRESSION OF *BRIUS*  
DEJEAN, 1821. Z.N.(S.)2537

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Dejean (1821) introduced a considerable number of new generic names in Coleoptera. These genera were recently listed, with their type species (Silfverberg 1983, 1984a & 1984b). Many of them have been quite ignored, and junior synonyms have been used in their stead. One such name is *Brius* Dejean, 1821 (p. 92), with the type species *Curculio mercurialis* Fabricius, 1801, as designated by Chevrolat (in d'Orbigny, 1842, Vol. 2, p. 797). *Curculio mercurialis* Fabricius is listed as a synonym of *Curculio carinatus* Müller, 1776 (Schenkling & Marshall, 1931).

2. *Tropiphorus* was described by Schönherr, 1842 (p. 257), with *Curculio mercurialis* Fabricius as type species. Since then the name *Tropiphorus* has been used uninterruptedly, recently among many others by Hoffmann (1950), Lindroth (1960), Zebe (1963), Angelov (1973), Pope (1977), Kippenberg (1981) and O'Brien & Wibmer (1982). To replace it with an unused senior synonym would only cause confusion.

3. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is therefore requested:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Brius* Dejean, 1821, for the purposes of the Principle of Priority, but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Generic names in Zoology the name *Tropiphorus* Schönherr, 1842 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation, *Curculio mercurialis* Fabricius, 1801;
- (3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *mercurialis* Fabricius, 1801, as published in the binomen *Curculio mercurialis* (specific name of the type species of *Tropiphorus* Schönherr, 1842);
- (4) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the name *Brius* Dejean, 1821, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above.

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