

**OPINION 2084 (Case 3209)*****Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage conserved by the designation of *L. punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva***

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the widespread usage of the generic names *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) is conserved by designating *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva*.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 are hereby set aside and *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804;
  - (b) *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Thomson (1859) *Staphylinus alpinus* Fabricius, 1793.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *punctulata* Latreille, 1804, as published in the binomen *Lesteva punctulata* (specific name of the type species of *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797);
  - (b) *alpinus* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus alpinus* (specific name of the type species of *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802).

**History of Case 3209**

An application to conserve the usage of the generic names *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE), by designating *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva*, was received from Lee H. Herman (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y., U.S.A.*) on 6 June 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 191–193 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 192. At the close of the voting period on 1 March



2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*alpinus*, *Staphylinus*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologiae Systematicae* . . . , vol. 1(2), p. 526.

*Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia* . . . , p. 120.

*Lesteva* Latreille, 1797, *Précis des caractères génériques des insectes, disposés dans un ordre naturel*, p. 75.

*punctulata*, *Lesteva*, Latreille, 1804, *Histoire naturelle, générale et particulière, des crustacés et des insectes*, vol. 9, p. 369.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Staphylinus alpinus* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of the nominal genus *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802:

**Thomson, C.** 1859. *Skandinaviens Coleoptera, synoptiskt bearbetade*, vol. 1, p. 48.



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