



New synonymies in Oriental Sticholotidini (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae: Sticholotidinae)

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Abstract

The following nomenclatural changes in the Oriental Sticholotidini (Coccinellidae: Sticholotidinae) are proposed: *Sticholotis quadrisignata rugicollis* Korschefsky (1934) is elevated to a distinct species (**status revised**) and *Sticholotis gomyi* Chazeau (1974) is a new junior synonym of *S. rugicollis* (**new synonym**). The genus *Neojauravia* Gordon & Almeida (1991), described from Brazil, is a new junior synonym of *Pharoscymnus* Bedel (1906) and the type species, *Neojauravia naeida* Gordon & Almeida (1991), is a new junior synonym of *Pharoscymnus flexibilis* (Mulsant, 1853) (**new synonyms**).

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Introduction

During a recent visit to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, to attend a workshop on the biology, systematics and collections of lady beetles (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae), we had the opportunity to examine the lady beetle collections in the National Museum of Natural History. New synonymies / nomenclatural changes that were found necessary during these studies are established in this paper.

The following abbreviations are used for the type depositories of the species studied:

DZUP — Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil

MNHN — Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France.

UCCC — University of Cambridge, Crotch Collection, Cambridge, UK

USNM — National Museum of Natural History, Washington, USA.