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*Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 (currently *Asiraca clavicornis*; Insecta, Homoptera): specific name conserved

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Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
   (a) *aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Cimex aequinoctialis*;
   (b) *quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790, as published in the binomen *Cicada quadristriata*.

(2) To the entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name *clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794, as published in the binomen *Cicada clavicornis*, is hereby added an endorsement that it is conserved by the suppression of the specific names of *Cimex aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763 and *Cicada quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
   (a) *aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Cimex aequinoctialis* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
   (b) *quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790, as published in the binomen *Cicada quadristriata* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 3040

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 was received from Dr M.R. Wilson (National Museums and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff, U.K.) and Dr M. Asche (Museum für Naturkunde, Zentralinstitut der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany) on 28 January 1997. After correspondence the case was published in *BZN* 55: 93–95 (June 1998). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support of the application from Dr A.F Emeljanov & Dr I.M. Kerzhner (Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg, Russia) was published in *BZN* 55: 237 (December 1998).

The name *Asiraca* Latreille, [1796], and that of its type species *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794, were placed on Official Lists in Opinion 602 (August 1961). However, the senior specific synonyms *Cimex aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763 and *Cicada quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790 were not then considered.

Proposal (2) in para. 5 of the application (p. 94) was withdrawn from the voting paper, and proposal (3) was emended to record that the specific name of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 was conserved by the suppression of the names *Cimex aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763 and *Cicada quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790.
Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1999 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 55: 94 with the omission of para. 5(2) and the emendment to para. 5(3) noted above. 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:


The following is the reference for the designation of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 as the type species of the nominal genus *Asiraca* Latreille, [1796]: