

OPINION 1935

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

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Homoptera; DELPHACIDAE; *Asiraca clavicornis*; planthoppers.

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Proposal (2) in para. 5 of the application (p. 94) was withdrawn from the voting paper, and proposal (3) was emended to record that the specific name of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 was conserved by the suppression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:

aequinoctialis, *Cinex*, Scopoli, 1763, *Entomologia carniolica*, p. 132.

clavicornis, *Cicada*, Fabricius, 1794, *Ryngota*. *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta* ..., vol. 4, p. 41.

quadristriata, *Cicada*, Gmelin, 1790, *Caroli a Linné Systema Naturae*, Ed. 13, p. 2111.

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

Latreille, P.A. 1810. *Considérations générales sur l'ordre naturel des animaux composant les classes des crustacés, des arachnides, et des insectes*, p. 434.