

A NOTE ON *PARATYLANA* MELICHAR
(FULGOROIDEA : ISSIDAE).

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IN the writer's recent review of the classification of Issidae (Fennah, 1954) the differences in the concept *Paratylana* as interpreted by Melichar and Distant respectively were overlooked, and it is accordingly necessary to correct the resulting confusion.

Paratylana was proposed by Melichar (1906 : 198) as a subgenus of *Tylana* Stål, characterised by a tricarinate, obliquely descending frons and tegmina with an obliquely truncate apical margin and rounded distal angles. No type was designated, but the relevant part of the key in which the subgeneric name was quoted leads on to two species only, *T. constipata* Melichar and *T. laterata* Melichar, which therefore must be considered as the originally included species.

Three years later Distant (1909 : 78) proposed *Paratylana* as a new genus, citing *Issus herboidus* Walker as the type species and adding "the *Tylana laterata* Melich. will be included in this genus". It would seem that Distant considered Melichar's segregate a taxonomically good genus, but one that had never formally been proposed. His action in citing *Issus herboidus* as the type, however, makes his concept congeneric with *Atylana* Melichar (in which Melichar had placed this species), while his name *Paratylana* becomes a primary homonym of *Paratylana* Melichar. *Issus herboidus* Walker not being an originally included species, cannot be made the type of *Paratylana* Melichar : *Tylana laterata* Melichar (1906 : 205) is here designated as the type species of *Paratylana* Melichar. It is an originally included species and has been figured.

The following corrections have to be made in the present writer's recent paper (1954). *Paratylana* should be credited to Melichar (pp. 461, 469), with citation of the logotype (p. 469). *Paratylana herboida* (Walker), its bibliographical citation, and all figure references to it, which include the last sentence on p. 469, should be transferred to follow *Atylana* Melichar (p. 470), and the generic name should be altered to *Atylana*. In its stead (on p. 469), *Paratylana laterata* Melichar should be substituted.

The descriptive matter in the key and the references to *Paratylana* on p. 466 and in the penultimate sentence on p. 469 refer to Melichar's concept based on *T. laterata* Melichar. In the key to Tonginae, couplet 37-38 on p. 461, the character of frontal proportions does not hold as a reliable means of separating *Atylana* from *Tylana*, and should be deleted.

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