
NEW SYNONYMY IN THE GENUS CALODEMA GORY AND LAPORTE (COLEOPTERA: BUPRESTIDAE)

The buprestid genus Calodema Gory and Laporte is one of the most spectacular species groups in the family and has been the focus of much recent attention. Possibly much of this attention has been the result of the recent commercial availability of specimens from insect dealers in Papua New Guinea and northeastern Australia. One result of this flush of specimens has been the recognition and identification of two new species, but unfortunately both of these species have been described twice. The following synonyms are proposed now so that these names might be available for the world buprestid catalogue which I am at present compiling.

Calodena rubrimarginatum Barker


New Synonymy

As pointed out by Sainval and Lander (1994, Bull. Soc. Sci. Nat 81:23–24), these two names represent the same species; the photographs, descriptions and distributional information presented with both descriptions confirm this.

Calodema regale blairi Sainval and Lander


Despite my conviction from the diagnoses and illustrations presented by Novak (1994, Zeitschr. ArbGem. Öst. Ent. 46(3/4):126–130) that this taxon might rather be a full species rather than a subspecies, I prefer to observe the status quo and let the next revisor (Barker and Gardner, pers. comm.) make the decision. One confusing aspect about the new junior synonym is why Novak (1994, Ent. Nachrichtenbl. 1(1):9; 1994, Zeitschr. ArbGem. Öst. Ent. 46(3/4):126–130) twice described his species; his two consecutive papers both list that taxon as “n. sp.”

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