

## Synonymy of *Cassitettix* Yin, 1984 with *Saussurella* Bolívar, 1887 (Orthoptera: Tetrigidae)

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*Cassitettix* Yin, 1984 is proposed as a junior synonym of *Saussurella* Bolívar, 1887.

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The genus *Cassitettix* was established by Yin (1984) for the single new species *C. longiptera* Yin described in the same paper. Description of this species is based on a single female specimen from Qinghai-Xizang Plateau of China. The photo of *C. longiptera* (Yin, 1984: Plate 1, Fig. 1) closely resembles all species of the genus *Saussurella* Bol. distributed in China. Yin considered the unusual location of lateral ocelli at sides of the fastigium near the eyes as the main distinguishing character of this species. In all known species of tetrigids, lateral ocelli are situated on the frontal surface of the head. In "Fauna Sinica" (Liang & Zheng, 1998), in addition to the frontal view of the head, the lateral view of the anterior part of *C. longiptera* body is figured. The examination of this figure suggests that some characters (long process of anterior margin of pronotum projecting above the head, lateral lobes

of pronotum without clear inferior sinus, and coloration of visible part of elytra) are identical to those of all species of *Saussurella*.

The examination of specimens of the genus *Saussurella* has shown that the structures misinterpreted as lateral ocelli are actually the rudiments of transverse keel of the fastigium (Podgornaya, 2001). Consequently, *Saussurella* Bolívar, 1887 = *Cassitettix* Yin, 1984, **syn. n.**

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