

## *Macrosaldula*: authorship and date of publication (Heteroptera: Saldidae)

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The correct authorship and date for *Macrosaldula* is Southwood & Leston, 1959.

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In a key to the British Saldidae, Southwood & Leston (1959, p. 324) separated "*Saldula (Macrosaldula) scotica*" from "*Saldula (Saldula)*" by the body length and the length ratio of the second antennal segment to the first one; they stated (p. 330): "*S. scotica* is placed in subgenus *Macrosaldula*, other British *Saldula* being members of the typical subgenus". As the authors doubted whether the name *Macrosaldula* was available from this publication, they (Leston & Southwood, 1964) published a special paper describing the subgenus as new with a formal diagnosis, designation of *S. scotica* (Curtis) as the type species, and brief discussion mentioning the 1959 publication and the acceptance of the name *Macrosaldula* by Seidenstücker (1961). Wryblewski (1968) upgraded *Macrosaldula* to generic rank.

Some authors (Wróblewski, 1968; Hoberlandt, 1977; Vinokurov, 1979, 1988; Aukema, 1989; Péricart, 1990; Cmoluchowa & Mielewicz, 1990; etc.) accepted the authorship "Southwood & Leston", while others (Benedek, 1968, 1969; Polhemus, 1985, 1988; Schuh et al., 1987; Faraci & Rizzotti Vlach, 1992, 1995; Lindskog, 1995; Putshkov & Putshkov, 1996; etc.) accepted "Leston & Southwood".

Actually, the 1959 publication contained a diagnosis of the subgenus *Macrosaldula* distinguishing it from the subgenus *Saldula*, and the type species of *Macrosaldula* was fixed by monotypy. Hence, the name satisfied the criteria of availability for genus-group names published before 2000 (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, 4th edition, Articles 13.1 and 13.3). The fact that the name was not marked as new and the diagnosis was given for both the subgenus and the species and fitted not all species currently included in *Macrosaldula* is irrelevant. Accordingly, the correct citation is *Macrosaldula* Southwood & Leston, 1959.

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