

## New synonym in the ladybird genus *Scymnus* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) from Yemen

## Новый синоним в роде божьих коровок *Scymnus* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) из Йемена

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According to the principle of priority, the species name *Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008 becomes a new objective junior synonym of *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007.

В соответствии с принципом приоритета видовое название *Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008 является новым объективным младшим синонимом *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007.

**Key words:** new synonymy, Yemen, Coleoptera, Coccinellidae, *Scymnus*, *Scymnus (Pullus)*, *Scymnus kapuri*, *Scymnus helmutfurschi*, *Scymnus rubicundus*.

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In 1951 A.P. Kapur described the new species *Pullus rubicundus* from Yemen. After the rank of *Pullus* Mulsant, 1846 was lowered to a subgenus within the genus *Scymnus* Kugelann, 1794, this species began to be referred to as *Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* (Kapur, 1951), and it became a junior secondary homonym of *Scymnus rubicundus* Erichson, 1847: 185 described from Peru. According to Articles 52, 53.3, 57.3, 59 and 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, 1999) (the Code), the junior homonym *Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* (Kapur, 1951), which had no synonyms, required a new replacement name. Two replacement names were independently proposed for *Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* (Kapur, 1951): *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007 and *Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008. The name *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007 was published on June 30, 2007 in *Catalogue*

*of Palaearctic Coleoptera*, Vol. 4 (Kovář, 2007). The name *Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008 was published on December, 2008 in *Boletín del Museo Nacional de Historia Natural Chile*, Vol. 57 in the annotated list of ladybird beetles of Chile in the note on the senior secondary homonym *Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* Erichson, 1847 (González, 2008). Hence, according to the principle of priority, the species name *Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008 becomes a new objective junior synonym of *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007 (**new synonymy**).

The nomenclature of the species *Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* is given below.

### ***Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007**

*Pullus rubicundus* Kapur, 1951: 283.

*Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* (Kapur, 1951) – Raimundo & van Harten, 2000: 222.

*Scymnus (Pullus) rubicundus* (Kapur, 1951) – Raimundo et al., 2006: 229.

*Scymnus (Pullus) kapuri* Kovář, 2007: 71, 586 (replacement name).

*Scymnus (Pullus) helmutfurschi* González, 2008: 87 (replacement name), **syn. nov.**

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