

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

Acalyptini C. G. Thomson 1859, correct name for a tribe in Curculioninae (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) and a comment on nomenclatural terminology

Franz (2006) presented a phylogenetic analysis of several tribes and genera of Curculionidae Curculioninae related to the flower weevil group, Derelomini Lacordaire, 1866. He showed substantial information to support a revision of the classification presented in Alonso-Zarazaga and Lyal's (1999) catalogue. In doing that, he downgraded the tribe Acalyptini C. G. Thomson 1859 to subtribe Acalyptina of the former, contravening the Principle of Priority included in the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. The purpose of this note, according to Art. 23 of the Code, is to state that the correct tribal name for the taxon named Derelomini in Franz's paper is Acalyptini C. G. Thomson 1859, **status promotus**, while Derelomini must be demoted to a subtribe within Acalyptini, matching Franz's nominotypical subtribe Derelomina (**status demotus**).

The terms "status promotus" (promoted status) and "status demotus" (demoted status) are used here and proposed to the zoological community instead of "status novus", a qualification that according to Rec. 16A of the Code, should be restricted to the upgrading of an infrasubspecific entity to specific or subspecific status. These terms have the advantage of being almost identical in Latin and in English.

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