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NOMENCLATORIAL NOTES ON THE GENERA ROBERTSELLA AND MEGANTHRAX (DIPTERA: BOMBYLIIDAE)

In 1978 (Entomol. News 89: 247) I proposed the name Robertsella as a replacement name for the Australian genus Cyrtomorpha White (preoccupied by Graff, 1882, Monographie der Turbellariden). I was unaware at that time that Robertsella was preoccupied by Guinot, 1969 (Bull. Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat. 41: 716) in Crustacea. I therefore propose Acridophagus as a replacement name for Robertsella Evenhuis, 1978, nec Guinot.

In 1979 (Pac. Insects 20: 362) I erected a new genus, Meganthrax, for the Indian species Anthrax bipunctatus Fabricius. Subsequently, it came to my attention that bipunctatus had been previously placed in the genus Satyramoeba Sack by Nurse (1922, J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc. 28: 885). I have now had the opportunity to compare specimens of the type-species of Satyramoeba (etrusca Fabricius) directly with those of bipunctatus and conclude that the species are congeneric. Meganthrax should therefore be removed to synonymy under Satyramoeba Sack, 1909.—Neal L. Evenhuis, Department of Entomology, Bishop Museum, P.O. Box 19000-A, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819, USA.

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