



***Georgeiella*, a new name for the louse genus *Hopkinsiella* Clay and Meinertzhagen, 1939 (Phthiraptera, Philopteridae), junior homonym of *Hopkinsiella* Baba, 1938 (Opisthobranchia, Goniodorididae)**

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Clay and Meinertzhagen (1939) described the genus *Hopkinsiella* to accommodate one new species of louse found on the Kikuyu white-headed wood-hoopoe—*Phoeniculus bollei jacksoni* (Sharpe, 1890)—of the bird family Phoeniculidae. Tendeiro (1957) described a second species of *Hopkinsiella*, parasitic on a bird species of the same family. Subsequently, Tendeiro (1961) described one more species and reviewed all the species included in the genus. We have found that the name *Hopkinsiella* Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939 is preoccupied by *Hopkinsiella* Baba, 1938, a genus of nudibranchs – marine gastropod molluscs of the order Opisthobranchia (Baba, 1938).

This homonymy has gone unnoticed in at least six publications dealing with the genus *Hopkinsiella*: Tendeiro (1957, 1961), Ledger (1980), Hopkins & Clay (1952), Eichler (1963) and Price *et al.* (2003). The Code (ICZN, 1999: Art. 60.1) reads: “A junior homonym must be rejected and replaced either by an available and potentially valid synonym or, for lack of such a name, by a new substitute name”. Since there is no synonym available for *Hopkinsiella* Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939 (Price *et al.*, 2003), we propose a new name to replace this genus of chewing lice, according to Art. 60.3 of the ICZN (1999).

***Georgeiella* Valim & Palma, nomen novum**

Hopkinsiella Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939: 166. Type species: *Hopkinsiella hopkinsi* Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939 (by original designation). Preoccupied by *Hopkinsiella* Baba, 1938: 9. Type-species: *Hopkinsiella hiroi* Baba, 1938 (by original designation).

Etymology. The proposed new name perpetuates the homage to George Henry Evans Hopkins (1898–1973) as intended by Clay and Meinertzhagen.

Three louse species are included in *Georgeiella* nom. nov., all obligate ectoparasites on African birds of the family Phoeniculidae (Aves: Coraciiformes). The louse species, their type hosts, and their bibliographic references are:

Georgeiella hopkinsi (Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939) comb. nov.

Hopkinsiella hopkinsi Clay & Meinertzhagen, 1939: 166, figs 6–7. Type host: *Phoeniculus bollei jacksoni* (Sharpe, 1890). Hopkins & Clay, 1952: 175. Tendeiro, 1957: 243; figs 4–6; photos 3–4, 6; Table I. Tendeiro, 1961: fig. 4; photos 9–10. Ledger, 1980: 174; fig. 181c. Price *et al.*, 2003: 191.

Georgeiella haydocki (Tendeiro, 1957) comb. nov.

Hopkinsiella haydocki Tendeiro, 1957: 241; figs 1–3; photos 1–2, 5; Table I. Type host: *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi* Neumann, 1900. Tendeiro, 1961: fig. 3; photos 3–4, 6, 8; Table III. Ledger, 1980: 174; fig. 181b. Price *et al.*, 2003: 191.

Georgeiella clavigera (Tendeiro, 1961) comb. nov.

Hopkinsiella clavigera Tendeiro, 1961: 232; figs 1–2; photos 1–2, 5, 7; Table I–III. Type host: *Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzii* (Reichenow, 1906). Other hosts: *Phoeniculus purpureus niloticus* (Neumann, 1903) and *Phoeniculus purpureus* (subsp.?). Ledger, 1980: 174; figs 180–181a. Price *et al.*, 2003: 191.