



## ***Bulbotrachystola*, a substitute name for *Centruroides* Breuning, 1940 (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)**

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The genus name *Centruroides* was first introduced by George Marx (in Howard, 1889: 211) for two species of scorpions in the family Buthidae: *C. exilicauda* (Wood, 1863) and *C. luctifer* n. sp. The latter species, coming from Indefatigable Is. (Galapagos), lacks a description and has been considered as a *nomen nudum* and synonym of *Centruroides exsul* (Meise, 1934) (Lambertz, 2013). Nonetheless, *exilicauda* Wood (*Buthus*) is an available and valid species name; thus, *Centruroides* is available according to the ICZN, 1999, Art. 12.2.5. (“the specific name or names can be unambiguously assigned to a nominal species-group taxon or taxa”).

Presently, the genus *Centruroides* Marx comprises 73 valid species (Zicha, 2018). Breuning (1940: 411) established the homonymous genus name *Centruroides* when he described the cerambycid species *C. bulbifera* from Myanmar and placed it in the lamiine tribe Morimopsini. Subsequently, this genus has been mentioned in the revision of worldwide Morimopsini (Breuning, 1950) and in the catalogue of the types of the Smithsonian Institution (Lingafelter et al., 2014), without anyone noticing the homonymy. It is a very peculiar taxon, whose relationship to other genera of the tribe Morimopsini is unresolved, even if Bi (2016) suggested that it could be closely related to, or perhaps even synonymous, with *Echthistatodes* Gressitt, 1938.

The genus name is, nonetheless, a junior primary homonym of *Centruroides* Marx and a substitute name must be introduced according to the ICZN, Articles 56 and 60. There are no junior synonyms; therefore, Art. 60.3 applies. Hence, the new name *Bulbotrachystola* is proposed as follows:

*Bulbotrachystola* **nomen novum** for *Centruroides* Breuning, 1940 nec Marx, 1889; type species *Centruroides bulbifera* Breuning, 1940 (by monotypy).

*Bulbotrachystola bulbifera* (Breuning, 1940) **n. comb.**

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