

## Generic Homonyms in the Colydiinae (Coleoptera: Zopheridae)

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**Abstract.** New replacement names are proposed: *Megapnosaurus* Ivie, Slipinski and Wegrzynowicz **NEW REPLACEMENT NAME** for *Syntarsus* Raath 1969 (Ceratosauria: Coelophysidae), not *Syntarsus* Fairmaire 1869 (Coleoptera: Zopheridae: Colydiinae); and *Stephaniolus* Ivie, Slipinski and Wegrzynowicz **NEW REPLACEMENT NAME** for *Pseudotaphrus* Stephan 1989 (Coleoptera: Zopheridae: Colydiinae) not *Pseudotaphrus* Cossmann 1888 (Mollusca: Rissoiidae). These result in the new combinations *Megapnosaurus rhodesiensis* (Raath 1961) **NEW COMBINATION**, *Megapnosaurus kayentakatae* (Rowe 1989) **NEW COMBINATION** and *Stephaniolus longus* (Stephan 1989) **NEW COMBINATION**.

### Introduction

Two generic homonyms have been discovered among the names used in the Colydiinae. In order to have replacement names available for other works in progress, they are presented here.

*Megapnosaurus* Ivie, Slipinski and Wegrzynowicz  
**NEW REPLACEMENT NAME**

*Syntarsus* Raath 1969: 1 (Ceratosauria: Coelophysidae), **not** *Syntarsus* Fairmaire 1869: 205 (Coleoptera: Zopheridae: Colydiinae)

Included species: *Megapnosaurus rhodesiensis* (Raath 1969) **NEW COMBINATION**, and *Megapnosaurus kayentakatae* (Rowe 1989) **NEW COMBINATION**

Fairmaire (1869: 205) described *Syntarsus* Fairmaire (Type Species: *S. asperulus* Fairmaire 1869: 206 designated by Dajoz 1980: 56) for a colydiine from Madagascar. Actions by Ivie and Slipinski (1990) made it an objective junior synonym of *Cerchanotus* Erichson 1845.

One hundred years later, Raath (1969: 1) named a genus of Coelurosaurian dinosaur *Syntarsus* Raath (Type Species: *S. rhodesiensis* Raath 1969: 1) from the Jurassic of Zimbabwe. Rowe (1989) added a species from the Jurassic of Arizona. This homonymy has gone unnoticed, and the name of this genus is now used as the name of the in-house journal of the National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe.

**ETYMOLOGY:** This turn of events requires a new name, and although *S. rhodesiensis* is described inside the cover of the 1996 volume 3 of the journal *SYNTARSUS* as "a small carnivorous dinosaur," and although as good and loyal phylogeneticists, we understand that it was really not on the lizard lineage, at the scale of an entomologist, it looks like a big dead lizard. So, in what may well be the first name for a dinosaur ever proposed in an entomological journal, we propose the replacement name *Megapnosaurus* Ivie, Slipinski and Wegrzynowicz **NEW REPLACEMENT NAME** (masculine) as a replacement for *Syntarsus* Raath 1969 [not Fairmaire 1869]. Derived from the Greek *me-gas* (big) *ap-noos* (dead) and *sauros* (lizard), this moniker seems highly appropriate for this animal.

*Stephaniolus* Ivie, Slipinski and W grzynowicz  
NEW REPLACEMENT NAME

*Pseudotaphrus* Stephan 1989: 26 (Coleoptera: Zopheridae: Colydiinae) **not** *Pseudotaphrus* Cossmann 1888: 234 (Mollusca: Rissoiidae).

Included species: *Stephaniolus longus* (Stephan)  
NEW COMBINATION

Stephan (1989) described *Pseudotaphrus* (Type Species: *Pseudotaphrus longus* Stephan 1989: 26, by original designation) for a species of colydiid from Arizona. Unfortunately, the name was preoccupied by Cossmann's (1888) use of the name for a mollusk from the Eocene of France.

ETYMOLOGY: This genus is named *Stephaniolus* (masculine) in honor of Karl Stephan, of Red Oak, Oklahoma, who has contributed so much to our knowledge of beetles and, by his generosity, our careers.

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