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## BRIEF COMMUNICATION

### Replacement names for bees in the tribe Megachilini (Hymenoptera: Megachilidae)

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**Abstract.** Eight instances of homonymy are identified in the megachiline genera *Coelioxys* Latreille and *Megachile* Latreille, with replacement names established for the junior homonyms. *Coelioxys* (*Coelioxys*) *lethosyne* Engel, new name, is proposed for *C. simplex latefasciata* Friese (*nec* Morawitz); *C. (Liothyrapis) wuae* Engel, new name, is proposed for *C. albofasciata* Wu (*nec* Radoszkowski); *Megachile (Eutricharaea) hisarica* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. dentata* Rahman & Chopra (*nec* Friese); *M. (Megachile) agnosta* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. japonica* Matsumura (*nec* Alfken); *M. (Dasymegachile) schwimmeri* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. mitchelli* Raw (*nec* Gupta); *M. (Creightonella) taftanica* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. aurantiaca* Rebmann (*nec* Friese); *M. (Callomegachile) biseta austrina* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. biseta australis* Pasteels (*nec* Lucas); and *M. (C.) ceratops* Engel, new name, is proposed for *M. monoceros* Friese (*nec* Pallas).

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## INTRODUCTION

During the course of ongoing taxonomic research on the family Megachilidae, numerous instances of primary and secondary homonymy were identified within the megachiline genera *Coelioxys* Latreille and *Megachile* Latreille *s.l.* (*sensu* Michener, 2000). Species in two subgenera of *Coelioxys* are impacted (*Coelioxys* Latreille *s.str.* and *Liothyrapis* Cockerell), while five subgenera of *Megachile* cover the six instances of homonymy within that genus (*Eutricharaea* Thomson, *Megachile* Latreille *s.str.*, *Dasymegachile* Mitchell, *Creightonella* Cockerell, and *Callomegachile* Michener). The nomenclatural details for each case are summarized and replacement names provided.

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## TAXONOMY

Tribe Megachilini Latreille  
 Genus *Coelioxys* Latreille  
 Subgenus *Coelioxys* Latreille

*Coelioxys* (*Coelioxys*) ***lethosyne*** Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:B78950B5-D29D-4674-A54E-AB54560C0F00

*Coelioxys simplex latefasciata* Friese, 1922: 40, *nomen praeoccupatum* (junior primary homonym, *nec Coelioxys latefasciata* Morawitz, 1886 [1887]).

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet is taken from the Greek, *lethosyne* (“forgetfulness”).

Subgenus *Liothyrapis* Cockerell

*Coelioxys* (*Liothyrapis*) ***wuae*** Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:33697EEC-19C8-4FF3-B077-A364E2149567

*Coelioxys albofasciata* Wu, 1988: 548, *nomen praeoccupatum* [junior secondary homonym, *nec Coelioxys albofasciata* (Radoszkowski, 1888) (originally as *Dioxys albofasciata* Radoszkowski but transferred to *Coelioxys* by Warncke, 1992)].

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet honors Yan-ru Wu and her many contributions to Chinese melittology.

Genus *Megachile* Latreille  
 Subgenus *Eutricharaea* Thomson

*Megachile* (*Eutricharaea*) ***hisarica*** Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:7CB64A71-5C30-45D3-8F1D-39C751020B3A

*Megachile dentata* Rahman, 1988 [1989]: 353, *nomen nudum*.

*Megachile dentata* Rahman & Chopra, 1994a: 36, *nomen nudum*.

*Megachile dentata* Rahman & Chopra, 1994b: 372, *nomen praeoccupatum* [junior primary homonym, *nec Megachile* (*Eurymella*) *dentata* Friese, 1909].

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet is a reference to the Hisar District of Haryana, India, and which includes the type locality.

Subgenus *Megachile* Latreille

*Megachile* (*Megachile*) ***agnosta*** Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:99E7E453-55BA-43DE-9D76-7165ED615489

*Megachile japonica* Matsumura, 1910: 304, pl. 27 [fig. 5], *nomen praeoccupatum* [junior primary homonym, *nec Megachile* (*Xanthosarus*) *japonica* Alfken, 1903].

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet is taken from the Greek, *agnostos* (meaning, “unknown”).

Subgenus *Dasymegachile* Mitchell

*Megachile* (*Dasymegachile*) *schwimmeri* Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:1091914E-549C-4B2E-B854-FEC0B7276124

*Cressoniella* (*Chaetochile*) *golbachi* Schwimmer in Mitchell, 1980: 87.

*Megachile* (*Chaetochile*) *golbachi* (Schwimmer); Michener, 2000: 555 [recombination implied by transfer of *Chaetochile* to *Megachile* s.l.], *nomen praeoccupatum* (*nec Megachile golbachi* Schletterer, 1891).

*Megachile* (*Dasymegachile*) *mitchelli* Raw, 2004: 2, *nomen novum pro Megachile golbachi* (Schwimmer in Mitchell, 1980) (*nec Megachile golbachi* Schletterer, 1891), *et nomen praeoccupatum* [*nec Megachile* (*Creightonella*) *mitchelli* (Gupta, 1989 [1990]) (originally as *Creightonella mitchelli* Gupta but transferred by implication of placement of *Creightonella* in *Megachile* s.l. by Michener, 2000; note also that *Creightonella narmadaensis* Gupta, 1993, *nomen nudum et vanum*, was intended as an unnecessary replacement name for *C. mitchelli* Gupta [*in litt.*, 2004, *vide infra*], and even appeared again in Gupta, 1999)].

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet honors the original describer of the species, Eric Schwimmer.

NOTE: Regarding Gupta’s unnecessary replacement name, he stated (*in litt.* to D.B. Baker, 2004) that *Creightonella narmadaensis* was intended as a replacement for *Creightonella mitchelli* Gupta, writing at the time, “since the name was preoccupied as someone informed me”. A routine inspection, however, would have established that there was in fact no homonymy involved.

Subgenus *Creightonella* Cockerell

*Megachile* (*Creightonella*) *taftanica* Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:C0455BC8-977A-4CE8-B12E-37D33775A5ED

*Megachile* (*Metamegachile*) *aurantiaca* Rebmann, 1972: 3, *nomen praeoccupatum* [junior primary homonym, *nec Megachile* (*Hackeriapis*) *aurantiaca* Friese, 1905].

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet is taken from the type locality, Mount Taftan in Sistan and Baluchestan Province, Iran.

Subgenus *Callomegachile* Michener

*Megachile* (*Callomegachile*) *biseta austrina* Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:E4B19658-B0EB-40B8-A5F3-33DFD1E69D54

*Chalicodoma* (*Morphella*) *biseta australis* Pasteels, 1965: 542.

*Megachile biseta australis* (Pasteels); Eardley & Urban, 2006: 169, *nomen praeoccupatum* [junior secondary homonym, *nec Megachile* (*Eutricharaea*) *australis* Lucas, 1876].

ETYMOLOGY: The subspecific epithet is taken from the Latin, *austrinus* (“southern”),

and preserves Pasteels' referencing of "southern" in the original name.

*Megachile (Callomegachile) ceratops* Engel, new name

ZooBank: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:9D54A4E1-7139-4BB8-BB8E-39EAFCD42C47

*Megachile monoceros* Friese, 1903: 358, *nomen praeoccupatum* (junior primary homonym, *nec Megachile monoceros* Pallas in Eversmann, 1852).

ETYMOLOGY: The specific epithet is a combination of the Greek, *keratos* ("horn") and *ops* ("face" or "eye"), and refers to the facial horn alluded to in the original epithet.

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