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Replacement names for two species of Noctuidae (Lepidoptera)

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In the course of research on the Eustrotiinae (Noctuidae) we have determined that the African species Eustrotia bella Bethune-Baker, 1911 (nomenclature according to Poole 1989) is congeneric with Maliattha separata Walker, 1863, the type-species of Maliattha Walker, 1863. Characters of Maliattha shared with bella Bethune-Baker are the small size, structure of the palpi and characteristic wing pattern, and male genitalic features including a short uncus, lacking a harpe, a long ribbon-like transtilla, and the presence of a clavus and small sclerotised claws on the tip of the valva (Figs. 1–6). With this generic transfer, the name bella Bethune-Baker, 1911 becomes a secondary junior homonym of Maliattha bella (Staudinger, 1892) and requires a replacement name, which we provide here as Maliattha bethunebakeri, nom. n.

Maliattha bella (Staudinger, 1888)

Thalpochares bella Staudinger, 1888, Entomologische Zeitung. Entomolohischen Vereine zu Stettin. 49: 264. Typelocality: Russia: Vladivostok.

References: Poole 1989: 617 (Maliattha).

Maliattha bethunebakeri Han & Kononenko nom. nov. (replacement name)

= Eustrotia bella Bethune-Backer, 1911, preoccupied by Maliattha bella (Staudinger, 1892). Annals and Magazine of Natural History, (8)7: 524. Type-locality: Angola, Gunnal.

References: Poole 1989: 401 (Eustrotia).

In addition, the species name Athetis bicornuta Han & Kononenko 2011 (described in the tribe Caradrinini, subfamily Noctuinae) is recognized as a primary homonym of Athetis bicornuta Krüger, 2000, a south African species (Krüger 2000). The name bicornuta Han & Kononenko 2011 also requires a replacement name, which we provide here as Athetis bicornutoides nom. nov.

Athetis bicornuta Krüger, 2000

Annals of the Transvaal Museum, 37: 153, Figs. 10, 25 (Type-locality: Lesotho).

Athetis bicornutoides Han & Kononenko nom. nov. (replacement name)

= Athetis bicornuta Han & Kononenko 2011, preoccupied by Athetis bicornuta Krüger, 2000. *Zootaxa*, 3068: 66, Figs. 14, 28, 39. Type-locality: China, Likiang.

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