

Nomenclature and taxonomy of *Telmatoscopus* Eaton and *Seoda* Enderlein; with a discussion of parameral evolution in Paramormiini and Pericomaini (Diptera: Psychodidae, Psychodinae)

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Abstract

Historically, *Telmatoscopus* Eaton, 1904 has been a nomenclaturally and taxonomically problematic taxon as different authors have used different type species to define their concepts of the genus. Here it is shown that *Pericoma advena* Eaton, 1893 is the valid type species rather than *Pericoma morula* Eaton, 1893. Furthermore, the genus *Seoda* Enderlein, 1935 is revived for the genus comprising *Pericoma labeculosa* Eaton, 1893, *P. morula* and their relatives. The differences between *Telmatoscopus* and *Seoda* are described in detail based on historical and freshly collected material of the three putative type species. Four new synonymies are proposed: *Panimerus havelkai* Wagner, 1975 and *Telmatoscopus seguyi* Vaillant, 1990 are synonymized with *Telmatoscopus advena*, and *Telmatoscopus incanus* Nielsen, 1964 and *Telmatoscopus vallanti* Withers, 1986 are synonymized with *Seoda morula*.

A potential phylogenetic pattern in the male genital sclerites is discussed in detail. In *Telmatoscopus*, the jointed appendages of the gonocoxally derived parameral complex are separate small sclerites found near the bases of the distiphallid lobes of the aedeagus. In *Seoda*, they are fused medially to form a small, moveable triangular or arrow-shaped sclerite. Medial parameral sclerite fusion in Psychodinae is otherwise known to occur only in Pericomaini and the paramormiine genus *Psychomasina* Ježek, 2004; however, many genera of Paramormiini show an apparently intermediate condition where the parameres are fused in one end to form a V- or U-shaped "furca". It is hypothesized that Paramormiini is paraphyletic with respect to Pericomaini, as suggested in a previous phylogenetic hypothesis based on molecular data.

Key words: moth flies, new synonymy, male genitalia, homology

Introduction

Tribe Paramormiini Enderlein, 1935 (=Telmatoscopini Vaillant, 1971, partim) is distributed in all biogeographical regions apart from Antarctica and comprises roughly 300 described species in an uncertain number of genera. Moth flies in this group are recognized by their antennal flagellomeres being asymmetrically nodiform without significant reductions in size of the apical flagellomeres, labella bulbous, apical segment of maxillary palpus striated, R_{2+3} without connection to R_4 , aedeagal complex nearly always symmetrical and dorsal gonocoxal condyles fused medially. Many of these characters are of dubious phylogenetic value as they are widespread in Psychodinae, and no clearly synapomorphic characters have been identified. Thus, the monophyly of Paramormiini may be uncertain.

Some taxa within Paramormiini are readily recognized by means of specialized sensory appendages of the head and antennae, e.g. *Panimerus* and *Jungiella*. The majority of genera, however, are still unsatisfactorily characterized; particularly the group referred to as the "telmatoscopoid group" of genera by Duckhouse (1978). Species in this group typically have paired, unbranched, digitate ascoids and symmetrical genitalia with distally jointed aedeagal appendages.

Much of the confusion regarding the taxonomy of Paramormiini is due to differing opinions about which species constitutes the type species of *Telmatoscopus*. The International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN

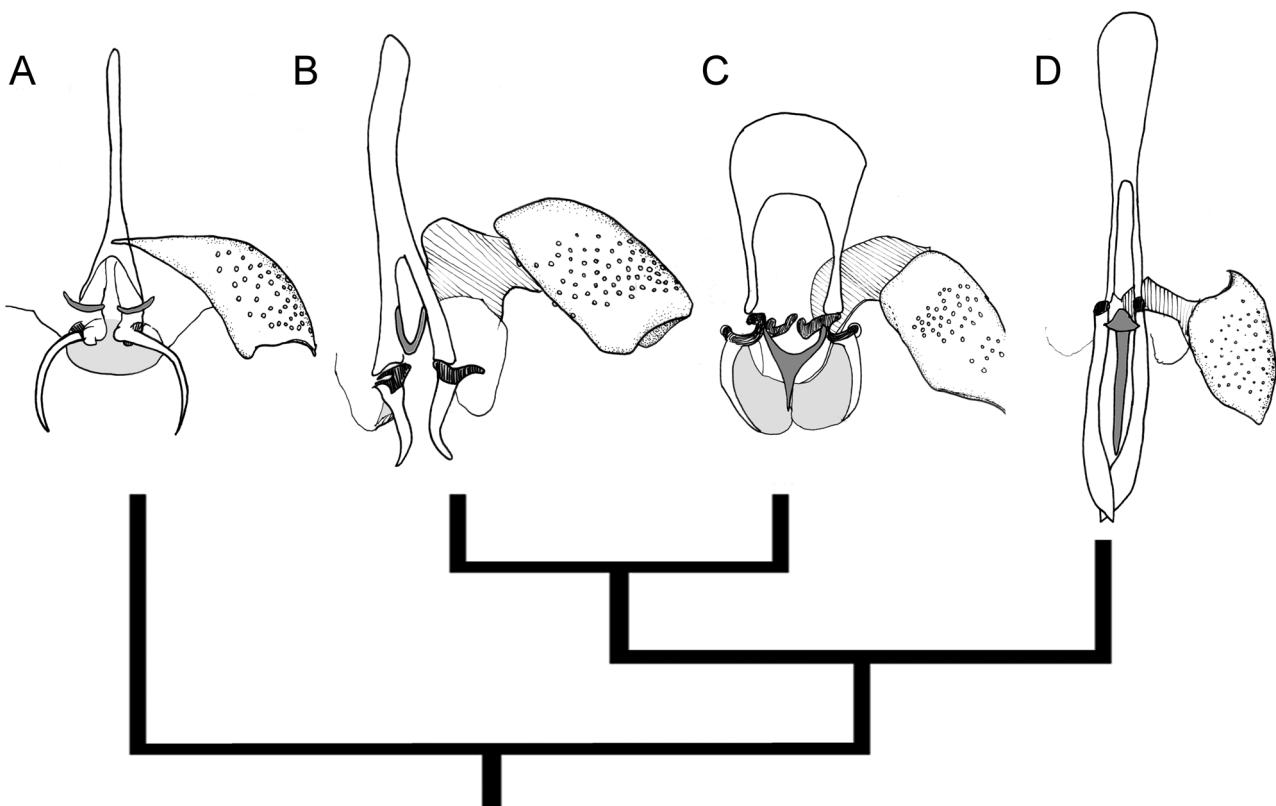


FIGURE 3. Proposed evolutionary sequence of parameral sclerites in Paramormiini. Cladogram modified from Espíndola *et al.* (2012). A, *Telmatoscopus advena*, B, *Parajungiella longicornis* (Tonnoir, 1922), C, *Seoda labeculosa* and D, *Pneumia stammeri* (Jung, 1954)

The presence of an evolutionary trend within Paramormiini from paired lateral parameral sclerites to a single median appendage may indicate that Pericomaini is derived from within Paramormiini. The hypothesised evolutionary sequence is illustrated in figure 3. Interestingly, this idea also matches very well with the general pattern in the molecular phylogeny of Espíndola *et al.* (2012): This study resolved Paramormiini as paraphyletic with respect to Pericomaini, and found those taxa who have a single median sclerite, such as *Parajungiella*, *Jungiella* and *Seoda brittenei*, to be closer to Pericomaini than to the separate-sclerite taxa such as *Telmatoscopus advena* and *Paramormia* Enderlein, 1935 (fig. 3). This possible paraphyly of Paramormiini may explain the problems earlier authors have had with defining convincing synapomorphies for the taxon (Vaillant 1990, Curler & Courtney 2009).

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