

Redescriptions of Hypogastruridae and Onychiuridae (Collembola) described by David L. Wray

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Abstract

Species of Hypogastruridae and Onychiuridae described by D. L. Wray were reexamined and redescribed where necessary from type material and other specimens. *Mitchellania hermosa* is redescribed and transferred to *Ceratophysella*. *Hypogastrura ireneae* is redescribed and *H. gravesi* is validated with additional material. *Hypogastrura gami* is synonymized with *H. humi* and *H. utahensis* is synonymized with *H. promatro*. A lectotype is designated for *Schoettella (Knowltonella) idahoensis*. *Achorutes magnoliana* is confirmed as a synonym of *Schoettella glasgowi*. *Xenylla carolinensis* is synonymized with *Xenyllodes armatus* Axelson (Odontellidae). *Onychiurus mai* is transferred to the genus *Leeonychiurus* and becomes *L. mai*, and *O. magninus* is transferred to *Heteraphorura* and becomes *H. magnina*. Additional details are given for *Onychiurus wilchi*.

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could also be *O. wilchi*. Soto-Adames (2013) examined a type specimen of *O. wilchi* in the Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, Illinois, USA, and detected pronotal and Abd. I pseudocelli. The presence of 1+1 pronotal pseudocelli eliminates *O. steinmanni* as a possible synonym. The fact that Wray missed these pseudocelli suggests that numbers for some of the other segments could be wrong, as well; but if Wray's counts of 2+2 pseudocelli on Abd. II and III are correct, these numbers would serve to separate *O. wilchi* from other North American *Onychiurus* spp. In addition, *O. wilchi* was described and illustrated as having 18–20 vesicles in the PAO, whereas none of the *Onychiurus* spp. in Pomorski *et al.* (2009) has more than 17 vesicles in the PAO. Thus, it appears that *O. wilchi* may be a recognizable species and that it is premature to synonymize any of these species. In the key of Pomorski *et al.* (2009) *O. wilchi* should trace to *O. steinmanni*, but may be separable from that species by the number of compound vesicles in the PAO and pseudocelli on the thoracic terga.

If *O. wilchi* is assumed to have 1+1 pseudocelli on Th. I and 3+3 pseudocelli on Abd. I as observed by Soto-Adames (2013) but otherwise follows Wray's observations, then *O. wilchi* will key to *O. polychaetus* Lee & Park, 1986 in the *Onychiurus* key of Arbea (2012). The two species differ in sense club architecture, with *O. wilchi* having smooth or slightly roughened clubs and *O. polychaetus* having granulated clubs.

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