New substitute name for the genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha: Flatidae)

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**Introduction**

The African planthopper species *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890 was described by Karsch (1890) from Congo. Later, Melichar (1901) placed this species in the genus *Walkeria* Melichar, 1901 together with *Flata radiata* Distant, 1892 however, that name appeared to be preoccupied and Kirkaldy (1906) proposed for it a new replacement name *Eumelicharia* Kirkaldy, 1906 and designated *Flata radiata* as the type species. Medler (1988) in his paper on Flatidae from Taï Forest (Côte d’Ivoire) established a new genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 with *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890 as its type species and proposed that the new genus can be separated from *Eumelicharia* by its development of a strong uniform network of crossveins. However, the genus name *Mistaria* is preoccupied and was initially introduced by Lehtinen (1967) for a spider *Agelena leucopyga* Pavesi, 1883 (Arachnida: Araneae: Agelenidae), as the type species, from East Africa. Thus, the genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 is a junior homonym of the genus *Mistaria* Lehtinen, 1967. According to Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999), we propose the new replacement name *Neomistaria* nom. nov. for *Mistaria* Medler, 1988. The resulting nomenclatural changes are summarized below.

**Genus Neomistaria nom. nov.**


**Type species.** *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890

*Etymology.* From the preexisting name *Mistaria*, the prefix “Neo-” from the Greek “neos” meaning new; gender feminine.

**Neomistaria crassivenosa** (Karsch, 1890) comb. nov.

*Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890: 65.

*Walkeria crassivenosa* Melichar 1901: 250; Metcalf 1957: 258.


**Distribution.** Africa: Congo, Côte d’Ivoire (Taï Forest).