

Taxonomic and nomenclatural notes on the genera *Sarawakita* *Obenberger* and *Agrilus* Curtis (Coleoptera: Buprestidae: Agrilinae)

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Abstract

The following taxonomic or nomenclatural changes are proposed: *Sarawakita hewitti* (Kerremans, 1912) **comb. nov.** (= *latifrons* Obenberger, 1924 **syn. nov.**); *Agrilus* subgenus *Uragrilus* Semenov, 1935 (= *Epinagrilus* Stepanov, 1954 **unavailable name**); *Agrilus* subgenus *Robertius* Théry, 1947 (type species *A. robertii* Chevrolat, 1838 by original designation, not *A. taylori* Théry, 1947) (= *Arquagrilus* Alexeev, 1998 **syn. nov.**); *A. robertii* **correct original spelling**. Lectotypes of *Agrilus hewitti* and *Sarawakita latifrons* are designated. The systematic position of the genus *Sarawakita* Obenberger, 1924 is discussed. An availability of *Agrilus* subgeneric names cited in works of Alexeev before 1998 are examined and discussed. The names of infrasubspecific entities proposed in *Agrilus* are examined for availability.

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Introduction

The genus *Sarawakita* Obenberger, 1924 was cited by Bellamy (2003), following Kubáň, et al. (2000), as a genus *incertae sedis* within the tribe Agrilini. The systematic position of this genus is discussed together with an examination of species-group names synonymy.

Alexeev (1998) established fourteen new subgenera of the genus *Agrilus* Curtis, 1825. Many of these subgeneric names were cited inconsistently in some of his earlier publications. In order to eliminate confusion or questions about their status, their availability is examined. The examination of original publications revealed ambiguities in other *Agrilus* subgenera. All these genus-group names are discussed herein.