



New taxonomic status and new replacement name for *Macednus* Emeljanov, 1962 (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae)

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Emeljanov (1962) established the leafhopper genus *Macednus* with the type species *Macednus marginatus* Emeljanov, 1962 from USSR (Maritime Territory). Later, Vilbaste (1967) placed *Macednus* Emeljanov, 1962 as a junior subjective synonym of *Albicostella* Ishihara, 1953. *Albicostella* has *Thamnotettix albicosta* Matsumura, 1914 as its type species. Oman, et al. (1990) followed Vilbaste (1967) in treating *Macednus* as a junior synonym of *Albicostella* and included the genus in the tribe Athysanini of subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae). Later, Hamilton (1975) reinstated *Macednus* as a separate genus.

Here, we follow Hamilton (1975) in treating *Macednus* as a genus distinct from *Albicostella* based on the male genitalia of the type species for these two genera. This status is justified because the male genitalia of *Albicostella albicosta* (Figs 1–10) and *Macednus marginatus* (Figs 11–21) are significantly different. Kwon & Lee (1979) described a new species *Albicostella splendida* from Korea (Figs 22–29), in fact, this species also belongs to *Macednus*. So far, this genus includes only two species.

Unfortunately, the name *Macednus* Emeljanov (1962) is preoccupied by *Macednus* Bergroth (1920), a genus of plant bugs (Hemiptera: Miridae: Mirinae) based on type species *Macednus longipennis* Bergroth, 1920. Thus, the leafhopper genus *Macednus* Emeljanov, 1962 is a junior homonym of *Macednus* Bergroth, 1920. According to Article 60 of the ICZN, we propose a new replacement name *Neomacednus* **nom. nov.** for *Macednus* Emeljanov, 1962. Accordingly, two new combinations are herein proposed for the cicadellid species currently included in this genus: *Neomacednus marginatus* (Emeljanov, 1962) and *Neomacednus splendida* (Kwon & Lee, 1979).

Genus *Neomacednus* **nom. nov.**

Macednus Emeljanov, 1962: 165. (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae: Athysanini). Preoccupied by Bergroth, 1920: 12 (Hemiptera: Miridae: Mirinae: Mirini).

Type species: *Macednus marginatus* Emeljanov, 1962

Diagnosis. This genus is similar to *Albicostella* Ishihara, 1953 in appearance, but can be distinguished from the latter by the subgenital plate long with a round apex, the aedeagus laterally compressed, lamellate, and with a long dorsal process arising from the base and bifurcated at the base.

Distribution. Russia, Korea.

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

Neomacednus **new replacement name** = *Macednus* Emeljanov, 1962 (nec Bergroth, 1920)

Neomacednus marginatus (Emeljanov, 1962) **comb. nov.** = *Macednus marginatus* Emeljanov, 1962

Neomacednus splendida (Kwon & Lee, 1979) **comb. nov.** = *Albicostella splendida* Kwon & Lee, 1979