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Nomenclatural notes on some checkered beetle (Coleoptera: Cleridae) types of the Natural History Museum, London (BMNH)

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Abstract

Lectotypes were designated (and holotypes and paralectotypes recognized) for 44 species of Hydnocerinae, including the type species for *Isolemidia, Parmius, Paupris, Allelidea, Blaesiopthalmus* and *Lemidia*, four species of *Enoclerus* (Clerinae), and 14 species of *Cymatodera* (Tillinae). Annotations include comments on additional type material, new type locality, previous (type series) locality, and questionable or mysterious types. *Phyllobaenus pallipes* (Gorham) and *P. rufithorax* (Gorham) are synonymized with *P. flavifemoratus* (Gorham), *P. chapini* (Wolcott) is synonymized under *P. lateralis* (Gorham), and *P. villosus* (Schenkling) is synonymized under *P. longus* (LeConte), **new synonymies**. *Phyllobaenus longus* (LeConte) is discovered in New Mexico, **new state record**.

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Introduction

The subfamily Hydnocerinae has historically been in taxonomic disarray. Revisionary works are needed to establish generic limits and to serve as diagnostic tools for distinguishing species. Before this can be done, much type material must be identified and lectotypes designated. During a research trip to the Natural History Museum (London, BMNH) the primary author reviewed the type material for Hydnocerinae, designated lectotypes and recognized paralectotypes for 44 species including the type species of *Isolemidia, Parmius, Paupris, Allelidea, Blaesiopthalmus* and *Lemidia*. All species for these genera were assessed, with the exception that for *Lemidia* only specimens of *L. nitens* (Newman) received a type designation. A subsequent visit to the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris, MNHN) permitted the recognition of additional paralectotypes from Gorham's private collection. No type designations were made for syntypes of *Callimerus* species and allied Asian Callimerini (e.g., *Stenocallimerus*) because this group is currently under investigation by other researchers (Gerstmeier *et al.* 2012).

Most of the examined material comprised species of *Phyllobaenus* (including all species of *Hydnocera* that were not assigned to *Wolcottia* or *Isohydnocera*) and *Isolemidia* described by Gorham (1877; 1883–1886). Most species were from the organized labor Biologia Centrali-Americana (BCA), which includes the most significant contribution to our knowledge of Central American Cleridae to date. In BCA, Gorham (1883–1886) described many species and commented on previously described taxa as well. Of the BCA material, all 44 species of Hydnocerinae received type designations (either Lectotype designation or Holotype recognition), as well as four species of *Enoclerus* and all fourteen species of *Cymatodera* (upon request by a fellow cleridologist).

All members of *Hydnocera* (excluding species later assigned to *Wolcottia* or *Isohydnocera*) are recognized as *Phyllobaenus*. Wolcott (1944) explained the status of *Hydnocera* (a junior synonym, in part, of *Phyllobaenus*) in great detail. The incorrect placement of various species created some confusion since *Phyllobaenus* has bifid tarsal ungues, whereas *Isohydnocera* has simple tarsal ungues; many species assigned to each genus based on habitus-based gestalt defy this rule (Leavengood *et al.* 2012). Despite its utilization in several faunal keys (Dillon and

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