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### ***Nyctomyia*, a replacement name for the preoccupied genus *Nyx* Harbach & Linton, 2013 (Diptera: Culicidae)**

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Harbach *et al.* (2013) proposed the new generic name *Nyx* for an undescribed cavernicolous species of Culicidae discovered in a cave at Wat Tham Panthurat in Surat Thani Province of southern Thailand. The authors were not aware that the generic name was already in use for a genus in the lepidopteran family Choreutidae (Heppner, 1982). In accordance with Article 60 of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* (ICZN, 1999), *Nyx* Heppner, 1982, has priority and *Nyx* Harbach & Linton, 2013, must be treated as its junior homonym. Hence, I herewith propose the replacement name *Nyctomyia* **nom. nov.** for *Nyx* Harbach & Linton, 2013. The generic name is derived from the name of the Greek goddess Nyx (nominative, transliteration of νύξ; genitive *Nyctos*, transliteration of νυκτός, genitive stem *Nycto-*) and the Greek noun *myia* (transliteration of μύia, f. fly), literally translated as “Nyx fly”. The two-letter abbreviation *Nc.* is recommended for *Nyctomyia*. *Nyctomyia pholeocola* (Linton & Harbach) **comb. nov.** is the only species included in the genus.

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