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Abstract. Chnoodes chaudoiri Mulsant (1850) is designated the type species of Chnoodes Mulsant (1850), and Chapinella Gordon (1996) is recognized as an unnecessary replacement name. A new synonymy is created placing Chapinella Gordon as a junior synonym of Chnoodes Mulsant.

Discussion

Gordon (1996) proposed Chapinella as a new generic replacement name for Chnoodes Mulsant (1850) because he considered Chnoodes and Dapolia Mulsant (1850) synonymous. Roger Booth, Natural History Museum, London, recently pointed out that this was an unnecessary action.

Mulsant (1850: 908-916) described 13 Chnoodes species, then, in the appendix to that volume (Tableau Méthodique, p. 1073-1104), transferred several of these to his subgenus Chnoodes (Dapolia). Crotch (1874: 287) designated Dapolia fallax (Mulsant) the type species of Dapolia. Korschefsky (1932: 225) designated Dapolia puberula (Mulsant) as type species for Chnoodes. All 1104 pages of Mulsant’s work were originally published by the journal as a single item, not in serial parts. Therefore, as recognized by R. Booth, Korschefsky’s designation is invalid because he did not select a type species from the nominotypic subgenus. Chnoodes is a valid genus lacking a designated type species, and Chnoodes chaudoiri Mulsant is here designated the type. The lectotype of C. chaudoiri, designated by Booth and Pope (1989), is present in the Natural History Museum, London and there is a paralectotype in the Hope Entomological Collections, Oxford University Museum.

Chapinella Gordon thus becomes a junior synonym of Chnoodes Mulsant.

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