

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

The correct name of *Ischnosoma virginicum* (Bernhauer 1917) (Staphylinidae: Tachyporinae)

Bernhauer (1917: 249) described the Nearctic tachyporine rove beetle, *Mycetoporus* (*Ischnosoma*) *virginicus*, on the basis of two female specimens collected by A. Fenyés in White Sulphur, West Virginia, USA. It was listed under this name by Scheerpeltz (1933), however, Moore and Legner (1975) in their catalogue of North American Staphylinidae, listed it under the erroneous name, *Mycetoporus virginiensis*. Subsequently Campbell (1991: 104) introduced the new combination, *Ischnosoma virginense*, changing the masculine “*virginiensis*” to the neuter “*virginense*,” noting that various authors have regarded *Ischnosoma* Stephens, 1829 as either a distinct genus or as a subgenus of *Mycetoporus* Mannerheim, 1831. Within *Ischnosoma* the specific name *virginicus* should correctly have become *virginicum* so as to agree with the neuter gender of *Ischnosoma* (Articles 31.2 & 34.2, ICZN 1999). Campbell (1991), however, gave the new combination as *Ischnosoma virginense*, apparently following Moore and Legner’s (1975) erroneous citation of the specific epithet. *Ischnosoma virginense* was subsequently employed by Downie and Arnett (1996) and Herman (2001). Poole and Gentili (1996), however, used the spelling, *Ischnosoma virginiensis*. It was finally cited correctly by Klimaszewski *et al.* (2005: 8).

Herein we take the opportunity to point out that the correct name of this species is *Ischnosoma virginicum* (Bernhauer, 1917) and that *virginense* and *virginiensis* are incorrect subsequent spellings of the specific name (Article 33.3, ICZN 1999).

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