

OPINION 1556

***Dytiscus ater* De Geer, 1774 (currently *Ilybius ater*) and *Dytiscus planus* Fabricius, 1781 (currently *Hydroporus planus*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific names conserved**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *ater* Forster, 1771, as published in the binomen *Dytiscus ater*, and all uses of that name prior to the publication of *Dytiscus ater* De Geer, 1774, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *ater* De Geer, 1774, as published in the binomen *Dytiscus ater*;

(b) *planus* Fabricius, 1781, as published in the binomen *Dytiscus planus*.

(3) The name *ater* Forster, 1771, as published in the binomen *Dytiscus ater* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2586

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Dytiscus ater* De Geer, 1774 and *Dytiscus planus* Fabricius, 1781 was received from Dr A. N. Nilsson (University of Umeå, Sweden) on 19 December 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 178–179 (September 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 179, with proposal (1) amended to suppress all uses of *ater* Forster, 1771 prior to the publication of De Geer's name. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Martins de Souza, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Heppell. Starobogatov and Trjapitzin were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

ater, *Dytiscus*, Forster, 1771, *Novae species Insectorum* I, p. 54.

ater, *Dytiscus*, De Geer, 1774, *Mémoires pour servir à l'histoire des insectes*, vol. 4, p. 401.

planus, *Dytiscus*, Fabricius, 1781, *Species Insectorum*, vol. 2, p. 501.



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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 46, 205–205.

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