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COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF *ATTUS OBSCURUS*
TACZANOWSKI, 1872. Z.N.(S.) 1770
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According to Dr. Galiano's motion the senior synonym, *obscurus*—in two combinations—has been quoted twice by Taczanowski himself and then twice in two catalogues: Petrunkevitch, 1911 (*Bull. Amer. Mus. nat. Hist.* 29 : 648) and Bonnet, 1956 (*Bibliographia Araneorum* 2 : 1884). To that we can add a third quotation, apparently overlooked by Dr. M. E. Galiano: Roewer, 1954 (*Katalog der Araneae* 2 : 1181) as well as a fourth: Caporiacco, 1948 (*Proc. zool. Soc. London* 118 : 723)—a description of a female specimen referred to as *Akela obscura*.

So there are three recent quotations of the senior synonym—in 1948, 1954 and 1956—two of which are in authoritative catalogues, universally considered as basic works for recent arachnology, and one is a description. Therefore the specific name *obscurus* Taczanowski, 1872, used in consecutive combinations as *Attus obscurus*, *Evophrys obscurus* (or *obscura*), *Akela obscura*, cannot be considered as a *nomen oblitum*.

It is not possible to claim that the junior synonym *Cyrene bulbosa* Cambridge, 1901, and its other combinations has been more commonly used because Dr. M. E. Galiano can refer to 6 quotations only (including two in her own papers and two in catalogues, one of which is already 57 years old).

We therefore propose that the Commission reject Dr. Galiano's motion and retain the specific name *obscurus* Taczanowski, 1872, a valid name for the species which should now be referred to as *Freya obscura* (Taczanowski, 1872).



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