

A NEW NAME FOR *PAPILIO CERES* CRAMER, [1776],
NEC FABRICIUS, 1775 (NYMPHALIDAE, DANAINAE)

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ABSTRACT. *Lycorea pieteri*, *nomen novum*, is proposed as a replacement name of *Papilio ceres* Cramer, [1776], pre-occupied by *Papilio ceres* Fabricius, 1775.

Papilio ceres, a danaine described by Cramer ([1776]: 141, 152, pl. 90, fig. A) from "Surinam" is a junior primary homonym of *Papilio ceres* Fabricius (1775: 504), an African nymphaline. The only author who seems to have noticed this homonymy is Billberg (1820: 77). Under his new genus *Epimetes*, Billberg introduced the name *sebethis*, as follows:

Sebethis Brasil. Eg. *Ceres* Fbr.

As can be surmised from other examples elsewhere in his work, the above notation indicates that Billberg was proposing his name *sebethis* as a substitute for *ceres* Fabricius, and that he had a specimen (or specimens) from "Brazil" in his collection (Eg. = *Auctor hujus operis*). What is not clear is if Billberg considered *ceres* Cramer to be the senior name, or if he intended to write "Cr." instead of "Fbr." after *ceres*, and just made a *lapsus calami*. However, in at least one other instance, Billberg gives preference to a junior Cramerian name over a Fabrician one, under the genus *Amaryssus* Dalman (*minos* Cramer, [1780] versus *astenuous* Fabricius, 1775).

Whatever Billberg's true *intention* was, it is his *action* which counts here, and the result was the unfortunate introduction of an invalid junior synonym of *Papilio ceres* Fabricius (currently known as *Najas ceres* (Fox *et al.*, 1965) or *Euphaedra ceres* Auctt.; the correct nomenclatorial status of this species is not yet settled, *cf.* Cowan, 1974).

Therefore, *Papilio ceres* Cramer still needs a replacement name, and under the provisions of Article 60(b) of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature I hereby propose ***pieteri***, in the combination ***Lycorea pieteri***, *nom. nov.* This name is a masculine noun after the patronym of Pieter Cramer.

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