GALERITA GOUAN, 1770 (PISCES): PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL INDEX TOGETHER WITH ADDITION OF GALERITA FABRICIUS, 1801, TO THE OFFICIAL LIST. Z.N.(S.) 1739

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The object of the present application is to ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to reject the generic name Galerita Gouan, 1770, senior homonym of Galerita Fabricius, 1801.

2. The generic name Galerita was first published by Rondelet in 1554 (Libri de piscibus marinis . . . Lugduni, apud Mathiam Bonhomme : 204), but was, first used after the introduction of the Binomial System by Gouan in 1770 (Historia Piscium : 123), as a junior synonym of Blennius Linnaeus, 1758 (Systema Naturae (ed. 10) 1 : 256). Even though a nomen nudum in Gouan's Historica Piscium, and not adopted by either Gouan or a single subsequent author, the name Galerita Gouan was listed in several nomenclators (Schulze, Neave, etc.) as if it were an available name. As a result, it was incorrectly treated as a senior homonym by several subsequent authors (see 5, 6, below).

3. In 1801 Fabricius described the homonymic genus Galerita for Coleoptera, Insecta (Systema Eleutheratorum 1 : 214).

4. Galerita Fabricius has been made the type-genus of a taxon in the family-group by Lacordaire (1854, Généra des Coléoptères 1 : 79), the Galérítides.

5. In 1936 the name Galeritula Strand was proposed (Folia Zool. Hydrobiol. 9 : 168) to replace Galerita Fabricius, nec Gouan.

6. In 1949, overlooking the existence of Galeritula Strand, 1936, Jeannel (Faune de l'Empire Français 11 : 1057) proposed the name Galeritina to replace Galerita Fabricius, nec Gouan.

7. In the same paper Jeannel proposed the family-group name Galeritinini (type-genus Galeritini Jeannel, 1949) to replace Galeritini (type-genus Galerita Fabricius, 1801).


9. A forthcoming revision of the American species of the tribe which includes the genus Galerita Fabricius, revealed that the genus Diabena Fairmaire, 1901 (Bull. Soc. ent. France : 94) with two species in Madagascar, is a subjective synonym of Galerita Fabricius. Diabena having 35 years of priority over Galeritula Strand, would have to be used for the complex of 51 Neotropical, 7 Oriental and 17 Ethiopian species of the genus.

10. Even though two replacement names have been proposed and are available for Galerita Fabricius (see 5, 6, above), the latter is still widely used by specialists as well as non-specialists. As stated above (9), if Galerita Gouan were accepted, nomenclatural procedure would require the application of Diabena Fairmaire to the genus. Diabena Fairmaire, which was until now restricted to two Malagasy species, is almost completely unknown outside the
Ethiopian Region. *Galerita* Gouan, the senior homonym of *Galerita* Fabricius has never been used in the Binomial System as a senior synonym after 1758, as stated above (2).

11. It seems to the writer that a strict application of the Law of Homonymy in the case of *Galerita* Gouan, 1770 and *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801, is illogical, because of the fact that the senior homonym is not used in the literature as a valid generic name, while the junior homonym is a well known name in the entomological literature.

12. It is therefore requested that *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, be rejected as a nomen nudum and that *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801, be placed on the Official List.

13. For the reasons above it is requested that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature:

(1) place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology the family-group names:

(a) Galeritinini Jeannel, 1949 (type-genus, *Galeritina* Jeannel, 1949) (a junior objective synonym of Galeritini Lacordaire, 1854);

(b) Galeritulini Jedlicka, 1963 (type-genus, *Galeritula* Strand, 1936) (a junior objective synonym of Galeritini Lacordaire, 1854);

(2) place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the family-group name Galeritini Lacordaire, 1854 (type-genus, *Galerita* Fabricius 1801);

(3) place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the generic name *Galerita* Gouan, 1770 (a nomen nudum);


(5) place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *Carabus americanus* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Systema Naturae*, (ed. 10) : 415), as published in the binomen *Carabus americanus* (type-species of *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801).
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