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SCIENTIFIC NOTE

NEW SYNONYMS FOR *ACANTHOSCELIDES AURULENTUS* AND *A. PHALAROPUS* (COLEOPTERA: BRUCHIDAE)

Kingsolver (1985) described *Acanthoscelides aurulentus*, *A. phalaropus*, and six other new species reared from seeds of Brazilian *Parkia* (Leguminosae: Mimosoideae).

Johnson (1990) described *Acanthoscelides buenaventura* and *A. cesari* from Colombia. Three of the four specimens on which these names were based were reared from "Seeds of legume tree to 30' tall," near Buenaventura, Colombia. *Acanthoscelides buenaventura* is now known to be a junior synonym of *A. phalaropus* Kingsolver and *A. cesari* a junior synonym of *A. aurulentus* Kingsolver. The new synonymies are as follows.

Acanthoscelides aurulentus Kingsolver

Acanthoscelides aurulentus Kingsolver 1985:53 (Type locality: Brazil. Amazonas: Praia Grande, Rio Negro, 3:00S, 60:37W. Type depository: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazona, Manaus, Brazil); Johnson 1989:750.

A. cesari Johnson 1990:353 (Type locality: Colombia. Valle del Cauca: ca. 30 km E Buenaventura. Type depository: U.S. National Museum of Natural History) **new synonymy**.

Acanthoscelides phalaropus Kingsolver

Acanthoscelides phalaropus Kingsolver 1985:61 (Type locality: Brazil. Reserva Campinas, BR 174, km 44. Type depository: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazona, Manaus, Brazil); Johnson 1989:756.

A. buenaventura Johnson 1990:346 (Type locality: Colombia. Valle del Cauca: ca. 30 km E Buenaventura. Type depository: U.S. National Museum of Natural History) **new synonymy**.

According to Johnson (1990) these two species belong to the *Acanthoscelides albugynus* group, which is composed of robust species, most of which are characterized by having light-colored bodies with contrasting patterns of pubescence.

The host in Colombia is presumably a species of *Parkia* because *A. phalaropus*, *A. aurulentus* and six other species were collected in abundance from seeds of *Parkia* by Mike and Helen Hopkins in Brazil while pursuing ecological studies. It is unfortunate that names were not available for these bruchids when M. Hopkins (1983, 1984) published the results of his ecological studies. Hopkins used numbers for the species and then the species were described by Kingsolver in 1985 (*A. aurulentus*, *A. bisagittus*, *A. helenae*, *A. hopkinsi*, *A. imitator*, *A. lambda*, *A. phalaropus* and *Mimosestes chrysocosmus*). The names of the bruchids can be correlated with their hosts by a careful analysis of the Hopkins host records. Others who study the ecology of these species should use the papers of Kingsolver and Hopkins in concert.

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We received word that Society member Tim Spanton passed away on May 27, 1993. Tim got his Ph.D. degree under George Ball at the University of Alberta last year. His dissertation was a revision of the North American species of *Panscopus* Schönherr (Curculionidae).