

**Scientific note: *Deronectes palaestinus* FERY & HOSSEINIE
replaced by *Deronectes palaestinensis* nom.n.
(Insecta: Coleoptera: Dytiscidae)**

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Abstract

Deronectes palaestinus FERY & HOSSEINIE, 1998, has been recognised to be a junior primary homonym of *Deronectes griseostriatus* var. *palaestinus* BAUDI, 1894. The species name *Deronectes palaestinus* thus is replaced here by the name *Deronectes palaestinensis* nom.n.

Key words: Dytiscidae, *Deronectes*, homonymy, replacement name.

Zusammenfassung

Der Name *Deronectes palaestinus* FERY & HOSSEINIE, 1998, wurde als jüngeres primäres Homonym von *Deronectes griseostriatus* var. *palaestinus* BAUDI, 1894, erkannt und wird deshalb durch *Deronectes palaestinensis* nom.n. ersetzt.

Note

In FERY & HOSSEINIE (1998: 229), the present authors published a new taxon from the Golan heights in Syria under the name of *Deronectes palaestinus*. Our colleague A.N. Nilsson (Umeå, Sweden) has kindly communicated to us that BAUDI (1894: 3) described a taxon from "Cisterna di Es-Sanamein e stagni di Brak" (Syria) with the name of *Deronectes griseostriatus* var. *palaestinus*.

ZAITZEV (1953: 195) and ZIMMERMANN (1933: 156) regarded this taxon as a junior synonym of *Potamonectes griseostriatus* (DE GEER, 1774) (today in genus *Stictotarsus* ZIMMERMANN, 1919; see NILSSON & HOLMEN 1995: 79), and formally assigned it specific rank ("*Potamonectes palaestinus*"). Thus according to articles 45g and those of chapter XII of the ICZN (1985: 87, 99 ff.), *Deronectes palaestinus* FERY & HOSSEINIE, 1998, is to be considered a junior primary homonym of *Deronectes palaestinus* BAUDI, 1894, and must not be used as a valid name.

The present authors hereby replace *Deronectes palaestinus* FERY & HOSSEINIE, 1998, with *Deronectes palaestinensis* nom.n. (replacement name).

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