

***Anthicus oustaleti* Telnov, 1999 nom. nov., a new name for *Anthicus melancholicus* Oustalet, 1874 nec *A. melancholicus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1848**
(Coleoptera: Anthicidae)

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Abstract: The name of *Anthicus melancholicus* Oustalet, 1874, a fossil species from France, has been changed to *Anthicus oustaleti* Telnov, 1999 **nom. nov.** because of homonymy with *A. melancholicus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1848.

Zusammenfassung: Für die aus Frankreich beschriebene fossile Art *Anthicus melancholicus* Oustalet, 1874 wird wegen Homonymie zu *A. melancholicus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1848 der neue Name *Anthicus oustaleti* Telnov, 1999 **nom. nov.** eingesetzt.

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The Marquis F. Thibault de LAFERTÉ-SÉNECTÈRE (1848) described *Anthicus melancholicus* from North America ("America Borealis"). In his paper "A Revision of the North American Species...". Floyd G. WERNER (1964) confirms the allocation of this species to the genus *Anthicus* s. str. WERNER adduces three synonyms of this species: *Anthicus latebrans* LeConte, 1852, *A. spretus* LeConte, 1852, *A. facilis* Casey, 1884.

E. OUSTALET (1874) described a fossil species of Anthicidae from Provence (France) under the name *Antichus* [sic!] *melancholicus*. It is interesting that OUSTALET cited the work of LAFERTÉ-SÉNECTÈRE (1848) in his article. This species was described on the basis of two specimens, the type is stored at the Museum of Marseille (OUSTALET, 1874). I have written to the Museum of Marseille to ask for the type but have not

received an answer. From study of the original description and sketches of the habitus I assume that *Anthicus* is as good an allocation for OUSTALET's species as possible under the circumstances.

The name *Anthicus melancholicus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1848 therefore has priority according to the articles of the ICZN. The name of OUSTALET's species is a junior homonym and should be changed. The new name given for *Anthicus melancholicus* Oustalet, 1874 nec *A. melancholicus* LaFerté-Sénéctère, 1848 is *Anthicus oustaleti* Telnov, 1999 **nom. nov.**

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