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AURIVILLIUS (1925) described a new genus *Dasylaelia* with type species *D. strigata* on the basis of female specimens from South Kamerun (South Cameroon). While examining the Lymantriidae collection in British Museum (Nat. Hist.), London, the author found a series of six female specimens from Cameroon, out of which one specimen is carrying a determination label of *D. strigata* AURIVILLIUS by late C. L. COLLENETTE, which also tells that he had compared this specimen with the type. It was observed that above six specimens belong to the genus *Dasychira* (HÜBNER) STEPHENS and not *Dasylaelia* AURIVILLIUS, because of the following reasons

- (1) Forewing with vein 9 arising from 10 and anastomosing with 8 to form an areole
- (2) Hindwing with vein, 3, 4, 5 from close to angle of cell and 6 and 7 stalked.

Although the author could not examine the type of *Dasylaelia strigata* AURIVILLIUS, the above mentioned characters which are present in all the six specimens fully confirmed that what was described as *D. strigata* AURIVILLIUS, is in true sense *Dasychira* (HÜBNER) STEPHENS.

Since the genus *Dasylaelia* AURIVILLIUS is known by a single species i. e. *D. strigata* AURIVILLIUS, which is hereby agreed to belong to *Dasychira* (HÜBNER) STEPHENS, the present author is synonymising *Dasylaelia* AURIVILLIUS, 1925 to that of *Dasychira* (HÜBNER) STEPHENS, 1810, under the law of priority of Zoological nomenclature.

Now again, *Dasychira strigata* MOORE, is already existing there and *D. (Dasylaelia) strigata* (AURIVILLIUS) is very much different from former, a new name *D. aurivillii* nom. n. is proposed for *D. (Dasylaelia) strigata* (AURIVILLIUS).

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