

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**PLATNICKNIA NOM. NOV., A NEW NAME FOR THE
PREOCCUPIED SPIDER GENUS *BRYANTINA* BRIGNOLI, 1985
(ARANEAE: PHOLCIDAE)**

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One proposed genus name in the spider family Pholcidae is nomenclaturally invalid, as the genus group name has already been used by a different author in Diptera. In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, we propose a substitute name for this genus name.

**Family PHOLCIDAE
Genus *PLATNICKNIA* nom. nov.**

Bryantina Brignoli, 1985. Bulletin Br. arachnol. Soc. 6 (9): 380. (Arachnida: Araneae: Pholcidae). Preoccupied by *Bryantina* Malloch, 1926. Philippine J. Sci., 31, 506. (Insecta: Diptera: Muscidae).

Remarks on nomenclatural change: The monotypic orientalic genus *Bryantina* was firstly introduced by Malloch (1926) with the type species *Bryantina javensis* Malloch, 1926 from Java (Indonesia) in Diptera. It is still used as a valid genus name.

Subsequently, the neotropical spider genus name *Bryantina* was proposed by Brignoli (1985) as an objective replacement name for *Bryantia* Mello-Leitão, 1946 that preoccupied by *Bryantia* Schaus, 1922 (Lepidoptera) with the type species *Systemita coxana* Bryant, 1940 in Pholcidae. Also, it is still used as a valid generic name in Pholcidae (Platnick, 2008).

Thus the spider genus name *Bryantina* Brignoli, 1985 is a junior homonym of the valid genus name *Bryantina* Malloch, 1926. So we propose here that *Bryantina* Brignoli, 1985 should be replaced with the new name *Platnicknia*, as a replacement name.

Etymology: The name is dedicated to the well known arachnologist Norman I. Platnick (USA).

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

Platnicknia* nom. nov.**pro *Bryantina* Brignoli, 1985 (non Malloch, 1926)Platnicknia coxana* (Bryant, 1940) comb. nov.**from *Bryantina coxana* (Bryant, 1940)*Bryantia coxana* (Bryant, 1940)*Systemita coxana* Bryant, 1940***Platnicknia incerta* (Bryant, 1940) comb. nov.**from *Bryantina incerta* (Bryant, 1940)*Bryantia incerta* (Bryant, 1940)*Systemita incerta* Bryant, 1940**LITERATURE CITED**

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