

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**A NEW NAME, *MIROBLATTITES* FOR THE PREOCCUPIED
GENUS *MIROBLATTA* LAURENTIAUX-VIEIRA &
LAURENTIAUX, 1987 (BLATTODEA: ARCHIMYLACRIDAE)**

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**Family ARCHIMYLACRIDAE
Genus *MIROBLATTITES* nom. nov.**

Miroblatta Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987. Ann Soc Geol Nord 106 (1): 38. (Insecta: Blattodea: Mylacroblattina: Archimylacridae). Preoccupied by *Miroblatta* Shelford, 1906. Trans. ent. Soc. London, 1906, 271. (Insecta: Blattodea: Blaberoidea: Blaberidae: Epilamprinae).

Remarks: The genus *Miroblatta* was described by Shelford, 1906 with the type species *Miroblatta petrophila* Shelford, 1906. It is still used as a valid genus name.

Later, the genus *Miroblatta* was established by Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987 for a pennsylvanian fossil taxon with the type species *Miroblatta costalis* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987 from Belgium. It is also a valid genus name.

However, the name *Miroblatta* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987 is invalid under the law of homonymy, being a junior homonym of *Miroblatta* Shelford, 1906. So I propose to substitute the junior homonym name *Miroblatta* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987 for the nomen novum *Miroblattites*. The name is derived from the Latin suffix "ites" that can be used only fossil taxa under the CODE).

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

Miroblattites **nom. nov.**

pro *Miroblatta* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987 (non Shelford, 1906)
Miroblattites costalis (Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987) **comb. nov.**
from *Miroblatta costalis* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1987

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