

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**BELLESUS NOM. NOV., A NEW NAME FOR THE
NEOTROPICAL GENUS ARACHNOMIMUS BELLÉS, 1985
(COLEOPTERA: PTINIDAE)**

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Family PTINIDAE

Genus BELLESUS nom. nov.

Arachnomimus Bellés, 1985. *Miscellanea zool.* 9: 229. (Coleoptera: Ptinidae: Ptininae). Preoccupied by *Arachnomimus* Saussure, 1897. *Biol. Centr. Amer., Zool., Orth.*, 1, 251. (Orthoptera: Ensifera: Gryllidae: Phalangopsinae).

Remarks on nomenclatural change: Bellés (1985) described a neotropical genus *Arachnomimus* with the type species *Arachnomimus cristithorax* Bellés, 1985 by original designation and monotypy from Venezuela. It is still used as a valid monotypic genus name in the subfamily Ptininae (Coleoptera: Ptinidae).

Unfortunately, the generic name was already preoccupied by Saussure (1897), who had proposed the genus name *Arachnomimus*. Saussure (1878) described a genus *Arachnopsis* with the type species *Arachnopsis nietneri* Saussure, 1878 from Asia. Then Saussure (1897) replaced the genus name as *Arachnomimus* necessarily. Because *Arachnopsis* Saussure, 1878 (Insecta: Orthoptera) was a junior homonym of *Arachnopsis* Stimpson, 1870 (Crustacea). It is still used as a valid genus name in Orthoptera. It has two subgenera and eleven species now.

Thus, the genus name *Arachnomimus* Bellés, 1985 is a junior homonym of the genus name *Arachnomimus* Saussure, 1897. So I propose a new replacement name *Bellesus* **nom. nov.** for *Arachnomimus* Bellés, 1985.

Etymology: This name is dedicated to X. Bellés who is the current author of the genus *Arachnomimus*.

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

***Bellesus* nom. nov.**

pro *Arachnomimus* Bellés, 1985 (non Saussure, 1897)

***Bellesus cristithorax* (Bellés, 1985) comb. nov.**

from *Arachnomimus cristithorax* Bellés, 1985

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