

**A NEW SUBSTITUTE NAME FOR THE GENUS *RHABDOTUS*
TOWNES, 1946 (HYMENOPTERA: ICHNEUMONIDAE)
NON CHAUDOIR, 1865**

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ABSTRACT: A junior homonym was detected amongst the Hymenoptera and the following replacement name is proposed: *Oezdemirus* for *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 (Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae). Accordingly, seven new combinations are herein proposed for all seven valid species currently included in *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 (Ichneumonidae).

KEY WORDS: *Oezdemirus*, *Rhabdotus*, homonymy, Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae, replacement name

TAXONOMY

***Oezdemirus* nom. nov., substitute name**

Rhabdotus Townes, 1946. *Bol. Ent. venezol.*, 5, 55. (Insecta: Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea: Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae: Ichneumonini). Preoccupied by *Rhabdotus* Chaudoir, 1865. *Bull. Soc. imp. Nat. Moscou*, 38 (2), 94. (Insecta: Coleoptera: Carabidae).

The genus *Rhabdotus* was erected by Chaudoir (1865) with the type species *Rhabdotus reflexus* Chaudoir, 1865 in Coleoptera (Carabidae). It is still used as a valid generic name in Coleoptera. Also the Neotropical genus *Rhabdotus* was described by Townes (1946) with the type species *Ichneumon intentus* Cresson, 1873 in Hymenoptera (Ichneumonoidea: Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae: Ichneumonini) from Mexico. It is still a valid generic name in Hymenoptera. However, the name *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 is invalid under the law of homonymy, being a junior homonym of *Rhabdotus* Chaudoir, 1865. Under the Zoological Code (ICZN, 1999) it must be rejected and replaced. In accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition (1999), we propose to substitute the junior homonym *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 with the nomen novum *Oezdemirus*. As a result of this, *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 is **replaced with *Oezdemirus* nom. nov.** The following new combination is *Oezdemirus intentus* (Cresson, 1873), **comb. nov.** along with six other new combinations for all seven valid species currently included in *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946 (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae).

SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNTS

Order Hymenoptera
Superfamily Ichneumonoidea
Family Ichneumonidae
Subfamily Ichneumoninae

Genus *Oezdemirus* **new replacement name**

For *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946, junior homonym of *Rhabdotus* Chaudoir, 1865.

Type species: *Ichneumon intentus* Cresson, 1873, from Mexico.

Gender: Masculine

Etymology: *Oezdemirus* dedicated to the last names of our colleagues Dr. Yasemin Özdemir, Dr. Işıl Özdemir and Dr. Mustafa Özdemir.

Species account and distribution: seven species; known from Mexico and Guatemala in the Neotropical Region (Yu and Horstmann (1997).

Mandatory new combinations:

Oezdemirus alternans (Brullé, 1846) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

Oezdemirus famelicus (Cresson, 1868) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

Oezdemirus gracilentissimus (Dalla Torre, 1902) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*. This name was given as new name for *Ichneumon gracilentus* Cresson, 1868 preoccupied by *Ichneumon gracilentus* Wesmael, 1845.

Oezdemirus intentus (Cresson, 1873) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

Oezdemirus salvini (Cameron, 1885) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

Oezdemirus teres (Cresson, 1868) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

Oezdemirus trunculentus (Cameron, 1885) **new comb.** from *Rhabdotus*.

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