

**NEW SYNONYMS AND COMBINATION IN THE TRIBE  
PARALIMNINI (HEMIPTERA: CICADELLIDAE:  
DELTOCEPHALINAE) FROM CHINA**

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**ABSTRACT:** In the present paper, one genus and one species are synonymized in the tribe Paralimnini of the subfamily Deltocephalinae. *Didymotettix* Yang, 1996 (previously placed in the tribe Athysanini) is a junior synonym of *Falcitettix* Linnavuori, 1953. *Didymotettix kunlunicus* Yang, 1996 is a junior synonym of *Falcitettix guttiger* (Kusnezov, 1929). And, *Sorhoanus longivittatus* Kuoh, 1981 is transferred to the genus *Emeljanovianus* based the characters of male genitalia.

**KEY WORDS:** Homoptera, taxonomy, leafhopper, nomenclatural change, China

The deltocephaline tribe Paralimnini is distributed worldwide, including 2 subtribes, 139 genera and 931 species (Zahniser & Dietrich, 2013). Most members of the tribe are closely associated with grass dominated habitats. During a study of the Chinese Paralimnini, we recognized one genus and one species as junior synonyms, and also proposed one new combination. The examined specimens are deposited in the Institute of Entomology, Guizhou University, Guiyang, China (GUGC).

**NOMENCLATRURAL CHANGES AND NOTES**

**Family Cicadellidae  
Subfamily Deltocephalinae Dallas, 1870  
Tribe Paralimnini Distant, 1908**

**Genus *Falcitettix* Linnavuori, 1953**

*Falcitettix* Linnavuori, 1953: 58. Type species: *Falcitettix sibiricus* Linnavuori, 1953: 58, by original designation.

*Didymotettix* Yang, 1996: 85. Type species: *Didymotettix kunlunicus* Yang, 1996: 86, by original designation. **syn. n.**

**Notes.** Yang (1996) established the genus *Didymotettix* with the type species *D. kunlunicus* Yang, 1996 from Xinjiang, China. Recently, Zahniser & Dietrich (2013) placed this genus in the tribe Athysanini of the subfamily Deltocephalinae. Based on investigation of the descriptions and illustrations by Linnavuori (1953) and Yang (1996) and the examined specimens from type locality, we recognize the genus *Didymotettix* Yang, 1996 as a junior synonym of *Falcitettix* Linnavuori, 1953.

The genus *Falcitettix* was established by Linnavuori (1953) for *F. sibiricus* Linnavuori, 1953 as its type species. Later, Emeljanov (1962) placed *Falcitettix* Linnavuori, 1953 as a junior subjective synonym of *Mocuellus* Ribaut, 1946, and placed *Falcitettix sibiricus* Linnavuori, 1953 as a junior synonym of *Deltocephalus*

*guttiger* Kusnezov, 1929. Oman, Knight & Nielson (1990) listed it as a subgenus of *Mocuellus* Ribaut, 1946, and indicated that *Mocuellus* contains five subgenera (*Erzaleus*, *Mocuola*, *Falcitettix*, *Mocuastrum* and *Promocuus*). However, Hamilton (1975), Emeljanov (1989, 1999) and Zahniser & Dietrich (2013) reinstated *Falcitettix* as a separate genus. Here, we also treat *Falcitettix* as a genus distinct from *Mocuellus*. The species of *Falcitettix* appears to be sufficiently different to justify generic rank on the basis of aedeagal differences.

**Distribution.** Palaearctic Region.

***Falcitettix guttiger* (Kusnezov, 1929)**

(Figs. 1-10)

*Deltocephalus guttiger* Kusnezov, 1929:181

*Mocuellus guttiger* (Kusnezov, 1929), n. comb. by Emeljanov, 1962: 178

*Falcitettix guttiger* (Kusnezov, 1929), n. comb. Emeljanov, 1989: 124

*Falcitettix sibiricus* Linnavuori, 1953:58, synonymized by Emeljanov, 1962: 178

*Falcitettix minor* Vilbaste, 1965: 59, synonymized by Emeljanov, 1989: 124

*Mocuellus (Falcitettix) minor* (Vilbaste, 1965), Li, Dai & Xing, 2011: 137.

*Didymotettix kunlunicus* Yang, 1996: 86 **syn. n.**

**Notes.** *Didymotettix kunlunicus* Yang, 1996 was described and illustrated from Xinjiang Autonomous Region, China. After examination of specimens from type locality, we found the characters of male genitalia described by Yang (1996) are the same as the species *Falcitettix minor* described by Vilbaste (1965). Li, Dai & Xing (2011) recorded this species *Mocuellus (Falcitettix) minor* from China flowing Vilbaste (1965) and Oman, Knight & Nielson (1990).

**Material examined.** 1 ♂, China: Xinjiang Autonomous Region, Buerjing, 14. VIII.1997, coll. Zizhong Li (GUGC).

**Measurement.** Length (including tegmen): ♂, 2.9 mm.

**Distribution.** European Russia, Mongolia, Tajikistan, China (Xinjiang).

**Genus *Emeljanovianus* Dlabola, 1965**

*Sorhoanus (Emeljanovianus)* Dlabola, 1965:125. Type species: *Sorhoanus suncharicus* Dlabola, 1965: 126, by original designation.

**Notes.** *Emeljanovianus* was established with the type species *Sorhoanus suncharicus* Dlabola, 1965, as a subgenus in *Sorhoanus* by Dlabola (1965). Later, Vilabste (1980) placed *S. (E.) suncharicus* Dlabola, 1965 as a junior synonym of *Deltocephalus hilaris* Melichar 1900, and raised *Emeljanovianus* to the genus level based on male genitalia. Recently, Zhang *et al.* (2013) recorded *Emeljanovianus* for the first time from China and reviewed this genus.

**Distribution.** Palaearctic Region.

***Emeljanovianus longivittatus* (Kuoh, 1981), comb. n.**

(Figs. 11-20)

*Sorhoanus longivittatus* Kuoh, 1981: 111.

**Notes.** Kuoh (1981) described this species in *Sorhoanus* from Qinghai Province, China. After examination of specimens from type locality, we here transfer it to

*Emeljanovianus* mainly based on the characters of male genitalia.

**Diagnosis.** This species differs from *Emeljanovianus medius* (Mulsant & Rey, 1855) and *Emeljanovianus hilaris* (Melichar, 1900) in having pronotum with two black longitudinal bands originating from vertex, aedeagal shaft medially on ventral side with a forked process.

**Material examined.** 1 ♂, China: Qinghai Province, Datong, 3000 m, 9.VII.2007, coll. Xiangsheng Chen (GUGC); 3 ♂♂, China: Qinghai Province, Kanbula, 2600 m, 7.VII.2008, coll. Maofa Yang (GUGC).

**Measurement.** Length (including tegmen): ♂, 4.0-4.2 mm.

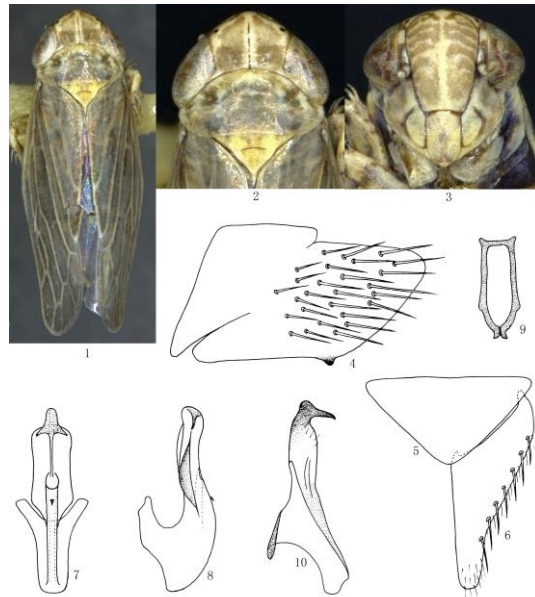
**Distribution.** China (Qinghai).

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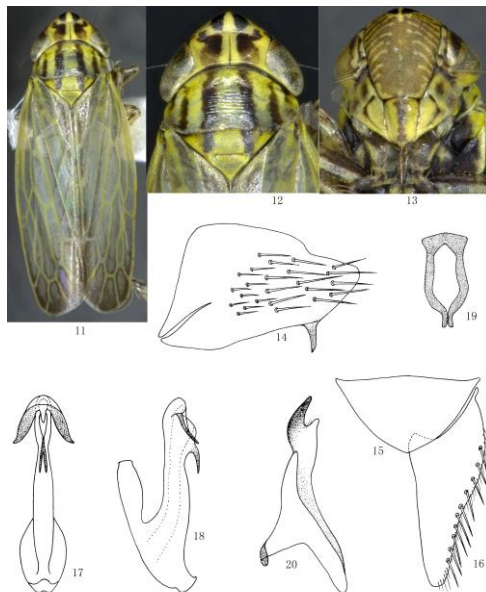
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Figures 1-10. *Falcitettix guttiger* (Kusnezov, 1929): 1. ♂, dorsal view; 2. Head and thorax, dorsal view; 3. face; 4. Male pygofer side, lateral view; 5. Valve; 6. Subgenital plate; 7. Aedeagus, ventral view; 8. Aedeagus, lateral view; 9. Connective; 10. Style, dorsal view.



Figures 11-20. *Emeljanovianus longivittatus* (Kuoh, 1981): 11. ♂, dorsal view; 12. Head and thorax, dorsal view; 13. face; 14. Male pygofer side, lateral view; 15. Valve; 16. Subgenital plate; 17. Aedeagus, ventral view; 18. Aedeagus, lateral view; 19. Connective; 20. Style, dorsal view.