

**TURKA NOM. NOV., FOR THE PREOCCUPIED
PALAEARCTIC ROBBER FLIES GENUS *TURKIELLA*
LEHR, 1996 (DIPTERA: ASILIDAE)**

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ABSTRACT: A junior homonym was detected among the genus group names of Asilidae and the following replacement name is proposed: *Turka* nom. nov. for *Turkiella* Lehr, 1996. Accordingly, new combinations are herein proposed for the species currently included in this genus. *Turka cervinus* (Loew, 1856) comb. nov.; *Turka nudus* (Lehr, 1996) comb. nov.; *Turka tridentatus* (Loew, 1871) comb. nov. and *Turka zaitzevi* (Lehr, 1996) comb. nov.

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Order Diptera
Family Asilidae
Genus *Turka* new name

Turkiella Lehr, 1996. Robber flies of subfamily Asilinae (Diptera, Asilidae) of Palaeartic. Ecological and morphological analysis, taxonomy and evolution. Dalnauka Vladivostok: 131. (Insecta: Diptera: Asilidae: Asilinae). Preoccupied by *Turkiella* Zumpt & Till, 1953. An. Inst. Med. trop., Lisboa, 10, 215. (Acari: Parasitiformes: Mesostigmata: Dermanyssina: Dermanyssidae: Laelapidae).

Remarks on nomenclatural change: Lehr (1996) proposed the palaeartic robber flies genus *Turkiella* in Asilidae. The genus name is currently used as a valid generic name. It has four species now.

Unfortunately, the generic name was already preoccupied by Zumpt & Till (1953), who had described the mite genus *Turkiella* with the type species *Androlaelaps theseus* Zumpt, 1950 in Acari. It is currently used as a valid generic name.

So the genus name *Turkiella* Lehr, 1996 is invalid under the rule of homonymy, being a junior homonym of *Turkiella* Zumpt & Till, 1953. Under the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999) it must be rejected and replaced. In accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition (1999), I propose to substitute the junior homonym *Turkiella* Lehr, 1996 for the nomen novum *Turka*.

Etymology.— from the Turkish word “Türk”.

Summary of nomenclatural changes;

Turka **nom. nov.**

pro *Turkiella* Lehr, 1996 (non Zumpt & Till, 1953)

Turka cervinus (Loew, 1856) **comb. nov.**

from *Turkiella cervinus* (Loew, 1856)

= *Epitriptus cervinus* Loew, 1856

Distr.: Palaearctic Region: Russia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, North Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt).

Turka nudus (Lehr, 1996) **comb. nov.**

from *Turkiella nudus* Lehr, 1996

Distr.: Palaearctic Region: Russia, Kazakhstan.

Turka tridentatus (Loew, 1871) **comb. nov.**

from *Turkiella tridentatus* (Loew, 1871)

= *Mochtherus tridentatus* Loew, 1871

Distr.: Palaearctic Region: Russia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Turkey.

Turka zaitzevi (Lehr, 1996) **comb. nov.**

from *Turkiella zaitzevi* Lehr, 1996

Distr.: Palaearctic Region: Russia, Kirgizia.

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