

## SCIENTIFIC NOTE

***PSOCOPSYLLA* NOM. NOV., A NEW NAME FOR  
THE PREOCCUPIED PSOCID GENUS *EOPSYLLA*  
VISHNIAKOVA, 1976 (PSOCODEA: PSOCIDIIDAE)**

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**Family PSOCIDIIDAE  
Genus *PSOCOPSYLLA* nom. nov.**

*Eopsylla* Vishniakova, 1976. Paleont.Zh. 1976 (2): 78. (Insecta: Psocodea: Psocidiidae). Preoccupied by *Eopsylla* Argyropulo, 1946. Med. Parasitol., Moscow, 15 (4), 90. (Insecta: Siphonaptera: Hystrichopsylloidea: Hystrichopsyllidae).

**Remarks on nomenclatural change:** Vishniakova (1976) proposed the genus *Eopsylla*. According to Huang et al. (2008), Vishniakova attributed it to the family Archipsyllidae Handlirsch, 1906–1908. Then Rasnitsyn (2002) indicated that it belongs to the family Psocidiidae Tillyard, 1926.

Unfortunately, the generic name was already preoccupied by Argyropulo (1946), who had described the genus *Eopsylla* for a sphonepter. It is still used as a valid genus name and it occurs in Central Asiatic region.

Thus, the genus name *Eopsylla* Vishniakova, 1976 is a junior homonym of the genus name *Eopsylla* Argyropulo, 1946. So, in accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, I propose a new replacement name *Psocopsylla* **nom. nov.** for *Eopsylla* Vishniakova, 1976.

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