



New substitute name for the genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha: Flatidae)

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Introduction

The African planthopper species *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890 was described by Karsch (1890) from Congo. Later, Melichar (1901) placed this species in the genus *Walkeria* Melichar, 1901 together with *Flata radiata* Distant, 1892 however, that name appeared to be preoccupied and Kirkaldy (1906) proposed for it a new replacement name *Eumelicharia* Kirkaldy, 1906 and designated *Flata radiata* as the type species. Medler (1988) in his paper on Flatidae from Taï Forest (Côte d'Ivoire) established a new genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 with *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890 as its type species and proposed that the new genus can be separated from *Eumelicharia* by its development of a strong uniform network of crossveins. However, the genus name *Mistaria* is preoccupied and was initially introduced by Lehtinen (1967) for a spider *Agelena leucopyga* Pavesi, 1883 (Arachnida: Araneae: Agelenidae), as the type species, from East Africa. Thus, the genus *Mistaria* Medler, 1988 is a junior homonym of the genus *Mistaria* Lehtinen, 1967. According to Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999), we propose the new replacement name *Neomistaria* **nom. nov.** for *Mistaria* Medler, 1988. The resulting nomenclatural changes are summarized below.

Genus *Neomistaria* **nom. nov.**

Mistaria Medler, 1988: 139 (Insecta: Hemiptera: Flatidae), type species: *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890. Preoccupied by *Mistaria* Lehtinen, 1967: 429 (Arachnida: Araneae: Agelenidae), type species: *Agelena leucopyga* Pavesi, 1883.

Type species. *Flata crassivenosa* Karsch, 1890

Etymology. From the preexisting name *Mistaria*, the prefix “Neo-” from the Greek “neos” meaning new; gender feminine.

Neomistaria crassivenosa (Karsch, 1890) **comb. nov.**

Flata crassivenosa Karsch, 1890: 65.

Walkeria crassivenosa: Melichar 1901: 250; Metcalf 1957: 258.

Eumelicharia crassivenosa Kirkaldy 1906: 156, Melichar 1914: 130; Melichar 1923: 60; Fennah 1958: 153; Medler 1990: 106.

Mistaria crassivenosa: Medler 1988: 140.

Distribution. Africa: Congo, Côte d'Ivoire (Taï Forest).

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