

A Note on Synonymy in Mycetophilidae and Neoepicypta, n. n. (Dipt.)

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While engaged in a study of Nearctic Mycetophilidae, my attention was drawn to an unfortunate case of synonymy involving the genera *Epicypta* Winnertz, 1863 and *Delopsis* Skuse, 1890. In 1863 Winnertz included three species of *Mycetophila* in his new genus *Epicypta*; they were 1. *M. punctum* Stannius, 1831, 2. *M. scatophora* Perris, 1849, 3. *M. trinotata* Winnertz (nec Staeger) = *Epicypta testata* Edwards, 1925. In 1909, Johannsen designated *Epicypta scatophora* as the type species, however, in 1929 Edwards placed this species in the genus *Delopsis*. At the same time he designated *E. testata* Edws., 1925 as the type of the genus *Epicypta*, a violation of Rule 30g of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. Therefore, with the type of *Epicypta* being *E. scatophora* a *Delopsis*, the genus *Delopsis* falls as a synonym of *Epicypta*.

For *E. punctum* and *E. testata* and species since described as *Epicypta*, I propose the name *Neoepicypta* with *Neoepicypta punctum* (Stann.) as the type species.

The synonymy thus stands:

1. *Epicypta* Winnertz, 1863, Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, 13:909. —
Type species: *E. scatophora* (Perris, 1849).
Delopsis Skuse, 1890, Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. Wales (2), 5:623. —
Type species: *D. flavipennis* Skuse, 1890.
2. *Neoepicypta* n. n. — Type species: *N. punctum* (Stann., 1831).
Epicypta (auct. — pro parte).