

NEW HOMONYM, SYNONYM, AND COMBINATIONS IN THE CHINESE CICADELLIDAE (HOMOPTERA: AUCHENORRHYNCHA)¹

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ABSTRACT: One species of Evacanthinae, *Evacanthus uncinatus* Kuoh, a preoccupied name, is renamed *Evacanthus kuohi*, new name. The hylicine *Wania membracioidea* Liu is synonymized with *Balala fulviventris* (Walker). In Nirvaninae, two new combinations, *Sophonia alba* (Kuoh), (*Pseudonirvana*) and *Sophonia nigrifrons* (Kuoh), (*Pseudonirvana*) are reported.

During the preparation of a checklist of Cicadellidae found in China, it became evident that several nomenclatorial changes in the subfamilies Evacanthinae, Hylicinae, and Nirvaninae are necessary. In this paper, I offer replacement name for one homonym, propose one new synonym, and transfer two species to the correct genus.

EVACANTHINAE

Evacanthus kuohi Liang, NEW NAME

Evacanthus uncinatus Kuoh, 1992: 259, 308, fig. 18 (preoccupied by *Evacanthus uncinatus* Li, 1989: 337, 339, figs. 1-5).

Kuoh (1992) described *Evacanthus uncinatus* from a male and a female collected in Yunnan Province of southwestern China. Because the name *E. uncinatus* is preoccupied, I am here proposing the replacement name *kuohi*, in honor of the Prof. C.L. Kuoh for his extensive work on the Chinese Cicadellidae.

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HYLICINAE

Balala fulviventris (Walker)

Penthimia fulviventris Walker, 1851: 841.

Balala fulviventris (Walker); Distant, 1908: 251, fig. 159; Evans, 1946a: 59, fig. 23; Metcalf, 1962: 14.

Wania membracioidea Liu, 1939: 297, 3 figs. **New synonymy.**

Balala membracioidea (Liu); China, 1941: 255; Evans, 1946b: 46; Metcalf, 1962: 14.

Liu (1939) described *Wania membracioidea* as a new genus and species from Anhui Province of eastern China from a single female in the Héude Museum, Shanghai, China which is now held in the Insect Collection of the Institute of Zoology, Academia Sinica, Beijing, China. China (1941) synonymized *Wania* Liu with *Balala* Distant and established the new combination *Balala membracioidea* (Liu). *Balala fulviventris* (Walker) is a widespread species ranging from India, east to Burma, Tonkin, Indo-China, southern and central China, Taiwan, Sumatra, Borneo. I have compared the female holotype of *membracioidea* to material of *fulviventris* from the southern and eastern China and find them indistinguishable.

NIRVANINAE

Sophonia alba (Kuoh), NEW COMBINATION

Pseudonirvana alba Kuoh, 1992: 293, 314, fig. 52.

Kuoh (1992) described *alba* in the genus *Pseudonirvana* from a single male taken at Dali, Yunnan of southwestern China. *Pseudonirvana* Baker was suppressed as a junior synonym of *Sophonia* Walker by Evans (1947) and has been accepted by most authors (Viraktamath & Wesley, 1988). I have studied the holotype of *alba* which is held in the Insect Collection of the Institute of Zoology, Academia Sinica, Beijing and find that this leafhopper belongs in the genus *Sophonia*.

Sophonia nigrifrons (Kuoh), NEW COMBINATION

Pseudonirvana nigrifrons Kuoh, 1992-292: 314, fig. 51.

Pseudonirvana nigrifrons was described from a single male taken at Markam of Xizang [Tibet] (Kuoh, 1992). I have examined the holotype of this species which is held in the Insect Collection of the Institute of Zoology, Academia Sinica, Beijing and am here also transferring it to the genus *Sophonia*.

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