

## A new synonym of *Phyllomorpha laciniata* (Villers, 1789) (Heteroptera: Coreidae)

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**Abstract.** The following new synonymy is established: *Phyllomorpha laciniata montandon* Zange, 2005, syn. nov. = *Phyllomorpha laciniata* (Villers, 1789). Moreover, *Phyllomorpha laciniata laciniata* sensu ZANGE (2005) is a misidentification of *Ph. lacerata* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1835.

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In a recent but formally very unsatisfactory paper ignoring authoritative monographs on the Coreoidea, ZANGE (2005) described a new subspecies, *Phyllomorpha laciniata montandon* Zange, 2005 from Greece, and compared it with the 'nominotypical subspecies'. ZANGE (2005) gave the following distinguishing characters for *Ph. l. laciniata* – 'Antennomere 1 strongly spinous, antennomeres 2-3 without spines, antennomere 4 clavate; rostrum reaching mesocoxae; coloration light-beige to light-brown; corium with bright, dark-brown bands and dark-brown punctures; membrane glassy translucent, its veins translucent'. He also indicated that the metatibiae are not spinous or only with scarce hairs at their upper margin and the body length ranges between 9 and 10 mm. *Phyllomorpha l. monandon* differs by 'antennomeres 1-2 strongly spinous, antennomeres 2 (from its upper third), 3 and 4 without spines, antennomere 4 fusiform; coloration dark-brown; corium with bright, dark-brown bands and dark-brown punctures; ground colour dark-brown; membrane dark-brown, translucent, its veins externally strongly protruding, dark-brown'. He indicated body lengths of 8.5-9 mm.

Comparison of ZANGE'S (2005) descriptions with the keys by STICHEL (1959-1960) and MOULET (1995) and several dozens of specimens of *Ph. laciniata* and *Ph. lacerata* kept in the collection of the National Museum in Praha revealed that *Ph. l. montandon* is identical with *Ph. laciniata* (Villers, 1789), while *Ph. l. laciniata* sensu ZANGE (2005) represents misidentified specimens of *Ph. lacerata* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1835. The coloration and smaller size of *Ph. l. montandon* is fully within the variability range of *Ph. laciniata* (length 7.5-10.5 mm – MOULET 1995). Therefore, the following synonymy must be established:

***Phyllomorpha laciniata*** (Villers, 1789)

= *Phyllomorpha laciniata montandon* Zange, 2005: 26, **syn. nov.**

***Phyllomorpha lacerata* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1835**

= *Phyllomorpha laciniata laciniata*: ZANGE (2005): 25-26, not auctt., misidentification.

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