

Neotropical Pterophoridae 15: new synonyms (Lepidoptera)

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Abstract: The recently described *Megalorhipida rishwani* Makhan, 1994 has turned out to be a junior synonym of *M. leucodactyla* (Fabricius, 1794) and *Stenoptilodes amrishi* Makhan, 1994 is a junior synonym of *S. brevipennis* (Zeller, 1874).

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Introduction

Recently it was brought to my attention by Mr B. Brugge and Mr W. Hogenes of the Zoological Museum, Amsterdam (ZMA) that two new species of plume moths had been deposited in the collections. As I had not examined these species, *Megalorhipida rishwani* Makhan and *Stenoptilodes amrishi* Makhan, for my current review of the Pterophoridae of the new world, I was eager to see them. It soon turned out, however, that these species were already known to science. I hereby list the known synonyms of the species involved.

Megalorhipida leucodactylus (Fabricius)

leucodactylus (Fabricius, 1794) (*Pterophorus*), Virgin Is.
syn.: *defectalis* (Walker, 1864) (*Pterophorus*), Sierra Leone
congrualis (Walker, 1864) (*Pterophorus*), North India
oxydactyla (Walker, 1864) (*Pterophorus*), Sri Lanka
hawaiiensis (Butler, 1881) (*Aciptilia*), Hawaii
ochrodactyla (Fish, 1881) (*Trichoptilus*), USA (Texas)
centetes (Meyrick, 1886) (*Trichoptilus*), Papua New Guinea
compsochares (Meyrick, 1886) (*Trichoptilus*), Cape Verde Is.
ralumensis (Pagenstecher, 1900) (*Trichoptilus*), Bismarck Is.
derelictus (Meyrick, 1926) (*Trichoptilus*), Galapagos Is.
palaestinensis Amsel, 1935, Israel
palästinensis Amsel, 1935, incorrect spelling
rishwani Makhan, 1994, **syn. nov.**, Surinam

Material examined

Holotype *Megalorhipida rishwani* Makhan, ♂: Suriname,

Commewijne, 29.v.1992 (D. Makhan), genital slide not numbered (ZMA). Paratype *Megalorhipida rishwani* Makhan, ♀: same locality and date, genital slide not numbered (ZMA).

Stenoptilodes brevipennis (Zeller)

brevipennis (Zeller, 1874) (*Platyptilia*), Peru
syn.: *crenulata* (Barnes & McDunnough, 1913) (*Platyptilia*), USA (Florida)
taprobanes auct. (non Felder & Rogenhofer, 1875)
amrishi Makhan, 1994, **syn. nov.**, Surinam

Material examined

Holotype *Stenoptilodes amrishi* Makhan, ♂: Suriname, Suriname, 29.vii.1992 (D. Makhan), genital slide not numbered (ZMA).

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