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Trichodes ircutensis Laxm. — LAXMANN, in Nov. Comment. Acad. Imp. Petropol. XIV, 1759 (1770), described *Attelabus ircutensis*; I see no reason to follow the successive authors and compilers of catalogues, who, with the exception of SEIDLITZ (Fauna Transsylv. 1891, p. 527), all wrote *irkutensis*.

MARCU's ab. *rufohumeralis* (Bul. Fac. Sti. Cernăuți VIII, 1934 [1935], p. 91) is a synonym of ab. *humeralis* Kraatz 1894.

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In a recent letter, my old friend A. B. WOLCOTT, the Nestor of American Cleridologists, wrote me on the genus *Caestron* (Dupont in coll.), very shortly defined by SPINOLA (Clérîtes I, 1844, p. 269), but not recognized by him as a separate genus and regarded as a synonym of his genus *Clerus* (= *Enoclerus* Gahan). WOLCOTT, who has examined quite a number of specimens of *C. trogositoides* (Dupont) Spin. from Mexico, pointed out that *Caestron* has full title to the status of an independent genus, closely allied to *Enoclerus*, but differing from it in the general shape, which is much more slender, and the structure of the antennae, in which the terminal segment is transversal and scarcely emarginate.

On examining the material in the Amsterdam Museum, I find that also *Clerus concinnus* Gorh. 1878 and *C. contractus* Gorh. 1878 show the same characters and therefore can better be transferred to *Caestron* also. According to a later letter, Mr. WOLCOTT shares this opinion.

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In the genus now named *Corinthiscus* Fairm. et Germain (*Pelonium olim*), "*Enoplium*" *fasciculatum* Klug (Clerii 1842, p. 364, t.l. f. 12) has priority over "*Enoplium*" *amoenum* Guér. (Icon. Règne anim. 1829—38 [1844 !], p. 55).

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The authorship of the genus *Notostenus* is due to DEJEAN, who in his Catalogue ed. 3, 1837, p. 127, erected it as a monotypic genus for the validly described *Anobium viride* Thunb. (Diss. Ent. Nov. Ins. Spec. I, 1781, p. 9). Under Article 21 and Opinion 1, B of the International Code this citation constitutes an indication, which gives validity to DEJEAN's genus *Notostenus*. SPINOLA (Clérîtes II, 1844, p. 89) gave a full description of this genus.

KLUG (Clerii 1842, p. 354) did not consider *Notostenus* Dej. as validly established and so, while acknowledging both *Anobium viride* Thunb. and *A. coeruleum* Thunb. to belong to the section *Notostenus*, nevertheless transferred both to the genus *Corynetes* Payk. 1798 (= *Korynetes* Herbst 1792), at the same time proposing the new name *Thunbergi* for the latter, on account of supposed homonymy with *Corynetes* (*Clerus*) *coeruleus* de G. 1775. Since, however, no homonymy really existed, the name *Thunbergi* has to remain a synonym of *Notostenus coeruleus* Thunb.