

*LUTRARIA OBLIQUA* EXIT

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The recently introduced species *Lutraria obliqua* van Urk, 1980 appears to be a junior synonym of the NW American species *Tresus nuttalli* (Conrad, 1837).

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In my paper on the genus *Lutraria* (van Urk, 1980) I described the species *Lutraria obliqua* from a specimen, which according to the label should have been found at De Kaloot (Netherlands, province of Zeeland).

Now Mr M.C. Cadée (Leiden) draws my attention to the fact that this specimen resembles a North American Pacific species, *Tresus nuttalli* (Conrad, 1837), to such a degree, that in his opinion both are conspecific. After a careful examination I have to agree with this: *L. obliqua* is the same as *T. nuttalli* and should be regarded as a junior synonym of the latter or, better perhaps, be sunk into oblivion.

As to the specimen in discussion it seems very unlikely, that the statement of the locality is correct. It seems far more reasonable to assume, that the label originally belonged to a different sample.

I may refer to the introduction in my paper where, confined to Europe, the existence of some 150 names in the genus was mentioned, which all had been checked up. But apparently even this was not enough! Anyhow, I am much indebted to Mr Cadée, who drew my attention to the real identity of *L. obliqua*.

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