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RECENTE WIJZIGINGEN IN NOMENCLATUUR

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ABSTRACT

[Recent nomenclatorial changes]

Platnick in the most recent version of his catalog follows Saaristo (2006) in transferring *Achaearana tepidariorum* (C.L. Koch, 1841) to *Parasteatoda* Archer, 1946. It is suggested here that *Achaearana simulans* (Thorell, 1875) should be transferred to *Parasteatoda* as well and be called *Parasteatoda simulans* (Thorell, 1875) (**comb. nov.**).

Key words: *Achaearana simulans*, *Achaearana tepidariorum*, new combination, *Parasteatoda simulans*, *Parasteatoda tepidariorum*

When checking the most recent version of the Platnick Catalog (The World Spider Catalog, Version 9.0) I came across a nomenclatorial change which is relevant to our fauna. The cobweb spider *Achaearana tepidariorum* (C.L. Koch, 1841) is transferred to the genus *Parasteatoda* Archer, 1946 and is now called *Parasteatoda tepidariorum* (C.L. Koch, 1841). Platnick refers to a publication of Saaristo (Saaristo, 2006) on the Theridiidae of the Seychelles. I respect this view of the late Michael Saaristo and suggest to transfer *Achaearana simulans* (Thorell, 1875) to *Parasteatoda* as well (*Parasteatoda simulans* (Thorell, 1875) **comb. nov.**). This species was originally described as a subspecies of *Theridion formosum* Thorell and subsequently treated off and on as a full species or subspecies of *Theridion tepidariorum* C.L. Koch, 1841 (*Achaearana tepidariorum*). The two species *A. tepidariorum* and *A. simulans* resemble each other closely in somatic and genital characters and usually are separated by measurements of body, legs and genitalia and not so much on the shape of the elements.

Geldige naam	Oude naam
<i>Parasteatoda simulans</i> (Thorell, 1875) comb. nov.	<i>Achaearana simulans</i> (Thorell, 1875)
<i>Parasteatoda tepidariorum</i> (C.L. Koch, 1841)	<i>Achaearana tepidariorum</i> (C.L. Koch, 1841)

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