

Body length: 2.5 mm (Dutch specimen), 2.35 – 2.45 mm (Ethiopian specimens). Colour prosoma light yellow, medially and marginally suffused with grey; sternum light yellow, legs yellow, opisthosoma variable, yellowish brown with numerous small white spots dorsally and larger grey spots marginally.

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RECENTE WIJZIGINGEN IN NOMENCLATUUR

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ABSTRACT

The latest nomenclatorial changes of relevance for the Dutch spider checklist are presented, together with the former allocations: *Meioneta* Hull, 1920 is a junior synonym of *Agyreta* Hull, 1911. Therefore, all the *Meioneta* species are transferred to *Agyreta*.

Key words: *Agyreta*, *Meioneta*, nomenclature

For a long time the sword of Damocles Platnick balanced above the World Spider Catalog. Contradictory opinions about the synonymy of *Meioneta* Hull, 1920 with *Agyreta* Hull, 1911 made Norman Platnick to stick to the traditional stabilized recognition of the two genera. Then a thorough analysis of the genus *Agyreta* in North America showed the convincing arguments. In his most recent World Spider Catalog Version 14.0 (Platnick 2013) *Meioneta* Hull, 1920 was registered as a junior synonym of *Agyreta* Hull, 1911. The proposal for synonymisation was made by Saaristo & Tanasevitch in 1973 but not supported by Wunderlich in the same year. No convincing character analysis was supplied. The recent taxonomic revision by Dupérré (Dupérré 2013) does present the proper arguments for the nomenclatorial change. Consequently all European species of *Meioneta* have been transferred to *Agyreta* in the Dutch spider catalogue, the checklist of Dutch spiders, as well as in the Fauna Europaea database.

Present name	Former name
<i>Agyreta</i> Hull, 1911	<i>Meioneta</i> Hull, 1920
<i>Agyreta affinis</i> (Kulczynski, 1898)	<i>Meioneta affinis</i> Kulczynski, 1898
<i>Agyreta innotabilis</i> (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)	<i>Meioneta innotabilis</i> (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
<i>Agyreta mollis</i> (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)	<i>Meioneta mollis</i> (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
<i>Agyreta rurestris</i> (C.L. Koch, 1836)	<i>Meioneta rurestris</i> (C.L. Koch, 1836)
<i>Agyreta saxatilis</i> (Blackwall, 1844)	<i>Meioneta saxatilis</i> (Blackwall, 1844)

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