

Nomenclatural notes, 3¹.
On the genera *Ichnusa* (Clark, MSS) Jeffreys, 1847,
and *Ishnula* (Clarke, MSS) Gray, 1847

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Ichnusa Jeffreys, 1847, is a nomen oblitum, not to be used for *Bela* Gray, 1847, over which it has priority. *Ishnula* Gray, 1847, is a nomen nudum.

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The genus name *Ichnusa* was published by Jeffreys (1847: 312) in the combination "*Ichnusa Setaba*, Clark, MSS", which Jeffreys considered synonymous with "*Pleurotoma Ginannianum*, Phil." [*P. "ginnannianum"* Philippi, 1844: 168, pl. 26 fig. 6], which is ipso facto the type species of *Ichnusa* Jeffreys, 1847. Even today some authors consider Philippi's species to be different from *Murex nebula* Montagu, 1803. Thus this type species may not be a junior synonym of *M. nebula* as stated by Warén (1980: 11, note the printing error "*Setuba*" instead of *Setaba*). Both species certainly belong to the same genus, however, and as *M. nebula* Montagu is the type species of the genus *Bela* Gray, 1847a, both genera are certainly identical.

The genus name *Ishnula* was published by Gray (1847b: 134) as follows:

"14. *Bela*, *Leach*, 1817. *Mangilia*, *Loven*, 1846. *Murex nebula*, *Montf. Defrancia*, *Moller*, not *Millet*. *Tritonium* * * b, *Loven*. *Mur. turricula*, *Montag.*
? *Mangelia*, *Risso*, 1826, f. 130. *Ishnula*, *Clarke*. (See also *Mangelia*, *Risso*, f. 97, 99)"

The figures of Risso refer to the following species: 130 = *Mangelia menardiana*, 97 = *M. plicatilis*, 99 = *M. ginnania*. According to Arnaud (1978: 118) the last species is identical with *Haedropleura septangularis* (Montagu, 1803).

It is evident that *Ishnula* Gray, 1847b, is "a nomen nudum and published without type, but synonymy with *Bela* inferred" (Powell, 1966: 97, under *Bela* Gray, 1847). Recently Nordsieck (1977: 45) has resurrected *Ishnula* and indicated *Mangelia menardiana* Risso, 1826, as its type species. This erroneous interpretation of the facts probably was based on an earlier publication by Powell (1942: 15), erroneously citing this same species as type for *Ishnula* Gray.

Moreover, as there are many printing errors in Gray's (1847b) paper, e.g. "Montf." instead of Montagu and probably "Clarke" instead of Clark, it is highly likely that "*Ishnula*, Clarke" is a misprint for *Ichnusa*, Clark.

In conclusion I regard *Ichnusa* Jeffreys, 1847, to be a nomen oblitum, not to be used for *Bela* Gray, 1847, over which it has priority. The name *Ishnula* Gray, 1847, is a nomen nudum.

¹ 2: The genus *Nuculana* Link, 1807, in the Mediterranean. — *Basteria* 51: 145-146, 1987.

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