SHORT COMMUNICATION

A replacement name for *Agasthenes* Bates, 1873 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae), junior homonym of *Agasthenes* Förster, 1869 (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae)

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In 1869 Förster described a subgenus of the genus *Hemiteles* (Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae) and gave it the name *Agasthenes* Förster, 1869. Subsequently, it was raised to the rank of genus and the subgenus *Asthenoptera* Förster, 1869 and the genus *Arachnoleter* Cushman, 1924 were synonymised under it. There are currently five species in this genus (Yu 2018): *Agasthenes angustus* Townes, 1983 (from North America); *Agasthenes fulvibasis* Townes, 1983 (from North America); *Agasthenes subarcticus* (Jussila, 1965), originally in the genus *Hemiteles* Gravenhorst, 1829 (from northern Europe); *Agasthenes swezeyi* (Cushman, 1924), originally in the genus *Arachnoleter* Cushman, 1924 (from Asia and North America); and *Agasthenes varitarsus* (Gravenhorst, 1829), originally in the genus *Hemiteles* Gravenhorst, 1829 (from northern and central Europe). The type species of the genus is *Hemiteles varitarsus* Gravenhorst, 1829.

In 1873 Bates described a genus of tenebrionid beetle from Australia, naming it *Agasthenes* Bates, 1873. This genus originally contained just a single species, *Agasthenes westwoodi* Bates, 1873, which is therefore the type species of this genus by monotypy. Carter (1909, 1910, 1937) subsequently described a further six species in this genus: *Agasthenes goudiei* Carter, 1909, now synonymised under *Amphianax subcoriaceus* Bates, 1873; *Agasthenes stepheni* Carter, 1909, now *Nyctozoilus stepheni* (Carter, 1909) [ne Carter, 1914]; *Agasthenes euclesis* Carter, 1910, subsequently synonymised under *A. goudiei* Carter, 1909 and thence to *Amphianax subcoriaceus* Bates, 1873; *Agasthenes tepperi* Carter, 1937, now *Nyctozoilus tepperi* (Carter 1937); *Agasthenes frenchi* Carter, 1909; and *Agasthenes championi* Carter, 1910.

Therefore *Batessia* nomen novum (ZooBank Registration: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:0A974422-4FB3-4A1F-AFCE-46545D2E9B3E) is proposed here as a replacement name for *Agasthenes* Bates, 1873, preoccupied by *Agasthenes* Förster, 1869 (Hymenoptera). The name honours the person who described the original genus, with the second ‘s’ added to avoid homonymy with *Batesia* Felder & Felder, 1862 (Lepidoptera). The gender is feminine. *Batessia* contains three species: *Batessia westwoodi* (Bates, 1873) comb. nov., *Batessia frenchi* (Carter, 1909) comb. nov. and *Batessia championi* (Carter, 1910) comb. nov. The type species, in accordance with Article 67.8 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, is *Agasthenes westwoodi* Bates, 1873.

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