

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**A NEW NAME, *PICOMICROLYCUS* FOR THE PREOCCUPIED
BEETLE GENUS *MICROLYCUS* PIC, 1922
(COLEOPTERA: LYCIDAE)**

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One proposed genus name in the family Lycidae is nomenclaturally invalid, as the genus group name has already been used by a different author in Hymenoptera. In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, I propose a substitute name for this genus name.

Order COLEOPTERA

Family LYCIDAE

Genus *PICOMICROLYCUS* nom. nov.

Microlycus Pic, 1922. Échange, 38, no. 409, 22. (Insecta: Coleoptera: Lycidae). Preoccupied by *Microlycus* Thomson, 1878. Hym. Scandin., 5, 253. (Insecta: Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea: Eulophidae: Eulophinae).

Remarks on nomenclatural change: The genus *Microlycus* was established by Thomson (1878) with the type species *Microlycus heterocerus* Thomson, 1878 in Hymenoptera. It has currently 9 species as *Microlycus biroi* Erdős, 1951; *Microlycus collaris* Szelényi, 1980; *Microlycus erdoesi* Boucek, 1959; *Microlycus gyorfii* (Erdős, 1954); *Microlycus harcalo* (Walker, 1852); *Microlycus heterocerus* Thomson, 1878; *Microlycus pulcherrimus* Kerrich, 1969; *Microlycus scaurus* Askew, 2001 and *Microlycus virens* Erdős, 1951. Subsequently, the beetle genus *Microlycus* was described by Pic (1922) with the type species *Microlycus minutus* Pic, 1922 in Lycidae. Thus the beetle genus name *Microlycus* Pic, 1922 is a junior homonym of the valid genus name *Microlycus* Thomson, 1878. So I propose here that *Microlycus* Pic, 1922 should be replaced with the new name *Picomicrolycus*, as a replacement name.

Etymology: The name is dedicated in honor of the famous coleopterist M. Pic (France).

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

Picomicrolycus **nom. nov.**

pro *Microlycus* Pic, 1922 (non Thomson, 1878)

Picomicrolycus minutus (Pic, 1922) **comb. nov.**

from *Microlycus minutus* Pic, 1922

Picomicrolycus mexicanus (Bacakova, 2001) **comb. nov.**

from *Microlycus mexicanus* Bacakova, 2001

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