

SOME SYNONYMIC CORRECTIONS OF THAI BUPRESTIDAE.

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In *Stylops* 4: 141-143, 1935, the author has described a new genus of Buprestidae, including two new species belonging to this genus. Unfortunately these two insects have to be placed as synonyms of Mr. Edward Saunders' already described species. Therefore the author wishes to make a correction in order to clarify his error, and he hopes that his colleagues will excuse this mistake.

Chakriia ruficollis Tongyai, 1935, *Stylops* 4: 142 has been described by E. Saunders, 1866, *Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond.* 5: 312, pl. 21, f. 6, as *Coraeus aurofasciatus* which later become a *Melibaeus*; but, due to the existence of the episternal grooves for resting the antennae, this insect should be placed under the genus *Chakriia* as *Chakriia aurofasciata* Saund. (genotype).

Chakriia prachadhipoka Tongyai, 1935, *Stylops* 4: 142 becomes a synonym of *Melibaeus cupreomarginatus* Saunders; but, also since it possesses antennal grooves on the side of the episterna, this insect should be placed in the genus *Chakriia*.

In June 1936 the author collected a large series of Buprestidae of the genus *Philanthaxia* in the district of Chiangmai, Northern Thailand (Siam). Many of these were caught in copula. After having identified these insects, it was found that all the females in copula were *Philanthaxia purpuriceps* Saund, and all the females were *Philanthaxia rufimarginata* Saund. This gives fairly good evidence to support the suspicion of Mon. André Théry, that these two species might be but male and female of the same species; therefore the author wishes to designate *Philanthaxia purpuriceps* Saund. a synonym of *Philanthaxia rufomarginata* Saund., because the latter precedes the former in the original publication in *Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond.* 5: 308-309, 1866.

