

**NEW SYNONYMY AND A CHANGE OF NAME IN  
NORTH AMERICAN BUPRESTIS**

(COLEOPTERA: BUPRESTIDAE)

One of the common species of *Buprestis* occurring in western North America has been known for many years as *Buprestis rusticorum* Kirby (1837, Fauna Bor. Amer. 4:151). Upon examining the type specimen of *B. rusticorum* in the British Museum (Natural History) recently I found it not to be a representative of this western species, but rather to be conspecific with the well-known *B. maculativentris* Say, 1824 of eastern North America. Accordingly, I am here establishing a new synonymy with *B. rusticorum* (Kirby) a junior synonym of *B. maculativentris*. Another name, *B. paganorum* (Kirby, 1837) already in synonymy with *B. rusticorum* must also be associated with *B. maculativentris*.

A new name is now needed for the western species and *Buprestis lecontei* Saunders (1871, Cat. Bupr. p. 40) must be the replacement. This name was proposed by Saunders for *Buprestis rusticorum* of Gory (1840, Monogr. Bupr. 4:117) from "Californie," the type of which is believed to be in the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris.

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