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Abstract. *Emarginata* Ballantyne, 2019 (Coleoptera: Lampyridae: Luciolinae), is found to be a junior homonym of the bird genus *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896 (Avis: Passeriformes: Muscicapidae). The **new replacement name** *Emarginoptyx* Ballantyne is provided for the SE Asian genus *Emarginata* Ballantyne, leading to one **new combination**, *Emarginoptyx trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003).

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Introduction

It has come to our attention that the name *Emarginata* Ballantyne in Ballantyne et al. (2019) for *Emarginata trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003), is preoccupied by *Emarginata* Shelley, a genus of birds from southern Africa (Shelley 1896).

Materials and Methods

We conducted an online search using Nomenclator Zoologicus (Neave 2005) and Web of Science (www.webofknowledge.com) to inquire about the current validity of *Emarginata* Carpenter, 1859 and *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896.

Results and Discussion

Emarginata Carpenter, 1859 is currently treated as a synonym of *Emargiluna* Lamarck, 1801 (Gastropoda: Lepetellida: Fissurellidae) and neither of these names are of concern for the present work. *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896 (Avis: Passeriformes: Muscicapidae) is a valid genus making *Emarginata* Ballantyne, 2019 a junior homonym. Here, in accordance with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999; Articles 23.3.5 and 60.3), we replace *Emarginata* Ballantyne with *Emarginoptyx* Ballantyne, ***nomen novum***. The single species in this genus now becomes *Emarginoptyx trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003), ***combinatio nova***.

The replacement name is a slight modification of the original generic name which sought to highlight the emargination in the apex of the male elytra (see Jeng et al. 2003, fig. 2). The name *Emarginoptyx* serves this purpose even better, meaning emarginate wing. Gender feminine.

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