BOSTRITCHIDAE (COLEOPTERA) 4
ON THE BOSTRITCHIDAE IN BLACKWELDER’S “CHECKLIST”
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The “Checklist of the Coleopterous Insects of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, and South America” (Blackwelder, 1944-1957), is the most recent list of Neotropical Coleoptera. Every coleopterist has to consult this work. Unfortunately there are some very natural mistakes in it. In this short paper we correct two wrong citations, concerning the Bostrichidae: there is listed one Brazilian species in the African genus Bostrychoplites, and the genus Sifidius was placed among the Histeridae.

Blackwelder (1945:399) says:

“Bostrychoplites Lesne 99-443
corticina H. & T. 07-197 ....................... Brasil”

Heyne & Taschenberg (1893-1908: 197) comment on the genus Bostrychus Geoffr., in which there were described 34 species until 1903. Lesne, in his revision, divided Bostrychus in 11 genera with 96 species. Bostrychus became a monotypic genus, including only capucinus Linné, 1758, from the Old World.

Heyne & Taschenberg present only two of the species described as Bostrychus: cornutus 01., 1790 (that should be placed in Lesne’s genus Bostrychoplites), and corticina Burm., i.l., from Brazil (to be placed in the genus Lichenophanes Lesne). That species is figured (Heyne & Taschenberg, 1893-1908, pl. 26, fig. 64, Bostrychus corticinus), and there is no doubt about the genus: it is a Lichenophanes and not a Bostrychoplites as listed by Blackwelder. The specific position of Burmeister’s corticina could only be elucidated by the type’s exami
nation. So, *corticina* as a South American representative of the African genus *Bostrychoplites* does not exist.

As to *Sifidius*, says Blackwelder (1944: 188):

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"Sifidius* Lesne 39-112
confusus* Lesne 39-112 ................. Guatemala
dampfi* Lesne 39-144 ................. Mexico"
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The genus *Sifidius* was described by Lesne (1939: 112-114, figs. 14-16) for two Central American species of the group *Xyloperthina*, and was wrongly placed by Blackwelder (1944: 188) among the Histeridae “Incertae Sedis”. It should be placed in page 400, near the following genera: *Dendrobiella*, *Xyloprista* and *Xylomeira*.

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