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Abstract. *Chnoodes chaudoiri* Mulsant (1850) is designated the type species of *Chnoodes* Mulsant (1850), and *Chapinella* Gordon (1996) is recognized as an unnecessary replacement name. A new synonymy is created placing *Chapinella* Gordon as a junior synonym of *Chnoodes* Mulsant.

Discussion

Gordon (1996) proposed *Chapinella* as a new generic replacement name for *Chnoodes* Mulsant (1850) because he considered *Chnoodes* and *Dapolia* Mulsant (1850) synonymous. Roger Booth, Natural History Museum, London, recently pointed out that this was an unnecessary action.

Mulsant (1850: 908-916) described 13 *Chnoodes* species, then, in the appendix to that volume (Tableau Méthodique, p. 1073-1104), transferred several of these to his subgenus *Chnoodes* (*Dapolia*). Crotch (1874: 287) designated *Dapolia fallax* (Mulsant) the type species of *Dapolia*. Korschefsky (1932: 225) designated *Dapolia puberula* (Mulsant) as type species for *Chnoodes*. All 1104 pages of Mulsant's work were originally published by the journal as a single item, not in serial parts. Therefore, as recognized by R. Booth, Korschefsky's designation is invalid because he did not select a type species from the nominotypic subgenus. *Chnoodes* is a valid genus lacking a designated type species, and *Chnoodes chaudoiri* Mulsant is here designated the type. The lectotype of *C. chaudoiri*, designated by Booth and Pope (1989), is present in the Natural History Museum, London and there is a paralectotype in the Hope Entomological Collections, Oxford University Museum.

Chapinella Gordon thus becomes a junior synonym of *Chnoodes* Mulsant.

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