

New synonymies in the genus *Prosodes* Eschsch. (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

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The following new synonymies are established: *Prosodes glasunowi* Sem. = *P. semenoviana* A. Bog., *P. gymnandra* Sem. = *P. lopatini juliae* A. Bog., *P. heydeni* Kr. = *P. gebieni* Rtt.

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The new synonymies in the genus *Prosodes* discussed below are revealed by examination of type specimens of some species, mainly from the collection of the Zoological Institute, St.Petersburg (ZIN).

Prosodes glasunowi Semenov, 1894 = *P. semenoviana* A. Bogačev, 1941, **syn. n.** *P. semenoviana* A. Bog. was described from 1 ♀ labelled "Samarkand, 1899, Retter". Additional 2 ♀ from the same series are found in ZIN. All 3 specimens are identical with the females of *P. glasunowi* Sem. the type series of which is kept in the same collection. A specimen labelled "Iskander-Kul, Mura Pass, Glasunov, 1892" and "*Prosodes Glasunowi* m., ♂, typ. A.S. I 94" is designated here as lectotype; 3 ♂ and 4 ♀ are labelled as paralectotypes. The locality (Samarkand) is indicated in the label of *P. semenoviana* in error, *P. glasunowi* does not occur here. An identical label has also a specimen of *P. singularis* Rtt. in ZIN collection; the latter species definitely does not occur northwards of the Gissar Range.

Prosodes gymnandra Semenov, 1894 = *P. lopatini juliae* Bogačev, 1960, **syn. n.** Examination of the type series of *P. gymnandra* (3 ♂, ZIN) and *P. lopatini juliae* (1 ♂, 1 ♀, ZIN) shows that the latter is not a subspecies of *P. lopatini* but a junior synonym of *P. gymnandra*. A male labelled "Vost. Bukhara,

Regel, [18]84" (in Cyrillic characters) and "*Prosodes gymnandra* m., ♂, typ. (93), A. Semenow" is designated here as lectotype; the remaining two males with identical label are paralectotypes.

Prosodes heydeni Kraatz, 1882 = *P. gebieni* Reitter, 1909, **syn. n.** Thanks to the courtesy of Dr Ó. Merkl (Hungarian Museum of Natural History), I received for examination the types of *P. heydeni* Kr. (♂ labelled "Heydeni m. 82. Sam.", "Typus") and *P. gebieni* Rtt. (♂ labelled "Samarkand", "*Prosodes Gebieni*" [in Reitter's hand] and "Typus *Prosodes Gebieni* Rtt. Coll. Reitter"). Both specimens were collected in environs of Samarkand. They are identical in the structure of the aedeagus, though Reitter (1909) placed the two species in different subgenera: *Uroprosodes* Rtt. and *Prosodes* s.str. The structure of the aedeagus in *P. heydeni* is unic: parameres strongly narrowed towards base (spear-like), separated by splits from the apical lobes of phallobase.

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