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Edward Chapin (1962) discovered some anomalous characters in certain species of Scymnus from Japan while preparing a report on the lady beetles (Coccinellidae) of Micronesia. The species in question possess true trimerous tarsi and reduced antennae (only nine antennomeres) terminating in extraordinarily long setae. Chapin proposed the new genus Pseudoscymnus for these unusual lady beetles, based on Scymnus hareja Weise (type species) and five other species—S. kurohime Miyatake, S. seboshii Ohta, S. sylvaticus Lewis, S. pilicrepus Lewis and S. quinquepunctatus Weise—the last four included tentatively.

In the decades that followed Chapin's contribution, numerous additional species have been added to the genus, including the delightfully sibilant Pseudoscymnus tsugae Sasaji and McClure 1997, a Japanese species which has been introduced for control of woolly hemlock adelgid, Adelges tsugae Annand, in the eastern United States (McClure and Cheah, in press). Unfortunately, the name Pseudoscymnus Chapin is a junior homonym of Pseudoscymnus Herre 1935 (Vandenberg 2002). Herre's (1935) usage of the name for a genus of kitefin shark (Squaliformes; Dalatiidae) predates Chapin's by more than a quarter century (Mould 1999) and therefore has priority according to article 52.3 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) (International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature 1999).

Sasajiscymnus Vandenberg, new name

Pseudoscymnus Chapin 1962: 50 (Type species: Scymnus hareja Weise 1879) (not Herre 1935, type P. boshuensis Herre).

Type species.—Scymnus hareja Weise 1879 (according to article 72.7 of the ICZN 1999).

Etymology.—The replacement name is composed of Sasaji + Scymnus (= a young animal, cub, whelp) masculine, and is dedicated to Hiroyuki Sasaji, a leading specialist in lady beetle systematics and an inspiration to all who wish to understand the evolution and diversity of this important group.

Remarks.—In accordance with articles 60.3 and 72.7 of the ICZN (1999), I propose Sasajiscymnus as a replacement name and objective synonym of Pseudoscymnus Chapin. The more than 50 named species (Yu and Montgomery 2000) currently considered to be in the genus Pseudoscymnus Chapin are hereby transferred to Sasajiscymnus. To maintain brevity, only the following new combinations are proposed herein: Sasajiscymnus tsugae (Sasaji and McClure), S. kurohime (Miyatake), S. seboshii (Ohta), S. sylvaticus (Lewis), S. pilicrepus (Lewis) and S. quinquepunctatus (Weise).

It is interesting to note that the name Scymnus also has entered into homonymy. It has been proposed at least twice as a generic name for a shark (Scymnus Cuvier 1816, type Squaleus americanus Gmelin 1789, and Scymnus Quoy and Gaimard 1824, type Scymnus brasiliensis Quoy and Gaimard 1824), but senior status is held by the coccinellid genus Scymnus Kugelann 1794 (type Scymnus nigripes Kugelann 1794, by subsequent designation of Koschefsky (1931)). Likewise, the binomial Scymnus brasiliensis appears as both a shark (Scymnus brasiliensis Quoy and Gaimard 1824, above, presently classified in Istiurus) and as a lady beetle (Scymnus brasiliensis Weise 1929, presently regarded as a
junior synonym of *Diomus seminilus* (Mulsant 1850) (Gordon 1999). According to Article 57.8.1 of the ICZN (1999), such homonymy between identical species-group names in combination with homonymous generic names established for different nominal genera is to be disregarded.

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