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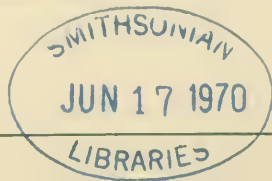
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TRIBAL AND GENERIC REASSIGNMENTS IN THE COCCINELLIDAE (COLEOPTERA)

Examination of the type specimen of *Microweisea ovata* Nunenmacher has revealed that it is a member of the genus *Microscymnus* Champion and is distinct from the only previously described species, *M. calvus* Champion. *Microscymnus* has previously been placed in the Scymnini. Study of specimens of *M. ovata*, *M. calvus* and 2 undescribed species reveal the following characters: expanded prosternal process, conical maxillary palpus, expanded protibia, ventral excavations for reception of legs, and abdomen with 5 visible sternites. These characters place *Microscymnus* near the Serangini in the Sticholotinae. *Microscymnus* is a Central and South American genus. The type of *M. ovata* was loaned by H. B. Leech, California Academy of Sciences.

Among material from the British Museum (Natural History) kindly loaned by R. D. Pope, was a syntype of *Scymnus caeruleicollis* Champion. This proved to belong to the genus *Zilus* Mulsant. This species is apparently not uncommon in Panama as there are several conspecific specimens in the U. S. National Museum of Natural History.

The South Pacific genus *Pharellus* Sicard should be placed in the Sticholotinae based on the conical maxillary palpus, divided postcoxal line, and asymmetrical male genitalia. *Pharellus* appears to be very near *Sukunahikona* Kamiya, but they are not congeneric.—ROBERT D. GORDON, *Systematic Entomology Laboratory, Ent. Res. Div., Agr. Res. Ser., USDA, c/o U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. 20560.*