

VALIDATION OF THE FOSSIL GENUS NAME †ACUTIFORCIPIA (DIPTERA: CHIRONOMIDAE: ORTHOCLADIINAE)

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Abstract

The name †*Acutiforcipia* (with three included species) has been an unavailable nomen nudum since its original description in 2009 because a type-species was not designated. †*Acutiforcipia* is validated here by designating a type-species.

Introduction

A World Catalogue on Chironomidae is currently being compiled of which the first two volumes are published (Ashe and O'Connor 2009, 2012) and two more volumes are expected (Volume 3 on the Subfamily Chironominae and Volume 4 dealing with all the described fossil Chironomidae). The manuscript for volume 4 is nearing completion and is expected to be published in early 2020. We therefore take this opportunity to validate the name †*Acutiforcipia* prior to volume 4 being published.

Validation of the genus name †ACUTIFORCIPIA

Seredszus and Wichard in Wichard *et al.* (2009: 244-245) proposed a new fossil genus (†*Acutiforcipia*) with three included species (*A. cuspilonga*, *A. crusnotabile* and *A. fittkaui*). However, the name †*Acutiforcipia* was not made available because it was not accompanied by fixation of a type-species contrary to Article 13.3 of the Zoological Code (ICZN, 1999, 4th Edition). Therefore, †*Acutiforcipia* in Wichard *et al.* (2009) is an unavailable **nomen nudum**, whereas the names of the three included species proposed in the same work were made available there. We would have been glad to validate the genus name with its initial authorship (Seredszus and Wichard), but such action is ruled out in this case by the wording of Code Article 50.1.1 (M. Spies pers. comm.).

The name †*Acutiforcipia* is validated below, with the taxonomic diagnosis as given in Wichard *et al.* (2009: 244-245), by designating a type-species. We have decided to select *A. cuspilonga* as the type-species, because it was the first of the three species described by Seredszus and Wichard in Wichard *et al.* (2009), and because it was based on more type material (a holotype and two

paratypes) than the other two species.

Genus †**ACUTIFORCIPIA** n. gen.

†**ACUTIFORCIPIA** ASHE & O'CONNOR, 2019: *Bulletin of the Irish Biogeographical Society* **43**: 132. Type-species: *Acutiforcipia cuspilonga* Seredusz & Wichard in Wichard, Gröhn & Seredusz, 2009, by present designation.

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