Nyranytarbus, replacement name for Hemiphrynus Frič, 1901 (Trigonotarbida: Eophrynidae)

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The trigonotarbid genus Hemiphrynus Frič, 1901 was described for two species of fossil arachnid from the Upper Carboniferous Coal Measures of Nýrany, Czech Republic. These were placed in Araneae, and later Frič (1904) erected a monogeneric family, Hemiphrynidae, for them. Pocock (1910) transferred Hemiphrynus to Anthracomartida, and later Petrunkevitch (1953) placed the genus in the family Eophrynidae of the Trigonotarbida.

Since the name Hemiphrynus is preoccupied in the Coleoptera by Hemiphrynus Horn, 1889, it must be replaced. The name Hemiphrynus was also used by Pocock (1902) for an amblypygid genus from South America, which has since been replaced with Paraphrynus Moreno, 1940.

During the course of this work, it came to our attention that the date of Frič’s (1901) paper is cited differently by various authors; Petrunkevitch (1953), for example, references the same paper twice, once as 1899, and again as 1902! Whilst the cover page of Frič’s (1901) work has the data 1899 on it, Frič (1904) refers to it as having been published in 1901. Since this was a work published in parts over a number of years, presumably

the arachnid section appeared after the printing of the title pages. We have therefore taken the date cited by Frič (1904) as the correct year of publication of Frič (1901).

Genus Nyranytarbus, nom. nov.


Etymology: After Nýrany, Czech Republic, the locality from which all known specimens originate; and tarbus, Greek: terror, typical suffix for Trigonotarbida.

Gender masculine.

Remarks: Only two species are included in the genus, Nyranytarbus longipes (Frič, 1901), comb. nov. and Nyranytarbus hofmanni (Frič, 1901) comb. nov., both from the Upper Carboniferous Coal Measures of Nýrany, Czech Republic.

References


