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ON THE SYNONYMY OF *MICARIA MODESTA* (ARANEI, GNAPHOSIDAE)

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On the Synonymy of *Micaria modesta* (Aranei, Gnaphosidae). Mikhailov, K. G. — On the basis of examination of the type series of it is synonymized with *Micaria rossica* Thorell, 1875, *Micaria modesta* Kroneberg, 1875, a widely distributed and morphologically variable species.

Key words: Spiders, Araneae, Gnaphosidae, ground spider, *Micaria*, taxonomy, synonymy.

О синонимии *Micaria modesta* (Aranei, Gnaphosidae). Михайлов К. Г. — На основе изучения типовой серии вид *Micaria modesta* Kroneberg, 1875 сведен в синонимы к широко распространенному и морфологически изменчивому *Micaria rossica* Thorell, 1875.

Ключевые слова: пауки, Araneae, Gnaphosidae, *Micaria*, таксономия, синонимия.

Micaria modesta Kroneberg, 1875 was synonymized with *Micaria rossica* Thorell, 1875 by Wunderlich (1980), with some doubts and with a question-mark, since the types of the former species were not located at that time. This synonymy was accepted by me (Mikhailov, Fet, 1986, with discussion; Mikhailov, 1988, 2013) and Bosmans & Blick (2000). But the original question mark in Wunderlich's paper contradicts formal rules of synonymization, and *Micaria modesta* is regarded as a *nomen dubium* in the current World Spider Catalog (World..., 2015). The aim of this paper is to establish the formal synonymy, which was overlooked earlier.

For the synonymies of *M. rossica* with other species, see World Spider Catalog (2015).

Micaria rossica Thorell, 1875

Micaria rossica Thorell, 1875: 80 (♂); Wunderlich, 1980: 308–309, Abb. 70a–c (♂, ♀); Mikhailov, Fet, 1986: 176–178, fig. 2a (♂); Mikhailov, 1988: 326–327; Mikhailov, Marusik, 1995: 101, figs 27, 28, 35 (♂, ♀); Bosmans, Blick, 2000: 467 (list of synonyms).

Micaria modesta Kroneberg, 1875: 19–20, tab. 2, fig. 5a–c (♀), syn. n.

Micaria scenica Simon, 1878: 17 (♂, ♀); Wunderlich, 1980: 286–287, Abb. 33a–e, 57a–e (♂, ♀).

Material. Syntypes of *M. modesta*, Uzbekistan: 1 ♀ (ZMMU Та-1190), «Туркестанская Ученая Экспедиция Императорского Общества Любителей Естествознания. Федченко» (printed), «37. *Micaria modesta* n. sp. 12707 Джюзакъ [= Dzhizak, Jizzax]» (handwritten) [ca. 40°07' N, 67°50' E]; 3 ♀ (ZMMU Та-1191), «Туркестанская Ученая Экспедиция Императорского Общества Любителей Естествознания. Федченко» (printed), «18. *Micaria modesta* n.sp. Самарк[анд] [= Samarkand]» (handwritten) [ca. 39°35' N, 66°55' E] (ZMMU).

Remarks. As it was indicated earlier (Mikhailov, Fet, 1986), the types of *Micaria modesta* are deposited in the Zoological Museum of the Moscow State University, Russia (ZMMU), together with other spider species described and identified by A. I. Kroneberg from the A. P. Fedchenko Turkestan Expedition (Kroneberg, 1875). The examination of these syntypes confirms the identity of *Micaria rossica* with *M. modesta*. Both names are given in 1875, but the former one is regularly used as valid in taxonomic and numerous faunistic publications, whereas the latter one is known only from catalogues and synonymy lists. So, the name *M. rossica* is to be retained.

Due to the wide Holarctic range and the morphological variability of its genitalia, *Micaria rossica* [compare the figs in Wunderlich (1980) and Mikhailov & Fet (1986)] was known under different names, like *M. scenica* Simon, 1878, *M. hissarica* Charitonov, 1951, *M. zhadini* Charitonov, 1951, which have been already synonymized (World Spider Catalog, 2015).

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