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**Abstract.** *Emarginata* Ballantyne, 2019 (Coleoptera: Lampyridae: Luciolinae), is found to be a junior homonym of the bird genus *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896 (Avis: Passeriformes: Muscicapidae). The **new replacement name** *Emarginoptyx* Ballantyne is provided for the SE Asian genus *Emarginata* Ballantyne, leading to one **new combination**, *Emarginoptyx trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003).

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## Introduction

It has come to our attention that the name *Emarginata* Ballantyne in Ballantyne et al. (2019) for *Emarginata trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003), is preoccupied by *Emarginata* Shelley, a genus of birds from southern Africa (Shelley 1896).

## Materials and Methods

We conducted an online search using Nomenclator Zoologicus (Neave 2005) and Web of Science (www.webofknowledge.com) to inquire about the current validity of *Emarginata* Carpenter, 1859 and *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896.

## Results and Discussion

*Emarginata* Carpenter, 1859 is currently treated as a synonym of *Emargiluna* Lamarck, 1801 (Gastropoda: Lepetellida: Fissurellidae) and neither of these names are of concern for the present work. *Emarginata* Shelley, 1896 (Avis: Passeriformes: Muscicapidae) is a valid genus making *Emarginata* Ballantyne, 2019 a junior homonym. Here, in accordance with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999; Articles 23.3.5 and 60.3), we replace *Emarginata* Ballantyne with *Emarginoptyx* Ballantyne, **nomen novum**. The single species in this genus now becomes *Emarginoptyx trilucida* (Jeng, Yang and Lai, 2003), **combinatio nova**.

The replacement name is a slight modification of the original generic name which sought to highlight the emargination in the apex of the male elytra (see Jeng et al. 2003, fig. 2). The name *Emarginoptyx* serves this purpose even better, meaning emarginate wing. Gender feminine.

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