

**Intraspecific morphological polymorphism in Naucoridae
(Hemiptera: Heteroptera)
with notes on nomenclature and synonymy**

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Abstract. Trends in intraspecific variation among certain aspects of pronotal and tarsal morphology within the family Naucoridae are reviewed, and linked to previously flawed taxonomic decisions regarding species separation or generic assignments within this group, particularly in the subfamily Laccocorinae. In particular, we review evidence that the shape of the posterolateral pronotal angles is linked to differing degrees of fore- and hindwing development across the family as a whole, and that members of the subfamily Laccocorinae exhibit intersexual variation in both fore tarsal segmentation and the number of claws on the foreleg. Misinterpretation of such character state variation has been utilized as an invalid basis for separation of putatively distinct species by many authors over the past 50 years. Based on this analysis, we propose the following taxonomic changes (valid names listed first): *Laccocoris staudingeri* Montandon, 1897 = *Laccocoris maai* La Rivers, 1970, syn. nov. = *Laccocoris lipogonia* La Rivers, 1970, syn. nov.; *Interocoris* La Rivers, 1974, stat. nov. (currently subgenus of *Heleocoris* Stål, 1876) is raised to full generic status to contain *Interocoris mexicanus* (Usinger, 1935), comb. nov. (formerly held under *Heleocoris (Interocoris) mexicanus* Usinger, 1935); the following Neotropical species are transferred from *Heleocoris* to *Ctenipocoris* Montandon, 1897: *Ctenipocoris brasiliensis* (De Carlo, 1968), comb. nov., *Ctenipocoris peruvianus* (La Rivers, 1974), comb. nov., *Ctenipocoris schadei* (De Carlo, 1940), comb. nov., *Ctenipocoris spinipes* (Montandon, 1897), comb. nov.; and *Heleocoris faradjensis* La Rivers, 1960 is transferred to *Ctenipocoris* and synonymized such that *Ctenipocoris africanus* Poisson, 1948 = *Heleocoris faradjensis* La Rivers, 1960, syn. nov.

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