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## Abstract

The World species of the genus *Ischnopoda*, Stephens are revised and the genus is redefined. The genera *Amanota* Casey and *Rechota* Sharp are considered as new synonyms of *Ischnopoda*. The revised *Ischnopoda* includes thirty-eight species, 13 of which are described as new: *Ischnopoda assingi* sp. n., *I. boliviana* sp. n., *I. brasiliana* sp. n., *I. chilensis* sp. n., *I. depressa* sp. n., *I. drugmandi* sp. n., *I. lingshani* sp. n., *I. nebulosa* sp. n., *I. pretiosa* sp. n., *I. pseudobasalis* sp. n., *I. rugosa* sp. n., *I. schuelkei* sp. n. and *I. spissata* sp. n. The following new synonymies are proposed (each first name being valid): *Ischnopoda basalis* (Cameron, 1923) = *Amanota bimarginata* Pace, 1996, syn. n.; *I. capensis* (Casey, 1906) = *Falagria arachnipes* Fauvel, 1907, syn. n. = *Amanota densicollis* Pace, 1986, syn. n. = *A. rufobrunnea* Tottenham, 1957, syn. n.; *Ischnopoda rudicollis* (Bernhauer, 1934) = *Amanota purpurascens* Tottenham, 1957, syn. n. = *A. wittei* Cameron, 1950, syn. n. The following synonym is confirmed: *I. leucopus* (Marsham, 1802) = *Tachyusa chalybea* Erichson, 1839. Lectotypes are designated for *Amanota capensis* Casey, *A. semiopaca* Cameron, *Ischnopoda subaenea* Eppelsheim, *Rechota impressa* Sharp, *Staphylinus leucopus* Marsham, *Tachyusa abyssina* Bernhauer, *T. burgeoni* Bernhauer, *T. chalybea* Erichson, *T. fissicollis* Fairmaire et Germain, *T. rudicollis* Bernhauer, *T. scitula* Erichson, *T. seticornis* Sharp, *T. sparsa* Sharp and *T. umbratica* Erichson. Twenty-one species are given in new combination. All species are briefly described/redescribed and illustrated. An identification key to the World species of *Ischnopoda* is provided. A phylogeny of thirty-eight species belonging to the genus *Ischnopoda* is proposed, based on fifty-two morphological characters. The cladistic analysis provides a single most parsimonious tree. The genus *Ischnopoda* is redefined and species group are introduced and defined: *leucopus* group (eleven species), *impressa* group (nine species) and *capensis* group (eighteen species).

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae, *Ischnopoda*, new species, new synonyms, new combination, taxonomy, phylogeny, World