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Abstract. The history of study and synonymy of *Nalassus pharnaces* Allard, 1876 is considered. New synonymy is established: *Nalassus pharnaces* Allard, 1876 = *Helops glorificus* Seidlitz, 1896, **syn. n.**

Резюме. В статье рассматриваются история изучения и синонимия *Nalassus pharnaces* Allard, 1876. Устанавливается новая синонимия: *Nalassus pharnaces* Allard, 1876 = *Helops glorificus* Seidlitz, 1896, **syn. n.**

Nalassus pharnaces was described by Allard [1876] from «Russie méridionale» (redescription by Allard [1877]). Until now this species was considered as inserta sedis, but it was recorded in the catalogues and keys in the papers from XIX-XX centuries.

Reitter [1888] described *Stenomax aeneipennis* from the Northwest Caucasus («Circassien») based on the collections of Hans Leder. However this name was the junior homonym of *Stenomax aeneipennis* Allard, 1876 (now *Helopelius aeneipennis*). Seidlitz [1896] eliminated this homonymy and gave the new name for the Reitter's species, including it in the subgenus *Omaleis* Allard, 1877 of the genus *Helops* Fabricius, 1775: *Helops (Omaleis) glorificus* Seidlitz, 1896.

Later Reitter [1922] placed *Helops glorificus* in the genus *Cylindrinotus* Faldermann, 1837 (which he misspelled as *Cylindronotus* [Bouchard et al., 2005]), in the subgenus *Omaleis*. Such placement was based on the metallic shade and absence of the hairy spot on the first abdominal sternite of the male (actually the hairy spot does present in this species). The species was listed in this combination in the catalogue of Gebien [1943] and papers of Abdurakhmanov, Medvedev [1994] and Dzhambazishvili [2000].

Later the subgenus *Omaleis* was synonymized with the genus *Odocnemis* Allard, 1876 [Nabozhenko, 2001]. The considered species was redescribed and illustrated, and also transferred in the subgenus *Caucasonotus* Nabozhenko, 2000 of the genus *Nalassus* Mulsant, 1854. It was recorded in the same combination and in the further publications [Nabozhenko, 2005, 2007].

Examination of the holotype of *Nalassus pharnaces* from the collection of Frederick Bates (kept in the Natural History Museum, London) revealed its identity with *Nalassus (Caucasonotus) glorificus*. Thus, a new synonymy is established: *Nalassus pharnaces* Allard, 1876 = *Helops glorificus* Seidlitz, 1896, **syn. n.**

The holotype of *Nalassus pharnaces* (♀) has following labels: «*Laticollis* Mènètr.: X. Coll. Donè Russ. Mèr.»; a yellow label «*Nalassus Pharnaces*», «*Nalassus Pharnaces* type All.», «F. Bates Coll. 81-19».

Distribution and ecology of this species is considered in Nabozhenko [2000, 2001, 2005].

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