



*Melanoplus billyharrisi*, a replacement name for the junior homonym *Melanoplus harrisi* (Orthoptera: Acrididae: Melanoplinae)

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ABSTRACT

A new name, *Melanoplus billyharrisi*, is suggested as a replacement name for *Melanoplus harrisi* Hill 2014.

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The name *Melanoplus harrisi* was given by Morse (1909) to a new species based on a single specimen collected in Needham, Massachusetts. Morse and Hebard (1915) used the variant spelling “*M. harrisi*” with no mention of an intended change. Five years later, Blatchley (1920) synonymized *M. harrisi* with *Phoetaliotes nebrascensis* (Thomas 1872).

Hill (2014) described a new species of *Melanoplus* from Decatur County, Tennessee under the name *M. harrisi*. According to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature Article 58.14, *M. harrisi* and *M. harrisi* are homonyms, and though *M. harrisi* (Morse) is currently in synonymy, Article 53.3 indicates that *M. harrisi* Hill is a junior homonym. Here the new name *Melanoplus billyharrisi* is proposed as a replacement name for *M. harrisi* Hill 2014 to satisfy the Code and to maintain the intended honor of the name.

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