

THE VALIDITY AND CHANGE OF NAME OF TWO SPECIES OF  
WYEOMYIA. (DIPTERA, CULICIDAE)

In 1939, when Lane and Cerqueira were working on the "Os Sabetíneos da América" (1942). Del Ponte made available to them a draft description and specimens of a *Dendromyia* which he considered a new species and was about to publish under the name of *rooti*. Considering inadequate the material on which the description was based, and, deeming insufficient the characters that were being given to separate this species, Lane and Cerqueira did not include it in their study. Later, when suitable specimens were obtained, they described the species as *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) delponte* (1942).

Dr. Alan Stone has now called our attention to the fact that Del Ponte mentioned in his paper (1939) sufficient characters for his species, thus making *rooti* a valid name. Such being the case, *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) delponte* Lane & Cerqueira, 1942 becomes a synonym of *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) rooti* Del Ponte, 1939. Consequently, *Wyeomyia (Antunesmyia) rooti* Lane & Cerqueira 1942 becomes an homonym; but, as this species remains valid, we are here changing its name to *alani*, new name, based on the given name of our informant.

The situation of the species under discussion stands therefore as follows:

***Wyeomyia (Antunesmyia) alani*, new name**

1942 *Wyeomyia (Antunesmyia) rooti* Lane & Cerqueira, Arq. Zool. São Paulo 3: 587 nec *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) rooti* Del Ponte, 1939, Physis 17: 535-541.

1953 *Wyeomyia (Antunesmyia) rooti* Lane, Neotropical Culicidae 2: 941.

***Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) rooti* Del Ponte 1939.**

1939 *Dendromyia rooti* Del Ponte, Physis 17: 535-541.

1942 syn. *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) delponte* Lane & Cerqueira, Arq. Zool. São Paulo 3: 613.

1953 *Wyeomyia (Dendromyia) delponte* Lane, Neotropical Culicidae 2: 988.

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