

***Nemotelus flavipes* De Geer, 1776 recognized as a *nomen oblitum*
and synonym of *Pandivirilia eximia* (Meigen, 1820)
(Diptera: Therevidae)**

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Abstract

An overlooked De Geer name, *Nemotelus flavipes* De Geer, 1776 has been identified as synonymous with *Pandivirilia eximia* (Meigen, 1820), a name in use for a species of stiletto fly (Diptera: Therevidae). The type specimen has been lost, and this synonymy is based on the original description and associated figures provided by De Geer. *Nemotelus flavipes* De Geer, 1776, is a *nomen oblitum* and *Thereva eximia* Meigen, 1820 is herein recognized as a *nomen protectum* in accordance with Article 23.9.2 of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, which maintains prevailing name usage for the species *Pandivirilia eximia* (Meigen, 1820).

Key Words: De Geer, *nomen oblitum*, *nomen protectum*, *Nemotelus*, *Pandivirilia*, *Thereva*, stiletto fly

Introduction

De Geer (1776) classified stiletto flies in his “*Nemoteles de la seconde famille*” before Meigen (1820) had resolved long-standing conflicts in the application of dipteran genus names and initiated the consistent use of *Thereva* in reference to stiletto fly taxa (Holston 2004). De Geer associated detailed biological observations with species, providing ecological data on stiletto flies (and insects in general) that are lacking in the taxonomic works of many of his contemporaries (Wiedemann 1817, Holston 2004). Additionally, the species treated by De Geer are remarkably well described and illustrated compared to other works from this period, allowing subsequent authors to recognize species names as valid or synonymous (Persson et al. 1984, Pape 1993).

Nemotelus flavipes De Geer, 1776: 185, is the only species name in De Geer’s “*Nemoteles de la seconde famille*” that has not been attributed to a known taxon: the other five