

Nomenclatural notes

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CARUSIA, A NEW NAME FOR THE LATE CRETACEOUS LIZARD CAROLINA BORSUK-BIAŁYNICKA, 1985

BORSUK-BIAŁYNICKA, M.: *Carusia*, a new name for the Late Cretaceous lizard *Carolina* Borsuk-Białynicka, 1985. *Acta Palaeont. Polonica*, **32**, 1—2, 151, 1987.

The name *Carolina* was assigned to a lizard from the Late Cretaceous of the Gobi Desert, Mongolia (Borsuk-Białynicka 1985). Subsequently, Dr. R. Schallreuter from Hamburg University has kindly informed me that *Carolina* was assigned previously as a generic name in two cases. One of the suggested homonyms *Carolina* Thomson, 1880, introduced for a scarabeid genus (*Coleoptera*) proved to be valid. I therefore, suggest the name *Carusia* to replace *Carolina* Borsuk-Białynicka, 1985. The etymology of the new name is similar to that of the old one. *Carolina* is the name of my daughter, *Carusia* is a diminutive of the same. According to ICZN Art. 39 the family name Carolinidae, for which *Carolina* was the type, should be changed into Carusiidae.

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