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Revision of the Rhabdophoridae (Orthoptera) of  
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Part IX—The Genus *Gymnoplectron* Hutton, 1897

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*Abstract*

THE genus *Pachyrhamma* Brunner is synonymised with the genus *Macropathus* Walker, and the genus *Gymnoplectron* Hutton re-established. The species *Hadenocercus edwardsii* Scudder is shown to be synonymous with *Pachyrhamma fascifer* (Walker), and the species must now be known as *Gymnoplectron edwardsii* (Scudder).

INTRODUCTION

THE genus *Gymnoplectron* Hutton contains the largest New Zealand members of the subfamily Macropathinae, and has a wide distribution in caves and bush throughout the country. Therefore it is not surprising that it should contain the first species of the Macropathinae to be described from New Zealand. It is also not surprising that long and complicated synonymy has followed. After examination of all type material from the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), the Geneva Museum and the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, I hope that all confusion has finally been resolved.

Genus GYMNOPECTRON Hutton, 1897

1897. *Gymnoplectron* Hutton, *Trans. N.Z. Inst.*, 29: 229.  
1897. *Pachyrhamma* (Brunner) Hutton, *Trans. N.Z. Inst.*, 29: 230-231.  
1954. *Macropathus* Walker, Richards, *Trans. Roy. Soc. N.Z.*, 82: 740-742.  
1958. *Pachyrhamma* Brunner, Richards, *Trans. Roy. Soc. N.Z.*, 85: 466.

In 1954, I revised Walker's genus *Macropathus* and synonymised the genus *Pachyrhamma* Brunner, 1888 and the genus *Pachyrhamma* (Brunner) Hutton, 1897 with it. Four years later, I was able to examine the type material of Walker's genus *Macropathus* (Richards, 1958a). This proved to be a monotypic species, *Macropathus filifer*, so the name of the genus *Macropathus* as redescribed by myself in 1954 was changed back to *Pachyrhamma*.

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