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Revision of the Genus *Megacolabus* Broun 1893
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Abstract

THE genus *Megacolabus* Broun is here redefined and the genus *Callomaoria* Brookes is synonymised. The species *Megacolabus fulviceps* Marshall is sunk under *M. harrisi* (Brookes). A key is given for species separation. Three new species, *M. garviensis*, *M. pteridosu*, and *M. obesus* are described.

INTRODUCTION

THE presence in the Brookes and PDD collections at Plant Diseases Division, D.S.I.R., Auckland, of the holotype and allotype of *Callomaoria harrisi* Brookes and of a co-type of *Megacolabus fulviceps* Marshall has enabled the confusion which has existed between these obviously similar species to be resolved.

The revision of the genus *Megacolabus* has been assisted by the loan of material from the private collection of Mr E. Fairburn of Whangarei (EF), and of additional material from the Dominion Museum, Wellington (DM); Entomology Division, D.S.I.R., Nelson (ED); Auckland Institute and Museum, Auckland (AM), and the private collection of Mr E. S. Gourlay of Nelson (ESG). In particular, the valuable assistance of Mr R. T. Thompson, Department of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History) and of Dr G. Kuschel, of University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, is acknowledged.

For the sake of uniformity, all previously known species are redescribed in this text. Two additional species are known and will be described when suitable material is available.

Subfamily RHYPAROSOMINAE

Genus MEGACOLABUS Broun, 1893

1893. *Megacolabus* Broun, *Man. N.Z. Col.* 6: 1377-8.
1926. *Callomaoria* Brookes, *Trans. N.Z. Inst.* 56: 440-8 (new synonymy).
1932. *Callomaoria* Brookes, von Dalla Torre, Schenkling, Marshall, *Coleopt. Cat.* 122: 66.
1934. *Megacolabus* Broun, *Klima, Coleopt. Cat.* 140: 145.
Type species: *Megacolabus sculpturatus* Broun, 1893.