

**EHRNSBERGERIA NOM. N., A NEW NAME FOR THE FEATHER MITE GENUS  
RAINERIA DABERT, 2003 (ASTIGMATA: SYRINGOBIIDAE)**

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**ABSTRACT:** A new substitute name, *Ehrnsbergeria* nom. n., is proposed for the feather mite genus *Raineria* Dabert, 2003 (preoccupied by Osswald, 1928 for a fossil shark) with two species: *Ehrnsbergeria africana* (Gaud, 1976) comb. n. and *E. mironovi* (Dabert et Ehrnsberger, 1995) comb. n.

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The generic name *Raineria* was established by me (Dabert 2003) for two species originally described in the feather mite genus *Thecarthra* Trouessart, 1896 (Astigmata: Syringobiidae): *Thecarthra africana* Gaud, 1976 (type species) and *T. mironovi* Dabert et Ehrnsberger, 1995. These two mite species are inhabitants of feather quills and specific to skimmers (Charadriiformes: Rynchopidae). Unfortunately the name *Raineria* had been already used by Osswald (1928) for a fossil shark in the Triassic limestone of the Risserkogel Mountain (Germany). Therefore, I propose a new replacement name, *Ehrnsbergeria* nom. n., for *Raineria* Dabert, 2003. The new name is derived from the name of Prof. Rainer Ehrnsberger (Institute of Nature Conservation and Environmental Education, University of Vechta, Germany), to whom the genus was originally dedicated.

***Ehrnsbergeria* nom. n.**

*Raineria* Dabert, 2003, *Acta Parasitologica*, 48 (suppl.): S102 (preoccupied by Oswald, 1928).

Type species: *Thecarthra africana* Gaud, 1976 by original designation.

Included species: *Ehrnsbergeria africana* (Gaud, 1976) comb. n. from *Raineria*; *E. mironovi* (Dabert et Ehrnsberger, 1995) comb. n. from *Raineria*.

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