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A SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE ON THE CARCINOLOGICAL WORK OF C. S. RAFINESOUE

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Shortly after the printing of my 1954 paper on C. S. Rafinesque as a carcinologist (Holthuis, 1954, Zool. Verhand. Leiden, no. 25, pp. 1-43) had been completed, I became aware of the fact that, when preparing the above publication, I unfortunately had overlooked the existence of one more publication by Rafinesque which contains information on Crustacea. The present note deals with this 8th carcinological publication by Rafinesque, the reference to which is the following:

1818 (August). Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. i. Part I. Philadelphia. 8 vo. pp. 220, and 9 plates. May to December, 1817. Amer. monthly Mag. crit. Rev., vol. 3, pp. 269-274. A (very) critical review of the publication mentioned in the title of Rafinesque's paper. Two new generic names (for Brachyura) are proposed, other Crustacean genera and species are discussed or mentioned (Notostraca, Amphipoda, Decapoda).

The following Crustacean genera and species have been mentioned in this review by Rafinesque:

Subclass Branchiopoda Order Notostraca

Generic names. Apus Latreille (= Apus Cuvier, 1797), Phyllopus Rafinesque, 1815 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 271).

Subclass Malacostraca Order Amphipoda

Generic names. Cerapus Say, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, pp. 271, 272), Jassa Leach, 1814 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272). The following remarks concerning Cerapus are made by Rafinesque: "Cerapus of Say, is a good name,

if the bad name of Apus, Latreille, (Phyllopus Rafinesque,) is not admitted; otherwise both become worse than bad" (pp. 271, 272), and "A N.G. of Crustaceous Cerapus tubularis, by Mr. Say; with a figure, very near to the genus Jassa of Leach" (p. 272).

Species name. Cerapus tubularis Say, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272).

Order Decapoda Suborder Macrura Supersection Natantia

Generic name. Cryptophthalmus Rafinesque, 1814 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 271), cited as a generic name invalidating the name Crypta Nuttall, 1818, for a genus of plants.

Supersection Macrura Reptantia

Generic name. Astacus Fabricius, 1775 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272).

Species names. Astacus affinis Say, 1817, and Astacus limosus Rafinesque, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272). About these species Rafinesque made the following remark: "His [= Say's, 1817] Astacus affinis [should be compared] with A. limosus Raf. ditto [= 1817] as they may happen to be identical or very nearly related to each other". As shown in my previous paper (Holthuis, 1954, p. 29) Rafinesque's supposition that Say's and his species might be identical proves to be correct.

Suborder Anomura

Generic names. Emerita Gronovius, 1764, Hippa Fabricius, 1787, Nectylus Rafinesque, 1817, Pagurus Fabricius, 1775 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272). Concerning the first and second of these names Rafinesque remarked: "Hippa of Fabricius, means a horse! and is partial root of 20 different genera, such as Hippophae, Hippomane, Hippuris, &c. Why not admit and adopt the anterior and better name Emerita of Gronovius?".

Species names. Hippa talpoida Say, 1817, Nectylus rugosus Rafinesque, 1817, Pagurus longicarpus Say, 1817, Pagurus truncatulus Rafinesque, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272). About these names Rafinesque remarked: "his [= Say's, 1817] Pagurus longicarpus [should be compared] with P. truncatulus Raf. ditto [= 1817]; and his Hippa talpoida to Nectylus rugosus Raf. ditto; as they may happen to be identical or very near related to each other". As pointed out previously (Holthuis, 1954, pp. 32, 33) Nectylus rugosus Raf. and Pagurus truncatulus Raf. indeed must be regarded as synonymous with Hippa talpoida Say and Pagurus longicarpus Say respectively.

Suborder Brachyura

New generic names. Lissula Rafinesque (1818, p. 272), a substitute name for Lissa Leach, 1815; Lupania Rafinesque (1818, p. 272) a substitute name for Lupa Leach, 1814. About the first of these two new names Rafinesque stated: "Lissa of Leach, is too short, and is contained in Melissa, &c. it must be modified into Lissula". The erection of the second new name is justified by Rafinesque as follows: "Lupa of Leach, is too short, and the root of Lupinus; it must be changed into Lupania." Rafinesque's reasons for changing the two generic names given by Leach, according to the present International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature, cannot be accepted.

Other generic names. Cancer Linnaeus, 1758, Libinia Leach, 1815, Lissa Leach, 1815, Lupa Leach, 1814 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272), Monolepis Say, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, pp. 271, 272), Ocypede (error for Ocypode), Ocypode Weber, 1795, Pinnotheres Latreille, 1802, Plagusia Latreille, 1804, Portunus Fabricius, 1798 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272), Sesarma Say, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, pp. 271, 272). Of Say's studies on the Crustacea Rafinesque (1818, p. 272) remarked: "Mr. Say had adopted the improvements of Latrielle and Leach, on the genus Cancer of Linnaeus, which is now become, by the discoveries of many writers, a class, containing more than 1000 genera and 1000 species! His descriptions are very minute, yet sometimes confused and defective in a few points".

Species names. Ocypode pusilla Rafinesque, 1817, Ocypode reticulatus Say, 1817 (Rafinesque, 1818, p. 272). Rafinesque's remark on these two species is as follows: "We advise to compare his [= Say's, 1817] Ocypode reticulatus with the O. pusilla of Rafinesque's account of some N.G. and Sp. of North American Crustacea, in American Monthly Magazine, vol. 2. p. 40 as they may happen to be identical or very near related to each other". As pointed out before (Holthuis, 1954, p. 36), it is more probable that not Ocypode pusilla Raf., 1817, but Grapsus limosus Raf., 1817, is identical with Sesarma reticulatus (Say).