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**The Identity of *Euschistus rubiginosus* Dallas, 1851  
(Hemiptera: Pentatomidae)**

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ABSTRACT: The taxonomic history of *Euschistus rubiginosus* Dallas is reviewed. *E. rubiginosus* is removed from the synonymy of *Thyanta perditor* (Fabricius) and placed as a senior synonym of *E. incus* Rolston.

*Euschistus rubiginosus* Dallas

*Euschistus rubiginosus* Dallas, 1851:206.

*Thyanta rubiginosus*: Berg, 1884:100. (Misidentification, as synonym of *Thyanta perditor* [Fabricius].)

*Euschistus incus* Rolston, 1984:358-359, figs. 25-30. NEW SYNONYMY.

In his list of Hemiptera in the British Museum, Dallas (1851) described several new species of Pentatomidae including *Euschistus rubiginosus*. His description of this species immediately followed that of *E. perditor* (Fabricius), suggesting a close relationship between the two species. Dallas left the other species now in *Thyanta* Stål in the genus *Pentatoma* Olivier. In 1862, Stål described the genus *Thyanta* and placed in it several species, of which Kirkaldy (1909) designated *T. perditor* as type species.

Walker (1867), in his catalogue of Hemiptera in the British Museum, left *E. rubiginosus* in the genus *Euschistus* Dallas and moved all the species of *Thyanta* back to *Euschistus*. In 1868, Stål placed *E.*

*perditor* back in the genus *Thyanta*. Then, in 1872, he returned the other species of *Thyanta* to their proper place and left *E. rubiginosus*, with which he was not familiar, in the genus *Euschistus*. In 1884, Berg placed *E. rubiginosus* in the synonymy of *T. perditor* without giving any reason for doing so. It is probable that Berg did not see the type specimen of *E. rubiginosus* and based the synonymy on the judgement of someone else. This synonymy has remained uncontested until now.

Recently, I had the opportunity to examine the type specimen of *E. rubiginosus* and found that it actually was a specimen of the genus *Euschistus*. Further examination revealed that it was conspecific with *E. incus* Rolston, 1984. The type specimen of *E. rubiginosus* is a female, but it does possess the characteristic humeri which serve to identify this species. Therefore, I hereby remove *E. rubiginosus* from the synonymy of *E. perditor* and place *E. incus* in the synonymy of *E. rubiginosus*. *Euschistus incus* was described from western Peru and southern Ecuador, while *E. rubiginosus* was described from Brazil.

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