

females frequently falls into the small-size range diagnosed for *miniatus*. Although no males were found that measured less than 4.00 mm, it is within the bounds of variation for such smaller specimens to occur, especially if the more harsh conditions of the Lakehurst-New Jersey Pine Barrens region are considered. I have remeasured the holotype of *miniatus* and find it to be 3.64 mm in length (by my ocular micrometer), rather than 3.4 as given by Knight.

Knight also commented that *miniatus* was more uniformly red than *rubricans* (which is typically fuscous on the hemelytra). An examination of his holotype suggests that the specimen is teneral; the color is light red and the metafemora are collapsed. Reared adults (teneral) of *rubricans*, also, are lighter or more uniformly reddish. Other than the slight size difference, teneral males of *rubricans* are indistinguishable from *miniatus*; thus, I consider *miniatus* a junior synonym of *rubricans*.

Texocoris nigrellus (Knight), NEW COMBINATION

Parthenicus nigrellus Knight, 1939: 23; Froeschner, 1949: 166; Carvalho, 1958: 123, Akingbohunge et al., 1972: 11; Akingbohunge et al., 1973: 14; Henry and Smith, 1979: 214.

Texocoris secludis Schaffner, 1974: 283. NEW SYNONYMY.

While examining Miridae in the Texas A&M University insect collection, I recognized that specimens identified as *Texocoris secludis* were very similar to *Parthenicus nigrellus*. Further examination of Schaffner's (1974) figures of male genitalia and comparison of type-material of both species confirmed that *secludis* is a junior synonym of *nigrellus*. Because *nigrellus* does not belong in the genus *Parthenicus* Reuter, I find it necessary to retain the monotypic genus *Texocoris* Schaffner to accommodate *nigrellus*.

Texocoris nigrellus has been reported from Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Texas (Knight, 1941), and Missouri (Froeschner, 1949). Akingbohunge et al. (1972) added Wisconsin and listed bloodroot as the host. Recently, I identified a series of *nigrellus* collected in Missouri (Columbia, Boone Co., 31 May 1981) on a fruiting mulberry tree, *Morus* sp.

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