

**Synonymy of the names of two species of
Tybaertiella Jocqué (Araneae: Linyphiidae)**

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In a recent paper (Locket & Russell-Smith, 1980, p. 62) we described two species of linyphiid spiders from Nigeria (which were also described by Holm, 1979, p. 277) under the names *Locketia bicolor* and *L. minor*. After going to press we became aware that Jocqué (1979, p. 752) had previously described what were almost certainly these species, from the Ivory Coast, under the names *Tybaertiella peniculifer* and *T. minor*. In a note added to our paper (1980, p. 90) we recognise that the genus *Locketia* Holm is a synonym of *Tybaertiella* Jocqué. Since then

through the kindness of Dr Jocqué we have been able to compare his paratypes with our own material, and there is no doubt in our opinion that our *Locketia bicolor* and *L. minor* are junior synonyms respectively of *Tybaertiella peniculifer* Jocqué and *T. minor* Jocqué.

It is interesting that these two very similar but different sized species should again occur together in Nigeria.

Locketia bicolor Locket & Russell-Smith =
Tybaertiella peniculifer Jocqué syn. nov.

Locketia minor Locket & Russell-Smith =
Tybaertiella minor Jocqué syn. nov.

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