

NOTA CIENTÍFICA

A NEW SPECIFIC NAME IN *COLLETES* (COLLETIDAE, APOIDEA)

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Colletes atacamanus nom.n.

The species *Colletes atacamensis* was published by MOURE [1956 *Dusenía* 7 (4): 204.5] for a new species of *Colletes* from San Pedro, Atacama, Chile. One year before the same name was published by JANVIER [1955 *Ann. Sci. Nat. Zool.* 17 (11): 311 and 316-317] for a different species from Quillaga, Chile.

This homonymy was communicated to me by Dr. Michael Kuhlmann who is preparing a revision of the old world species of the bee genus *Colletes*. I'm very grateful to Dr. M. Kuhlmann for calling my attention to this junior homonymy. To solve this nomenclatorial problem I propose *Colletes atacamanus* as a new name for my species *Colletes atacamensis* Moure, 1956 **non** *atacamensis* Janvier, 1955.

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