



The Sepidiini are a diverse tribe of ground-dwelling darkling beetles (Tenebrionidae) of the subfamily Pimeliinae. The tribe is widely distributed throughout the Afrotropical Realm, with several species reaching the southern part of the Western Palearctic. Some Sepidiini are commonly known for their tapping behaviour (sexual communication), which accounts for their vernacular name, the “toktokkies”. The group also includes many large and/or morphologically remarkable species, e.g., *Stridulomus sulcicollis*, the largest (~ 80.0 mm) currently known tenebrionid species. The aim of this monograph is to synthesize available taxonomic, nomenclatural, and distributional information for all Sepidiini species.

All valid family-group (six subtribes), genus-group (55 genera, 33 subgenera), and species-group names (1009 species and subspecies) of Sepidiini darkling beetles (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae: Pimeliinae), and their available synonyms are listed. For each name the author, year and page number of the description are provided, with additional information (e.g., type species for genus-group names, author of synonymies for invalid taxa) depending on the taxon rank.

Several new nomenclatural acts are included. This includes two generic synonymies, over 140 new combinations, designations of type species for three genus-group taxa, a single lectotype designation and the introduction of a replacement name.

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A CATALOGUE OF THE TRIBE SEPIDIINI ESCHSCHOLTZ, 1829 (TENEBRIONIDAE, PIMELIINAE) OF THE WORLD

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