A NEW NAME FOR PAPILLO CERES CRAMER, [1776],
NEC FABRICIUS, 1775 (NYMPHALIDAE, DANAINAE)

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ABSTRACT. Lycorea pieteri, nomen novum, is proposed as a replacement name of
Papilio ceres Cramer, [1776], pre-occupied by Papilio ceres Fabricius, 1775.

Papilio ceres, a danaine described by Cramer ([1776]: 141, 152, pl. 90,
fig. A) from “Surinam” is a junior primary homonym of Papilio ceres
Fabricius (1775: 504), an African nymphaline. The only author who
seems to have noticed this homonymy is Billberg (1820: 77). Under his
new genus Epimetes, Billberg introduced the name sebethis, as follows:

Sebethis Brasil. Eg. Ceres Fbr.

As can be surmised from other examples elsewhere in his work, the
above notation indicates that Billberg was proposing his name sebethis
as a substitute for ceres Fabricius, and that he had a specimen (or
specimens) from “Brazil” in his collection (Eg. = Auctor hujus operis).
What is not clear is if Billberg considered ceres Cramer to be the senior
name, or if he intended to write “Cr.” instead of “Fbr.” after ceres, and
just made a lapsus calami. However, in at least one other instance,
Billberg gives preference to a junior Cramerian name over a Fabrician
one, under the genus Amaryssus Dalman (minos Cramer, [1780] versus
astenous Fabricius, 1775).

Whatever Billberg’s true intention was, it is his action which counts
here, and the result was the unfortunate introduction of an invalid junior
synonym of Papilio ceres Fabricius (currently known as Najas ceres
(Fox et al., 1965) or Euphaedra ceres Auctt.; the correct nomenclatorial
status of this species is not yet settled, cf. Cowan, 1974).

Therefore, Papilio ceres Cramer still needs a replacement name, and
under the provisions of Article 60(b) of the International Code of
Zoological Nomenclature I hereby propose pieteri, in the combination
Lycorea pieteri, nom. nov. This name is a masculine noun after the
patronym of Pieter Cramer.

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