

# ***Nicaniella (Trautscholdia) nagaoi*, a new replacement name for *Astarte minor* Nagao, 1934, non *Astarte sulcata* var. *minor* Jeffreys, 1864 [“1863”] (Mollusca: Bivalvia: Astartidae)**

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During the course of the taxonomical and nomenclatural survey of fossil Bivalvia housed at the Tohoku University Museum (Sato *et al.*, 2016), I found *Astarte minor* Nagao, 1934 (Nagao, 1934: p. 220-221, pl. 28, figs. 5-10) from the Lower Cretaceous Hiraiga Formation of the Miyako Group in the Miyako district, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, is preoccupied by *Astarte sulcata* var. *minor* Jeffreys, 1864 [“1863”] (Jeffreys, 1864: p. 312) from England. Nagao's (1934) species was thought a distinct species belonging to *Trautscholdia* Cox and Arkell, 1948 (Hayami, 1975), which is thought a subgenus in the genus *Nicaniella* Chavan, 1945 (Chavan, 1969), and has no valid senior or junior synonyms (e.g. Hayami, 1975). Therefore, I herein propose ***Nicaniella (Trautscholdia) nagaoi*, nom. nov.** for *Astarte minor* Nagao, 1934. The name is in honor of the late Prof. Takumi Nagao (1891-1943) of Hokkaido Imperial University (later of Tôhoku Imperial University).

I also noticed that *Mya convexa* Noda, 1992 (Noda, 1992: p. 90-91, pl. 7, figs. 1-9), from the “Lower Miocene” [revised as Upper Eocene by Kurita *et al.*, 1992] Lower Sankebetsu Formation in Hokkaidô, Japan, is a primary junior homonym of *Mya convexa* Wood, 1815 (Wood, 1815: p. 92, pl. 18, fig. 1) [= *Thracia convexa* (Wood, 1815)] from Devonshire, England. As I informed its author, Dr. Yoshikazu Noda of the Fukui Dinosaur Museum, Katsuyama, Japan, of these homonyms following the “Code of Ethics” of ICZN (Appendix A; International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, 1999), its new replacement name is to be proposed by himself elsewhere.

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