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Nomenclatural and taxonomic notes on *Proranus intractus* (Walker), comb. rev. (Hemiptera, Auchenorrhyncha, Cicadellidae)

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ABSTRACT. *Proranus intractus* (Walker, 1858) (Cicadellidae), combination proposed by STÅL (1862), originally described in *Ceresa* Amyot & Serville, 1843 (Membracidae), is here reinstated.

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Proranus intractus (Walker, 1858), **comb. rev.**

Ceresa intracta Walker, 1858: 338. – Metcalf & Wade, 1965: 864 (cat.).

Proranus intractus; Stål, 1862: 491.

STÅL (1862) associated this species to the genus *Proranus* Spinola, 1850 (Cicadellidae, Ledorinae).

However, METCALF & WADE (1965) catalogued it as a valid species of the genus *Ceresa* Amyot & Serville, 1843 (Membracidae, Smiliinae, Ceresini).

Starting from the data of STÅL (1862), the study of the description presented by WALKER (1858) show that it actually is a species classified in *Proranus*.

Answering an inquiry made on why this species was not include on your Membracid types catalogue, P.S. Broomfield told me: "You are quite correct in regarding *Ceresa intracta* Walker as being a Cicadellid (*Proranus*); that is why it was not included in what was purely a Membracid catalogue".

According to Ledorinae revision made by KRAMER (1966), this species is closely related to *P. adspersipennis* Stål, 1862.

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