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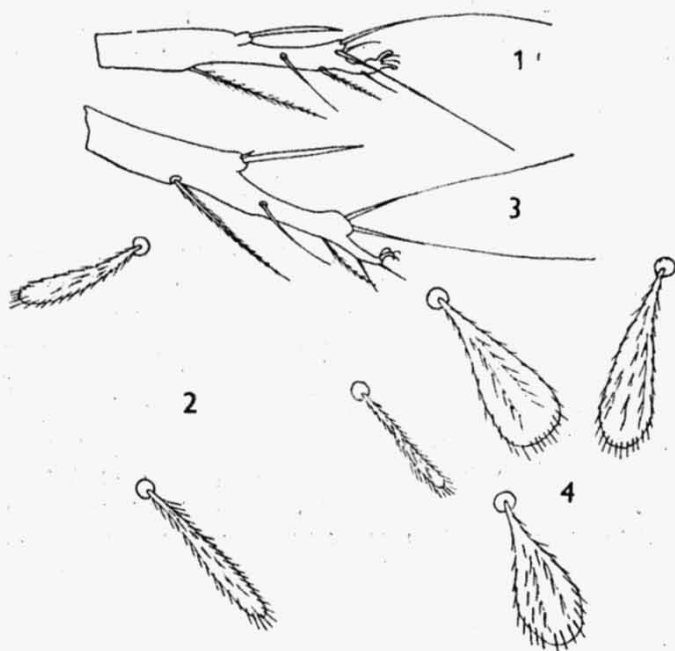
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TO THE SYSTEMATIC POSITION OF THE SPECIES ACAROPSELLA SCHMIDTMANNI PRINCE, 1972

Acaropsella schmidtmanni, a predatory mite species collected from the nest of the turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura* (L.)) was described by Prince (Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash. 74: 45—49, 1972). Later Summers erected the genus

Acaropsellina (Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash. 78: 190—194, 1976) listing in it three species: *A. sollers* (Rohdendorf, 1940) as a type species, *A. docta* (Berlese 1886) and *A. azarsia* Summers, 1976. The first two species had been previously included in the genus *Acaropsis* Moquin-Tandon, 1863, with the type species *Tyroglyphus mericourti* Laboulbène, 1851, which Summers' revision (1976) proved as representative of the genus *Cheyletus* Latreille, 1796 and the name *Acaropsis* a synonym of this genus. The examination of paratypes of *Acaropsella schmidtmanni* showed that this species undisputedly was a representative of the genus *Acaropsellina*, closely related to the species *A. sollers*, from which it differs in wider dorsal setae and in the presence of a minute solenidion ω_1 on tarsus I. (The author is grateful to Dr. D. W. Prince for making available the paratypes mentioned). As pointed out previously (Haragsim O. et al., Z. Angew. Entomol. 87: 52—67, 1968), typical of the genus *Acaropsellina* is the presence of "ocelli" on propodosomal plate, already mentioned by Volgin (Mites of the family Cheyletidae of the world fauna, Nauka, Leningrad, 432 pp., 1969, in Russian), and unexpanded humeral setae.



Acaropsellina sollers (Rohdendorf, 1940). Fig. 1. Tarsus I. Fig. 2. First three opisthosomal setae. *Acaropsellina schmidtmanni* (Prince, 1972). Paratypes. Fig. 3. Tarsus I. Fig. 4. First three opisthosomal setae.

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