

*AURORALESTES*, GEN. NOV., A REPLACEMENT NAME FOR *EOLESTES* BOWN AND SCHANKLER, 1982,  
A PREOCCUPIED NAME

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A recent internet search revealed the homonymy of the generic name *Eolestes*, proposed by Bown and Schankler (1982:52) for the early Eocene erinaceid lipotyphlan *Eolestes simpsoni* (Bown, 1979). The erinaceid species was first described by Bown (1979:61) as *Leipsanolestes simpsoni*, and Bown and Schankler (1982) assigned it to a new genus. The generic name *Eolestes* was erected by Cockerell (1940:104) for an Eocene dragonfly from the Florissant Formation of Colorado, *Eolestes synthetica* (Order Odonata). The generic name *Eolestes* is preoccupied, and we therefore propose the replacement name *Auroralestes* (based on the root *Aurora*, goddess of the dawn) for the erinaceid genus, giving *Auroralestes simpsoni* for *Eolestes simpsoni*.

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