

**Nomenclatural notes, 5<sup>1</sup>.**  
**Trivia pullicina Locard, 1892: the name to be used for *Trivia pulex***  
**(Gray, 1827) because of primary homonymy**

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Because of primary homonymy *Trivia pulex* (Gray, 1827) should be called *Trivia pullicina* Locard, 1892.

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The best known Mediterranean *Trivia*, is generally denoted by the name *Trivia pulex*. The original description by Gray (1827: 368) as *Cypraea Pulex* is rather clear and recognisable. However, the name *Cypraea pulex* was used twice before. *Cypraea pulex* Roeding (1798: 24) is a nomen nudum, but *Cypraea pulex* of Link (1807: 92) is perfectly valid and clearly different from Gray's species.

In his description Gray (1827: 368) suggests that his species is perhaps equal to *Cypraea lathyris* Blainville, 1826. Although sometimes cited as *C. lathyris* Dufresne, the original description is by Blainville (1826: 25), based on specimens originating from Mauritius and given to the Paris museum by Dufresne. As this description is rather difficult to obtain, it is cited here:

“Petite coquille globuleuse, luisante à cause de la finesse des stries; impression dorsale peu marginée, toute brune en dessus, avec les extrémités blanchâtre; dix-sept dents à chaque bord. Des rivages de l'Isle-de-France [= Mauritius]. Je possède une coquille de la Méditerranée, des îles Hières, que je rapporte à cette espèce.”

It is evident, that the real *C. lathyris* is different from *Trivia pulex* (Gray, 1827), but the last sentence of Blainville may be the cause of a presumed identity.

The name *Cypraea lacrymalis* Menke, which has sometimes been used, is a nomen nudum both in Menke (1828: 49) and Menke (1830: 83) and has remained so up to now.

*Trivia mediterranea* (Risso, 1826) originally comprised both this species as well as *Trivia europaea* (Montagu, 1808) and should be regarded as a synonym of the last-mentioned taxon according to Arnaud (1978: 125).

As nearly all authors have used the name *T. pulex* (Gray) the only available name turns out to be one of the emendations by Locard (1892: 37), viz. *Trivia pullicina*, proposed as a substitute for Gray's taxon. This name should be used.

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