A NOTE OF THE NAME EXOPROSOPA DIMIDIATA ROBERTS (DIPTERA: BOMBYLIIDAE)

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Roberts (1928: 109) described as Exoprosopa dimidiata a male from Groote Eylandt, type in the South Australian Museum. Roberts' name is pre-occupied by Exoprosopa dimidiata Macquart 1846 (Dipteres Exotiques, suppl. 1; 107, 43), a well known African species which is astonishingly similar to the Australian species. So far as is known, this homonymy has not previously been pointed out. As Roberts' species must be renamed, Exoprosopa dimidiatipennis nom. nov. for dimidiata Roberts nec Macquart is proposed.

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