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Notices

(a) *Invitation to comment.* The Commission is authorised to vote on applications published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* six months after their publication but this period is normally extended to enable comments to be submitted. Any zoologist who wishes to comment on any of the applications is invited to send his contribution to the Executive Secretary of the Commission as quickly as possible.

(b) *Invitation to contribute general articles.* At present the *Bulletin* comprises mainly applications concerning names of particular animals or groups of animals, resulting comments and the Commission's eventual rulings (Opinions). Proposed amendments to the Code are also published for discussion.

Articles or notes of a more general nature are actively welcomed provided that they raise nomenclatural issues, although they may well deal with taxonomic matters for illustrative purposes. It should be the aim of such contributions to interest an audience wider than some small group of specialists.

(c) *Receipt of new applications.* The following new applications have been received since going to press for volume 53, part 3 (published on 30 September 1996). Under Article 80 of the Code, existing usage is to be maintained until the ruling of the Commission is published.

- (1) *Pseudophryne vivipara* Tornier, 1905 (currently *Nectophrynoides vivipara*; Amphibia, Anura): proposed replacement of neotype by a rediscovered syntype. (Case 3021). J.C. Poynton.
- (2) *Catalogue des Mammifères du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle* by E. Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire (1803): proposed placement on the Official List of Available Works. (Case 3022). P. Hershkovitz.
- (3) DASYPODIDAE Gray, 1821 (Mammalia, Edentata) and DASYPODIDAE Börner, 1919 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): proposed removal of the homonymy. (Case 3023). B.A. Alexander & C.D. Michener.
- (4) *Euscorpius* Thorell, 1876 (Arachnida, Scorpiones): proposed conservation. (Case 3024). V. Fet.
- (5) *Scorpius mingrelicus* Kessler, 1874 (currently *Euscorpius mingrelicus*; Arachnida, Scorpiones): proposed conservation of the specific name. (Case 3025). V. Fet.
- (6) *Androctonus caucasicus* Nordmann, 1840 (currently *Mesobuthus caucasicus*; Arachnida, Scorpiones): proposed conservation of the specific name. (Case 3026). V. Fet.
- (7) *Musca balteata* De Geer, 1776 (currently *Episyrphus balteatus*; Insecta, Diptera): proposed conservation of the specific name. (Case 3027). U. Schmid.

OPINION 1859

Nine specific names of southern Afrotropical birds conserved

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Aves; *Camaroptera brachyura*; *Galerida magnirostris*; *Lamprotornis nitens phoenicopterus*; *Mirafra apiata*; *Motacilla aguimp*; *Oenanthe monticola*; *Oriolus larvatus*; *Prinia flavicans*; *Zosterops pallidus*; Africa.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
 - (a) *nabirop* Temminck, 1807, as published in the binomen *Sturnus nabirop*;
 - (b) *rostrocrasso* Wilkes, [1796], as published in the binomen *Alauda rostrocrasso*;
 - (c) *percutiens* Wilkes, [1796], as published in the binomen *Alauda percutiens*;
 - (d) *citrinus* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla citrinus*;
 - (e) *viridis* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla viridis*;
 - (f) *arenarea* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla arenarea*;
 - (g) *montana* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla montana*;
 - (h) *tcheric* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla tcheric*;
 - (i) *africanus* Wilkes, 1820, as published in the binomen *Oriolus africanus*.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *phoenicopterus* Swainson, [1837], as published in the binomen *Lamprotornis phoenicopterus*;
 - (b) *magnirostris* Stephens, 1826, as published in the binomen *Alauda magnirostris*;
 - (c) *apiata* Vieillot, 1816, as published in the binomen *Alauda apiata*;
 - (d) *flavicans* Vieillot, [1820], as published in the binomen *Sylvia flavicans*;
 - (e) *brachyura* Vieillot, [1820], as published in the binomen *Sylvia brachyura*;
 - (f) *aguimp* Temminck, [1820], as published in the binomen *Motacilla aguimp*;
 - (g) *monticola* Vieillot, 1818, as published in the binomen *Oenanthe monticola*;
 - (h) *pallidus* Swainson, [1837], as published in the binomen *Zosterops pallidus*;
 - (i) *larvatus* Lichtenstein, 1823, as published in the binomen *Oriolus larvatus*.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *nabirop* Temminck, 1807, as published in the binomen *Sturnus nabirop* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) *rostrocrasso* Wilkes, [1796] as published in the binomen *Alauda rostrocrasso* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above;
 - (c) *percutiens* Wilkes, [1796], as published in the binomen *Alauda percutiens* and as suppressed in (1)(c) above;
 - (d) *citrinus* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla citrinus* and as suppressed in (1)(d) above;
 - (e) *viridis* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla viridis* and as suppressed in (1)(e) above;

- (f) *arenarea* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla arenarea* and as suppressed in (1)(f) above;
- (g) *montana* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla montana* and as suppressed in (1)(g) above;
- (h) *tcheric* Wilkes, 1817, as published in the binomen *Motacilla tcheric* and as suppressed in (1)(h) above;
- (i) *africanus* Wilkes, 1820 as published in the binomen *Oriolus africanus* and as suppressed in (1)(i) above.

History of Case 2931

An application for the conservation of nine specific names of southern Afrotropical birds was received from Dr P.A. Clancey (*Durban Natural Science Museum, Durban, South Africa*) and Dr R.K. Brooke (*Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa*) on 22 February 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 61–64 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 63. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- africanus*, *Oriolus*, Wilkes, 1820, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 17, p. 740.
- aguimp*, *Motacilla*, Temminck, [1820], *Manual d'ornithologie*, Ed. 2, part 1, p. lxxviii.
- apiata*, *Alauda*, Vieillot, 1816, *Nouveau dictionnaire d'histoire naturelle*, Ed. 2, vol. 1, p. 342.
- arenarea*, *Motacilla*, Wilkes, 1817, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 16, p. 85.
- brachyura*, *Sylvia*, Vieillot, [1820], in Bonnaterre, J.P. & Vieillot, L.J.P., *Tableau encyclopaedique et methodique, trois règnes de la nature, ornithologie*, vol. 2, p. 459.
- citrinus*, *Motacilla*, Wilkes, 1817, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 16, p. 78.
- flavicans*, *Sylvia*, Vieillot, [1820], in Bonnaterre, J.P. & Vieillot, L.J.P., *Tableau encyclopaedique et methodique, trois règnes de la nature, ornithologie*, vol. 2, p. 438.
- larvatus*, *Oriolus*, Lichtenstein, 1823, *Verzeichniss der Doubletten des Zoologischen Museum der Königl. Universität zu Berlin ...*, p. 20.
- magnirostris*, *Alauda*, Stephens, 1826, in Shaw, G., *General zoology (Aves)*, vol. 14, part 1, p. 26.
- montana*, *Motacilla*, Wilkes, 1817, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 16, p. 89.
- monticola*, *Oenanthe*, Vieillot, 1818, *Nouveau dictionnaire d'histoire naturelle*, Ed. 2, vol. 21, p. 434.
- nabirop*, *Sturnus*, Temminck, 1807, *Catalogue systématique du cabinet d'ornithologie et de la collection de quadrumanes de Crd. Jb. Temminck*, p. 85.
- pallida*, *Zosterops*, Swainson, [1837], *Animals in Menageries*, part 3. In Lardner, D., *Cabinet Cyclopaedia*, vol. 98, p. 294.

- percutiens*, *Alauda*, Wilkes, [1796], *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 1, p. 236.
phoenicopterus, *Lamprotornis*, Swainson, [1837], *Animals in Menageries*, part 3. In Lardner, D., *Cabinet Cyclopaedia*, vol. 98, p. 360.
rostrocrasso, *Alauda*, Wilkes, [1796], *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 1, p. 235.
tcheric, *Motacilla*, Wilkes, 1817, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 16, p. 94.
viridis, *Motacilla*, Wilkes, 1817, *Encyclopaedia Londinensis*, vol. 16, p. 80.