

**OPINION 2187 (Case 3330)*****Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 (Aves, Passeriformes):  
subspecific name not conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the name *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 (family NECTARINIIDAE) for a subspecies of African sunbird is not conserved. The name is a junior objective synonym of *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; NECTARINIIDAE; *Nectarinia*; *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata*; *Cinnyris proteus*; sunbirds; Ethiopia; Southeast Sudan; Eritrea.

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**Ruling**

- (1) It is hereby ruled that the subspecific name *cruentata* Rüppell, 1845, as published in the trinomen *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata*, is not conserved.
- (2) The name *cruentata* Rüppell, 1845, as published in the trinomen *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata*, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology (a junior objective synonym of *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840).

**History of Case 3330**

An application to conserve the subspecific name of *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 was received from F.D. Steinheimer (*Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, clo Sylter Strasse 18, 90425 Nürnberg, Germany*) on 24 August 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 42–45 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals submitted in BZN 63: 43. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 15.

Negative votes – 13.

In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution, the proposals were resubmitted to the Commission on 1 June 2007. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 6: Halliday, Mawatari, Ng, Papp, Patterson and Zhang.

Negative votes – 17: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Pape, Pyle, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

No vote was received from Song. Minelli was on leave of absence.

Commissioners voting against the proposal favoured following priority. Several suggested that selection of a lectotype for *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840 would provide the best solution to any remaining nomenclatural problems.

**Original reference**

The following is the original reference to the name placed on the Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*cruentata*, *Nectarinia senegalensis*, Rüppell, 1845, *Systematische Uebersicht der Vögel Nord-Ost-Afrika's nebst Abbildungen und Beschreibungen von fünfzig theils unbekannt, theils noch nicht bildlich dargestellten Arten*. VIII, pp. 26-27, L pls. Schmerber'sche Buchhandlung, Frankfurt am Main.