

OPINION 2284 (Case 3499)***Anthochaera* Vigors & Horsfield, 1827 and *Philesturnus* Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832 (Aves): usage conserved by suppression of the generic name *Creadion* Vieillot, 1816**

Abstract. The Commission has conserved the generic names *Anthochaera* Vigors & Horsfield, 1827 and *Philesturnus* Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832 for Australian wattled honeyeaters (MELIPHAGIDAE) and the New Zealand saddleback (CALLAEIDAE) by suppression of the generic name *Creadion* Vieillot, 1816.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; CALLAEIDAE; MELIPHAGIDAE; *Creadion*; *Anthochaera*; *Philesturnus*; saddleback; wattled honeyeaters; Australasia.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the generic name *Creadion* Vieillot, 1816 is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Anthochaera* Vigors & Horsfield, 1827 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by G.R. Gray (1840) *Corvus paradoxus* Daudin, 1800;
 - (b) *Philesturnus* Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Sturnus carunculatus* Gmelin, 1789.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *paradoxus* Daudin, 1800, as published in the binomen *Corvus paradoxus* (specific name of the type species of *Anthochaera* Vigors & Horsfield, 1827);
 - (b) *carunculatus* Gmelin, 1789, as published in the binomen *Sturnus carunculatus* (specific name of the type species of *Philesturnus* Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832).
- (4) The name *Creadion* Vieillot, 1816, as suppressed in (1) above is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3499

An application to conserve the generic names *Anthochaera* Vigors & Horsfield, 1827 and *Philesturnus* Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832 for Australian wattled honeyeaters (MELIPHAGIDAE) and the New Zealand saddleback (CALLAEIDAE) by suppression of the generic name *Creadion* Vieillot, 1816, was received from Walter J. Bock (*Columbia University, New York, NY, U.S.A.*), Richard Schodde (*Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra, Australia*) and Ricardo L. Palma (*Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand*) on 24 July 2009. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 66: 332–339 (December 2009). The

title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Comments on this case were published in BZN 67: 93–94 and 179–181.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 66: 336. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2011 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 24: Ballerio, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Bogutskaya.

Alonso-Zarazaga, Lim and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Voting FOR, Bouchet commented that, although it had no effect on the action taken or his vote, he wished to record his full agreement with Bock et al. (contra Gregory & David) regarding the type species fixation for *Creadion*.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Anthochaera Vigors & Horsfield, 1827, *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London*, **15**: 320. *carunculatus*, *Sturnus*, Gmelin, 1789, *Systema Naturae*, Lipsiae, Ed. 13, vol. 1, pt. 2, p. 805.

Creadion Vieillot, 1816, *Analyse d'une nouvelle ornithologie élémentaire*. Déterville, Paris, p. 34. *paradoxus*, *Corvus*, Daudin, 1800, *Traité élémentaire et complet d'ornithologie, ou histoire naturelle des oiseaux*, vol. 2. 473 pp., pls. 9–27. Bertrandet, Paris, p. 246, pl. 16.

Philesturnus Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1832, *Nouvelles Annales du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle*, **1**: 390.