

**OPINION 2285 (Case 3474)*****Aplonis* Gould, 1836 (Aves; STURNIDAE): spelling conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled to conserve the widely accepted spelling *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 for the Indo-Australasian glossy starlings (STURNIDAE) by suppression of the prior but little-used spelling *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Aves; STURNIDAE; *Aplonis*; *Aplornis*; *Aplonis marginata*; glossy starlings; Indo-Australasia.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the generic name *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation *Aplonis marginata* Gould, 1836, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *marginata* Gould, 1836, as published in the binomen *Aplonis marginata* (specific name of the type species of *Aplonis* Gould, 1836), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3474**

An application to conserve the widely accepted spelling *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 for the Indo-Australasian glossy starlings (STURNIDAE) by suppression of the prior but little-used spelling *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836 was received from Richard Schodde (*Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra City, Australia*) and Walter J. Bock (*Columbia University, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) on 6 August 2008. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 66: 56–63 (March 2009). 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 2 March 2010 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 66: 59. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2010 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 25: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega and Zhou.  
Negative votes – 1: Pape.

Pyle and Zhang were on leave of absence.

**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:

*Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836, *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London*, **1836**: 73.

*Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836, *The Analyst*, **17**: 152.

*marginata*, *Aplonis*, Gould, 1836, *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London*, **1836**: 73.