

**OPINION 2294** (Case 3500)***Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758 and PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825 (Aves): names conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has conserved the generic name *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758 and the family-group name PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825 for the birds of paradise by suppression of the competing spellings *Paradisea* Linnaeus, 1758 and PARADISEIDAE Swainson, 1825. The spellings *Paradisaea* and PARADISAEIDAE have been in prevailing use for over 90 years.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Aves, PARADISAEIDAE; *Paradisaea*; *Paradisea*; birds of paradise; Australasia; New Guinea.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all previous First Reviser Acts affecting the spellings *Paradisea* Linnaeus, 1758 and *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758, are hereby suppressed and that *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758 is the correct original spelling of the name.
- (2) The name *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758 (gender: feminine), type species *apoda* Linnaeus, 1758 by subsequent designation of G.R. Gray (1840), ruled in (1) above to be the correct original spelling, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *apoda* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Paradisaea apoda* (specific name of the type species of *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825, type genus *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.
- (5) The name *Paradisea* Linnaeus, 1758, ruled in (1) above to be an incorrect original spelling, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.
- (6) The name PARADISEIDAE Swainson, 1825, an incorrect spelling of PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3500**

An application to conserve the generic name *Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758 and the family name PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825 for the birds of paradise was received from Richard Schodde (*Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra, Australia*), Mary LeCroy (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) and Walter J. Bock (*Columbia University, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) on 2 August 2009. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 67: 57–63 (March 2010). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 67: 59. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2011 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Minelli, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 0.

Kottelat split his vote: FOR proposal (1)-(4), AGAINST proposals (5)-(6)

Fautin, Lim, Ng and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Kottelat explained that he voted AGAINST proposals (5) and (6) because the Indexes of Rejected Names were for names, as their titles indicated. Here, the ‘names’ proposed for placing on the indexes were not names but incorrect spellings of names placed on the Official Lists. A name could not be at the same time on a List and on an Index.

### 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:

*apoda*, *Paradisaea*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 110.

*Paradisaea* Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 110.

PARADISAEIDAE Swainson, 1825, *The Zoological Journal*, 1: 480.

*Paradisea* Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 83.

PARADISEIDAE Swainson, 1825, *The Zoological Journal*, 1: 479.