

SECOND AMENDMENTS TO THE 1975 RAOU CHECKLIST

RAOU Checklist Amendment Committee

The 1975 RAOU Checklist, as a summary of our understanding of the composition of our avifauna, contains information on the names, status and distribution of the non-passerine birds of Australia. An attempt has been made to include all the published scientific names for the genera, species and subspecies in our area. Their synonymies are essential for a proper appreciation of the early literature and for changes in systematic arrangement. During the preparation of amendments we have noted that there are errors of omission and citation in the synonymies, which we hope to correct in these and future amendments. The present members of the Committee are: G. F. van Tets, chairman; R. Schodde, *ex officio* as Checklist Compiler; P. J. Fullagar; A. R. McGill; S. A. Parker; and G. M. Storr. The Committee is grateful to all those who assisted them in the preparation of the amendments that follow.

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Alter entry for **Eudyptes chrysolophus** as follows:

- 14 **Eudyptes schlegeli** Finsch* **Royal Penguin (4A)**

Eudyptes schlegeli Finsch, 1876, Trans. NZ Inst. 8: 204 — Macquarie I.

Eudyptes albigularis Milne-Edwards, 1880, Annls Sci. nat. (6) 9: 55 — Macquarie I.

* For notes on taxonomy see also Warham in Stonehouse (Ed.) (1975, The Biology of Penguins: 190-191).

Breeds on Macquarie I.; rare vagrant Aust., Tas. and NZ; no subspecies. Considered by some authors conspecific with *Eudyptes chrysolophus* (Brandt).

Catarrhactes chrysolophus Brandt 1837, Bull. scient. Acad. imp. Sci., St Pétersb. 2: 315 — Falkland Is.

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Insert before Genus **Puffinus** Brisson:

Genus **Calonectris** Mathews and Iredale

Calonectris Mathews and Iredale, 1915, Ibis (10) 3: 592 — type (by original designation)

Procellaria leucomelas Temminck.

- 53a **Calonectris leucomelas** (Temminck) **Streaked Shearwater**

Procellaria leucomelas Temminck, 1835, Planches col. Oiseaux 99, Pl. 587 — seas of Japan and Nagasaki Bay.

Breeds in large colonies on some coastal islands from southern Hokkaido to southern Ryukyus and (?) along China coast. Range from Korea and Japan to New Guinea; occasionally to Ceylon and Australia (Salvin 1896, Cat. Birds Br. Mus. 25: 371; Checklist Japan 1974; Vernon and Martin 1975, Proc. R. Soc. Qd 86: 61-72).

- 53 **Puffinus carneipes** becomes 53b **Puffinus carneipes**.

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Alter entry for **PHALACROCORACIDAE** as follows:

FAMILY PHALACROCORACIDAE* : CORMORANTS and SHAGS

* For revision of family see van Tets (1976, Proc. XVI Int. orn. Congr. 1974: 121-124).

Genus **Leucocarbo** Bonaparte

Leucocarbo Bonaparte, 1855, Consp. Gen. Avium 2: 176 — type (by subsequent designation) *Carbo bougainvillii* Lesson.

- 76 **Leucocarbo fuscescens** (Vieillot) **Black-faced Shag (98)**

Hydrocorax fuscescens Vieillot, 1817, Nouv. Dict. Hist. nat. 8: 86 — 'Australasiae' = Tas. *apud* Mathews.

Phalacrocorax leucogaster Gould, 1838, Syn. Birds Aust. 4 Append.: 7 — southern Aust.; not *Hydrocorax leucogaster* Vieillot, 1817.

Hypoleucus gouldi Salvadori, 1882, Annali Mus. civ. Stor. nat. Giacomo Doria: 404; new name for *leucogaster* Gould.

Carbo gouldi tunneyi Mathews, 1912, Austral avian Rec. 1: 88 — Peak I., WA.

Southern Aust. and Tas. A marine form, which breeds on islands from Recherche Archipelago, WA, to islands off southern Eyre Peninsula and in Spencer Gulf, Gulf St Vincent and some islands off the extreme south-eastern coast, SA; near Peterborough, western Vic.; on islands in Bass Strait and round Tas. No subspecies. Formerly called White-breasted Cormorant.

***Leucocarbo vetustus* (De Vis)**

Phalacrocorax vetustus De Vis, 1905, Ann. Qd Mus. 6: 22, Pl. 8, Pl. 9 — Lake Eyre District, SA.

Fossil. Upper Pleistocene; Katipiri Sands, Malkuni fauna; lower Cooper C., near Lake Eyre, SA. Slightly smaller than *P. carbo*.

Genus *Phalacrocorax* Brisson

Phalacrocorax Brisson, 1760, Orn. 1: 60 — type (by tautonymy) *Phalacrocorax* = *Pelecanus carbo* Linnaeus.

Carbo Lacépède, 1799, Tabl. Oiseaux: 15 — type (by tautonymy) *Carbo vulgaris* = *P. carbo* Linnaeus.

Haliastur Illiger, 1811, Prodrum: 279; new name for *Phalacrocorax* Brisson.

Carbonarius Rafinesque, Analyse Nat.: 72; new name for *Carbo* Lacépède.

Hydrocorax Vieillot, 1816, Analyse: 63 — type (by monotypy) *Cormoran* = *P. carbo* Linnaeus; not Brisson, 1760.

Cormoranus Baillon, 1833 (1834), Mem. Soc. r. Emutn Abbev.: 76 — type (by subsequent designation) *P. carbo* Linnaeus (Mathews, 1915).

Graucalus Gray, 1821, List Gen. Birds, ed. 2: 101 — type (by original designation) *P. carbo* Linnaeus; not Cuvier, 1816.

Ecmeles Gistel, 1848, Naturgesch. Thierr. höh. Schul.: 9; new name for *Hydrocorax* Vieillot.

Subgenus *Phalacrocorax* Brisson

77 *Phalacrocorax carbo* (Linnaeus)

Great Cormorant (96)

Pelecanus carbo Linnaeus, 1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, 1: 133 — Sweden.

Northern shores of North Atlantic, Eurasia, Africa, Australasia. About five subspecies, one in Aust.

***Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae* Stephens**

Phalacrocorax Novae Hollandiae Stephens, 1826, Shaw's Gen. Zool. 13: 93 — NSW.

Phalacrocorax carboides Gould, 1838, Syn. Birds Aust. 4 Append.: 7 — Tas.

Carbo carbo westralis Mathews, 1912, Austral avian Rec. 1: 33 — Swan R., WA.

Phalacrocorax carbo gracemeri Mathews, 1915, Birds Aust. 4: 167 — Gracemere, Qd. Aust., Tas.; vagrant in New Guinea, Lord Howe, Norfolk and Snares Is, Campbell I. and Macquarie I. Fresh or salt water.

Subgenus *Hypoleucus* Reichenbach

Hypoleucus Reichenbach, 1852 (1853), Vollst. Naturgesch., 2 Vögel, 1 Avium Syst. nat.: 7 — type (by original designation) *Pelecanus varius* Gmelin.

Mesocarbo Mathews and Iredale, 1913, Ibis (10) 1: 415 — type (by original designation) *Carbo sulcirostris* Brandt.

78 *Phalacrocorax varius* (Gmelin)

Pied Cormorant (99)

Pelecanus varius Gmelin, 1789, Syst. Nat. 1: 576 — Queen Charlotte Sound, NZ.

Carbo fuscus Peale, 1848, US Explor. Exped. Birds 8: 268 — Bay of Islands, North Island, NZ.

Aust. and NZ. Two subspecies, in each sex bill longer in Aust. than in NZ. Salt or fresh water.

Phalacrocorax varius hypoleucos* (Brandt)

Carbo hypoleucos Brandt, 1837, Bull. scient. Acad. imp. Sci., St Pétersb. 3: 55 — southern

* Not a synonym of *fuscescens*.

Aust. *apud* Mathews, 1911, Nov. zool. **18**: 241.

Carbo varius perthi Mathews, 1912, Austral avian Rec. **1**: 88 — Perth, WA.

Hypoleucus varius whitei Mathews, 1915, Birds Aust. **4**: 187 — SA.

Phalacrocorax varius nitidus Serventy, 1940, Emu **40**: 87 — Abrolhos Is, WA.

Aust. but rare vagrant in Tas., where abundant on northern shores in prehistoric times (van Tets in prep.).

***Phalacrocorax gregorii* De Vis**

Phalacrocorax gregorii De Vis, 1905, Ann. Qd Mus. **6**: 18, Pl 5-8 — Lake Eyre district, SA.

Fossil. Upper Pleistocene; Katipiri Sands, Malkuni fauna: Lower Cooper C., near Lake Eyre, SA.

79 *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* (Brandt)* Little Black Cormorant (97)

Carbo sulcirostris Brandt, 1837, Bull. scient. Acad. imp. Sci., St Pétersb. **3** col. 56 — Terrae australes = NSW.

Carbo purpuragula Peale, 1848, US Explor. Exped. Birds **8**: 269 — Manua Bay, North Island, NZ.

Microcarbo stictocephalus Bonaparte, 1855, Consp. Gen. Avium **2**: 178 — NSW.

Carbo squamatus Salvadori, 1882, Orn. Papua. Molucc. **3**: 409; synonym of *sulcirostris* ex von Pelzeln, 1873.

Mesocarbo ater territorii Mathews, 1915, Birds Aust. **4**: 176 — Hermit Hill, NT (Mees 1961).

* *P. ater* Vieillot of 1926 Checklist = young bird of *P. magellanicus* Gmelin, a South American species (Berlioz, 1927, Bull. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, **33**: 350).

Aust., Tas., NZ (warmer parts but occasionally south to Stewart I.), New Caledonia to New Guinea, Aru Is, Moluccas to Java and Borneo. Fresh or salt water. No subspecies.

Subgenus ***Microcarbo*** Bonaparte 1855

Microcarbo Bonaparte, 1855, Consp. Gen. Avium **2**: 177 — type (by original designation)

Hydrocorax melanoleucos Vieillot.

Microcarbo Bonaparte, 1856, C. r. hebd. Séanc. Acad. Sci., Paris, **43**: 577 — type (by original designation) *Pelecanus pygmaeus* Pallas.

Haliator Heine, 1860, J. Orn., Lpz.: 202; new name for *Microcarbo* Bonaparte, 1856.

Melanocarbo Bernstein, 1883, Tijdsch, Indische Taal, Ld Volkenk, (**4**) **7**: 119 — type (by monotypy) *Hydrocorax melanoleucos* Vieillot.

80 *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* (Vieillot) Little Pied Cormorant (100)

Lesser Sunda, Molucca and Aru Is, New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Is, NZ, Aust. (recent and fossil) and Tas. Two subspecies. A dimorphic race, *P. m. brevirostris* Gould, 1837, occurs in NZ. In this, plumage may be black except for white face and chin or more rarely pied like nominate form, with intermediates between the two.

***Phalacrocorax melanoleucos melanoleucos* (Vieillot)**

Hydrocorax melanoleucos Vieillot, 1817, Nouv. Dict. Hist. nat. **8**: 88 — 'Australasie' = NSW *apud* Mathews.

Carbo dimidiatus Lesson, 1831, Traité Orn. **8**: 604 — NSW.

Phalacrocorax flavirhynchus Gould, 1838, Syn. Birds Aust. **4** Append.: 8 — NSW.

Graucalus flavirostris Gray, 1843, Dieffenbach's Travels NZ **2**: 201, emendation of *flavirhynchus*.

Halius leucomelas Gloger, 1857, J. Orn., Lpz.: 14; emendation of *melanoleucos*.

Plotus parva De Vis, 1888, Proc. Linn. Soc. NSW. **3**: 1286, Pl. 35 — Condamine R., Qd.*

Carbo melanoleucos melvillensis Mathews, 1912, Austral avian Rec. **1**: 74 — Melville I., NT.

* G. F. van Tets has checked De Vis's holotype and agrees with A. H. Miller that it is referable to *P. melanoleucos*; remains of Upper Pleistocene age: 5 km from Chinchilla, Qd.

Range as for species, except for NZ. Less common in northern Aust. including Cape York Peninsula. Fresh or salt water.

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Add following footnote to pertain to Genus **Threskiornis** Gray:

* For revision of genus see: Holyoak (1970, Bull. Br. Orn. Club 90: 67-73).

Delete entry for **Threskiornis molucca** and replace by

102 **Threskiornis aethiopica** (Latham)

Sacred Ibis (179)

Tantalus aethiopicus Latham, 1790, Ind. Orn. 2: 706 — Aethiopia = Egypt?

Southern Africa, Madagascar, southern and eastern Asia, and Australasia. Seven subspecies; one in Aust.

Threskiornis aethiopica strictipennis (Gould)

Ibis strictipennis Gould, 1838, Syn. Birds Aust. 4 Append.: 7 — Aust. = NSW apud Mathews.

Ibis molucca alligator Mathews, 1912, Novit. zool. 18: 227 — South Alligator River, NT. Breeds mainly in wetter part of SA, western Vic. and western NSW; nomadic; moves north to coastal districts and interior tropical Qd, NT and Kimberleys, WA; vagrant to Tas. (first record 1957) and NZ (1925, 1957-8); established since 1952 in south-western Aust.; southern New Guinea. Differs in adults from *molucca* in having shafts of secondaries black instead of white (Holyoak op. cit.: 69).

Pages 90 and 91

Delete all of page 90 above and including **Megapodius freycinet tumulus** Gould and replace by:

Order GALLIFORMES: PHEASANTS and ALLIES

FAMILY MEGAPODIIDAE: MOUND-BUILDERS

Genus **Megapodius*** Gaimard

Megapodius Gaimard, 1823, Bull. gén. univ. Annon. Nouv. scient., Férussac, 2: 450 — type (by subsequent designation) *Megapodius freycinet* Gaimard (Selby, 1840).

Alethelia Lesson, 1826, Bull. univ. Sci. Ind. II Sci. nat. Geol., Férussac, 8: 115 — type (by monotypy) *Alethelia urvillii* Lesson and Garnot = *M. freycinet* Gaimard.

Amelous Gloger, 1841, Hand-u. Hilfsb. Naturgesch. 5: 375; new name for above.

Megathelia Mathews, 1941, Austral avian Rec. 2: 112 — type (by original designation) *Megapodius tumulus* Gould.

*For taxonomy of genus, see: Rothschild and Hartert (1901, Novit. zool. 8: 135-138); Stresemann and Paludan (1932, Novit. zool. 38: 245-246); Mayr (1938, Am. Mus. Novit. (1006): 1-15). Amadon (1942, Am. Mus. Novit. (1175): 59) and Schodde (1977, Tech. Pap. Div. Wildl. Res. CSIRO Aust. 34: 40-41).

150 **Megapodius reinwardt** Dumont

Orange-footed Scrubfowl (6)

Megapodius reinwardt Dumont, 1823, Dict. Sci. Nat. ed. Levrault 29: 416 — Amboina, error, type from Lombok.

Megapodius rubripes Temminck, 1826, Planches col. Oiseaux 69: Pl. 411 — based on same type as *M. reinwardt* Dumont.

Megapodius gouldii Gray, 1861, Proc. zool. Soc. London: 290 — Lombok.

Megapodius amboinensis Gray, 1861, Proc. zool. Soc. London: 293 — Amboina, error for Banda.

Western Indonesia, southern New Guinea and northern Australia; several subspecies in need of revision.

Megapodius reinwardt tumulus Gould

Alter: **Megapodius freycinet yorki** to **Megapodius reinwardt yorki**.

Alter: **Megapodius freycinet castanonotus** to **Megapodius reinwardt castanonotus**.

Alter: **Megapodius freycinet duperryi** to **Megapodius reinwardt duperryi**.

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Delete entry for **Coturnix pectoralis** and replace by:

153 **Coturnix novaezelandiae** Quoy and Gaimard **Stubble Quail (9)**

Coturnix Novae-Zelandiae Quoy and Gaimard, 1830, Voy. 'Astrolabe', Zool. 1: 242 — Hauraki Gulf, North Island, NZ.

Two subspecies; one in Aust. and other extinct since about 1870 in NZ; see Checklist of NZ 1970.

Coturnix novaezelandiae pectoralis Gould

Coturnix pectoralis Gould, 1837, Syn. Birds Aust. 2: Pl. 29 — NSW.

Coturnix pectoralis praetermissa Mathews, 1912, Novit. zool. 18: 178 — Broome Hill, south-western Aust.

Widespread all Australian States; rare Tas.; recorded from La Grange, Kimberley Division, WA (Mees, 1964, Emu 63: 339) and NT (Crawford, 1972, Emu 72: 137); on most large islands. Nomadic or migratory.

Pages 112 and 113

Delete entry for **Haematopus ostralegus** and replace by:

188 **Haematopus longirostris** Vieillot* **Pied Oystercatcher**

*For notes on taxonomy of species, see Oliver (1955: 249) and Baker (1975, Emu 74: 277).

Coastal areas and islands of Aust., Tas., NZ and southern New Guinea; two or three subspecies, one in Aust.

Haematopus longirostris longirostris Vieillot

Haematopus longirostris Vieillot, 1817, Nouv. Dict. Hist. nat. 15: 410 — 'Australasie' = Bernier I., Shark Bay, WA, *apud* Stresemann, 1951.

Haematopus picatus Vigors, 1827 (1826 *apud* Mathews), King's Narr. Surv. intertropic. Csts Aust. 2: 420 — no locality = Point Torment, WA, *apud* Mathews.

Haematopus australasianus Gould, 1838, Syn. Birds Aust. Append.: 6 — NSW.

Haematopus longirostris mattingleyi Mathews, 1912, Novit. zool. 18: 213 — Cooktown, Qd.

Coasts of Aust. and Tas.; most islands including islands in Torres Strait; Misima, Kai and Aru Is; southern coast of New Guinea (Utanata River and Orangerie Bay). Inland occasionally.

Page 117

Insert before 196 *Charadrius hiaticula*:

196a **Charadrius dubius** Scopoli **Little Ringed Plover**

Breeds in northern Africa, Eurasia and New Guinea. Three subspecies of which the most likely to occur in Australia is *curonicus* (Schodde 1973, Alligator Rivers Region Environmental Fact-finding Study, CSIRO, Wildl. Rep., Birds: 28; McKean *et al.* 1976, Aust. Bird-Watcher 6: 143-148; and Serventy and Whittell 1976, Birds of WA, 5th ed.: 205).

[**Charadrius dubius curonicus** Gmelin]

Charadrius curonicus Gmelin, 1789, Syst. Nat. 1 (2): 692 — Kurland.

Breeds in northern Africa, northern Eurasia including northern Japan. Migrates south to southern Africa, southern Asia, Indonesia, New Guinea and possibly Australia.

196 *Charadrius hiaticula* becomes 196b *Charadrius hiaticula*.

Page 129

Insert before 220 *Tringa stagnatilis*.

[*Tringa guttifer* (Nordmann)]

Spotted Greenshank

Totanus guttifer Nordmann, 1835, in Ermans Reise, Naturh. Atlas: 17 — Okhotsk.

Totanus haughtoni Armstrong, 1876, Str. Feath. 4: 344 — China-Ba-Keer, Burma.

Breeds on the eastern coast of Siberia round the Sea of Okhotsk. Migrates south to south-eastern Asia; see Checklist Japan 1974. Sight record March 1974 near Darwin (McKean *et al.* 1976, Aust. Bird Watcher 6: 145-146).

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Before 223 *Gallinago megala* insert:

223a *Gallinago stenura* (Bonaparte)

Pintail Snipe

Scolopax stenura Bonaparte, 1830, Annali. Stor. nat. Bologna 4: 335 — Sunda Islands.

Telmatias stenoptera Boie, 1826, Isis: 979 — *nomen nudum*.

Scolopax Horsefieldii J. E. Gray, 1831, Zool. Misc.: 2 — China and India.

Gallinago heterura Hodgson, 1836, Proc. zool. Soc. London.: 8 — Nepal.

Gallinago Biclavus Hodgson, 1837, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal 6: 491 — India.

Scolopax pectinicauda Peale, 1848, US Expl. Exped. Birds: 227 — Singapore.

Breeds in northern Eurasia; migrates south to southern Asia including the Philippines and western Indonesia. One specimen from Port Hedland, WA (Storr and Johnstone 1977, West. Aust. Nat. 13: 207-8).

No subspecies.

223 *Gallinago megala* becomes 223b *Gallinago megala*.

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Before 233 *Calidris ruficollis* insert:

[*Calidris minuta* (Leisler)]

Little Stint

Tringa minuta Leisler, 1812, in Bechstein, Naturgesch. Ltl. Dtl. 74 — near Hanau am Main, Germany

Tringa minuta orientalis Taczanowski, 1893, Mém. Acad. imp. Sci., St Pétersb. (7) 39: 918 — northern Eurasia.

Breeds along Arctic coasts of Eurasia, migrates south to southern Africa and southern Asia. No subspecies. Sight record January 1977 Werribee, Vic. (see Bird Observer 544: 21).

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Before 241 *Phalaropus lobatus* insert:

241a *Phalaropus fulicarius* (Linnaeus)

Grey Phalarope

Tringa fulicaria Linnaeus, 1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, 1: 148 — Hudson Bay; *ex* Edwards, Nat. Hist. Birds 3: Pl. 142.

Tringa glacialis Gmelin, 1788, Syst. Nat. 1: 674 — Arctic Ocean.

Phalaropus rufus Bechstein, 1809, Naturgesch. Dtl. 2nd ed. 4: 381 — new name for *Tringa fulicaria* Linnaeus.

Phalaropus platyrhynchus Temminck, 1815, Man. Orn.: 459 — new name for *Tringa fulicaria* Linnaeus.

Phalaropus griseus Leach, (1816) 1882 Syst. Cat. Specim. Mamm. Birds. Br. Mus.: 34 — Wiltshire (*nomen nudum*).

Phalaropus rufescens Keyserling and Blasius, 1840, Wirbelth. Eur.: lxxiii, 212 — new name for bird described by Brisson.

Phalaropus platystris Nordmann, 1840, in Demidoff, Voy. Russ. merid. 3: 250 — ?.
Phalaropus cinereus Fritsch, 1871, Nat. Vög. Eur. tab. 3g. Fig. 3 — ?
Phalaropus fulicarius jourdaini Iredale, 1921, Bull. Br. Orn. Club 42: 8 — Spitzbergen.
 Breeds along the shores of the Arctic Ocean. Migrates south to the seashores of the Southern Hemisphere. Rarely seen inland; no subspecies. First seen and photographed February 1976 near Swan Hill, Vic. (Smith 1976, Aust. Bird-Watcher 6: 292-299, Pl 47, 48).

241 *Phalaropus lobatus* becomes 241b *Phalaropus lobatus*.

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Before 252 *Larus dominicanus* insert:

252a *Larus fuscus* Linnaeus

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Europe, Africa and Middle East.

Larus fuscus fuscus Linnaeus

Larus fuscus Linnaeus, 1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, 1: 136 — Europe, subsequently restricted to Sweden.

Larus flavipes Meyer, Wolf and Meyer 1805, Vög. Deutschl. (2) 18: 32 — near Hanau, Germany.

Breeds in northern Scandinavia; migrates south to Arabia, eastern and southern Africa. Photographed October 1974 Melville Bay, NT (Boekel 1976, Aust. Bird-Watcher 6: 162-164, 238, Pl 29-31; van Tets 1977, Aust. Bird-Watcher 7: 11). Other sightings of large gulls in northern Aust. may be of this or other species which breed in the Northern Hemisphere.

252 *Larus dominicanus* becomes 252b *Larus dominicanus*.

Page 167

Delete entry for *Geopelia striata* except that pertaining to subspecies and replace by:

282 *Geopelia placida* Gould*

Peaceful Dove (30)

* For taxonomy see Harrison (1969, Emu 69: 66-71).

Aust. except deserts and WA south of Murchison River and including the Nullarbor. Three subspecies in Aust. according to Mayr (1951, Emu 51: 137).

Alter: *Geopelia striata clelandi* to *Geopelia placida clelandi*.

Alter: *Geopelia striata placida* to *Geopelia placida placida*.

Alter: *Geopelia striata tranquilla* to *Geopelia placida tranquilla*.

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Add the following footnote to Genus *Petrophassa* Gould:

For taxonomy see Frith (1977, Ibis 119: 167-182).

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Delete 293 *Petrophassa albipennis* Gould **Rock-pigeon** and replace by:

293a *Petrophassa albipennis* Gould

White-quilled Rock-pigeon

Delete *Petrophassa albipennis rufipennis* Collett and replace by:

293b *Petrophassa albipennis* Collett

Chestnut-quilled Rock-pigeon.

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Delete *Ninox novaeseelandiae* (J. F. Gmelin) **Spotted Owl** (245) and replace by:

Ninox novaeseelandiae (Gmelin)

Southern Boobook (245)

Strix novae Seelandiae Gmelin, 1788, Syst. Nat. 1 (1): 296 — New Zealand = Queen Charlotte Sound, South Island.

Page 226

Delete entry for *Collocalia terraereginae* on page 226 only and replace by:

378 *Collocalia spodiopygia* (Peale)*

White-rumped Swiftlet

Macropteryx spodiopygius Peale, 1848, US Expl. Exped. Birds 8: 176 — Upolu and Tutuila, Samoa Is.
Northern Australasia and South Pacific islands. Several subspecies in need of revision.

Collocalia spodiopygia terraereginae (Ramsay) (333)

Cypselus terrae-reginae Ramsay, 1874 (1875), Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.: 601 — Rockingham Bay, near Cardwell, northern Qd.

Collocalia francica zoonava Mathews, 1916, Bull. Br. Orn. Club 36: 89 — Johnstone River, northern Qd.

* For taxonomy see Lord Medway (1966, Proc. Linn. Soc. Lond. 177: 151-172).

Pages 239-240

Under 'Checklist and Regional Works' insert:

Committee of Ornithological Society of Japan. 1974. Check-list of Japanese Birds. 5th ed. Tokyo: Gakken Co.

South African Ornithological Society List Committee. 1969. Check List of the Birds of South Africa. Rondebosch: S. Afr. Orn. Soc.

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ITZN 59

The following Opinion has been published recently by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (see Bull. zool. Nomen. 34 (3) 9 November 1977).

Opinion No. 1094 (p. 147) Refusal of request to correct the following on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
No. 428 THRAUPIDAE Wetmore and Miller, 1926 (Aves).

The Commission cannot supply separates of Opinions.

The draft third edition of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature is now available for comment by zoologists. Copies may be obtained (price £2.50 surface mail, £5.00 air mail) from the Publications Officer, International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, U.K. Comments should be sent as soon as possible, and in any case before 30 November 1978, to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, at the above address.

A paper explaining the major changes proposed by the Commission's Editorial Committee to the existing Code has been published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* 34 (3). Copies may be obtained (price 50p) from the same address as copies of the draft Code.