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This is the second * of a series of papers treating of various necessary changes in the current technical names of birds. Like the first, the present paper relates chiefly to preoccupied specific terms.

FAMILY PSITTACIDÆ.

Loriculus indicus.

The use of *Psittacus indicus* Gmelin † for the Ceylon *Loriculus* is interdicted by the anterior *Psittacus indicus* Gmelin, ‡ a synonym of *Eos histrio* (Müller). The next available name is *Psittacus asiaticus* Latham, § and the species should therefore stand as *Loriculus asiaticus* (Latham).

Polytelis barrabandii.

Swainson's *Psittacus barrabandii*, || now known as *Polytelis barrabandii*, is ineligible for use on account of the prior *Psittacus barrabandii* Kuhl, ¶ which is *Pionopsittacus barrabandii* (Kuhl). Desmarest discovered this a few years after the publication of Swainson's name, and rechristened Swainson's bird *Psittacus swainsonii*; ** therefore the species should be called *Polytelis swainsonii* (Desmarest). ††

* For the first installment, cf. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., 30, March 31, 1917, pp. 75-76.

† Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 349 (India).

‡ Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 318 ("Amboina" [!]).

§ Index Ornith., I, 1790, p. 130 (India) (nom. nov. pro *Psittacus indicus* Gmelin).

|| Zool. Illustr., I, 1820-21, pl. 59 (Australia).

¶ Consp. Psitt., 1820, p. 61 (Brazil).

** Dict. Sci. Nat. XXXIX, 1826, p. 39 (Australia).

†† Mr. G. M. Mathews has already indicated this change of name (Novit. Zool. XVIII, 1911, p. 13) but without detailed explanation.

Triclaria cyanogastris.

The name *Triclaria cyanogastris* for a South American parrot is untenable, because its original combination *Psittacus cyanogaster* Vieillot* is preoccupied by *Psittacus cyanogastra* Shaw,† a synonym of *Trichoglossus novaehollandiae* (Gmelin). The *Psittacus malachitaceus* of Spix,‡ the only synonym of *Triclaria cyanogastra*, should therefore be employed in its place and the species be called *Triclaria malachitacea* (Spix).

Pyrrhura vittata.

The *Psittacus vittatus* of Shaw,§ which is now employed for a Brazilian species as *Pyrrhura vittata*, is debarred by *Psittacus vittatus* Boddaert, || the present *Amazona vittata* (Boddaert), and must therefore be provided with another name. This is found in *Psittacus frontalis* Vieillot;¶ and the species should stand as *Pyrrhura frontalis* (Vieillot).

Nasiterna pygmaea.

The generic name of the diminutive New Guinea parrot known commonly as *Nasiterna pygmaea* has recently been altered to *Micropsitta* on grounds of priority.** The specific term †† needs now to be changed also, for it is preoccupied by *Psittacus pygmaeus* Gmelin,‡‡ which is *Hypocharmosyna pygmaea* (Gmelin). As no other name is available for *Nasiterna pygmaea*, it may be known as **Micropsitta chloroxantha** nobis.

FAMILY BUCCONIDAE.

Malacoptila torquata.

This Brazilian species, the *Bucco torquatus* of Wagler,§§ needs another specific term, for its present one is preoccupied by *Bucco torquatus* Dumont,||| which is *Melanobucco torquatus* (Dumont). The first synonym of *Malacoptila torquata* is apparently *Bucco fuscus* Lichtenstein,¶¶ but this is really not a new name, being merely a misidentification of Lichtenstein's bird with the *Bucco fuscus* of Gmelin,*** which is *Malacoptila fusca* (Gmelin). The first available name for *Malacoptila torquata* is therefore *Bucco striatus* Spix,††† and the species thus should stand as *Malacoptila striata* (Spix).

* Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XXV, 1817, p. 328 (South America [Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; teste Hellmayr]).

† Gen. Zool. VIII, 2, 1811, p. 413, pl. 59 (Australia).

‡ Av. Bras., I, 1824, p. 40, pl. XXVIII (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

§ Gen. Zool. VIII, 2, 1811, p. 404 (Brazil).

|| Tabl. Planch. Enlum., 1783, p. 49 ("St. Domingo").

¶ Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XXV, 1817, p. 361 ("Cayenne").

** Poche, Ornith. Monatsber., XII, 1904, p. 24.

†† *Psittacus (Psittacula) pygmaeus* Quoy and Gaimard, Voy. de l'Astrolabe, Zool., I, 1830, p. 232, pl. 21, figs. 1, 2 (Dore, New Guinea).

‡‡ Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 330 (Tahiti I, Society Is.).

§§ *Bucco torquatus* Wagler, in Hahn, Vög. aus Asien, Lief. XIII, 1822, p. 2, t. 5 (Brazil).

||| Dict. Sci. Nat., IV, 1816, p. 56 ("Brazil"! [= South Africa]).

¶¶ *Bucco fuscus* Lin. Gm., Lichtenstein, Verz. Doubl., 1823, p. 8 (Bahia, Brazil).

*** Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 408 (Cayenne).

††† Av. Spec. Nov. Bras., I, 1824, p. 52, pl. XL, fig. 2 (Rio de Janeiro; Bahia).