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This is the sixth¹ in the writer's current series of papers on changes in the names of birds. It concerns species of Phasianidae, Scolopacidae, Cuculidae, Bucconidae and Alcedinidae.

FAMILY PHASIANIDAE.

Francolinus chinensis (Müller).

The name *Francolinus chinensis* now proves to be untenable for the species to which it has been applied, since its basis, the *Tetrao chinensis* of Müller,² is rendered invalid by the previous *Tetrao chinensis* of Linnaeus,³ which is *Excalfactoria chinensis* (Linnaeus). The proper name for this Chinese francolin becomes, therefore, *Francolinus pintadeanus* (Scopoli).⁴

FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE.

Totanus maculatus (Tunstall).

In proposing⁵ the use of the name *Totanus maculatus* (Tunstall)⁶ for the preoccupied *Scolopax fusca* Linnaeus,⁷ we overlooked the previous change⁸ of the name of this species to *Totanus erythropus* (Pallas),⁹ to which fact Dr. E. Hartert has kindly directed our attention. The proper designation of the spotted redshank is, of course, *Totanus erythropus* (Pallas).

¹For the five previous articles, cf. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXX, March 31, 1917, pp. 75-76; July 27, 1917, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, XXXI, May 16, 1918, pp. 47-49; November 29, 1918, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, XXXII, February 14, 1919, pp. 7-8.

²Vollständ. Natursyst. Suppl., 1776, p. 129 (China).

³Syst. Nat., ed. 12, I, 1766, p. 277 (China).

⁴*Tetrao pintadeanus* Scopoli, Delic. Flor. et Faun. Insubr., II, 1786, p. 93 (Isle de France).

⁵Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, May 16, 1918, p. 47.

⁶[*Scolopax*] *Maculata* Tunstall, Ornith. Brit., 1771, p. 3.

⁷Syst. Nat., ed. 12, I, 1766, p. 243.

⁸Richmond, Smithsonian. Misc. Coll., XLVII, pt. 3, Jan. 31, 1905, p. 347.

⁹*Scolopax erythropus* Pallas, Adumbrat., Vroeg's Cat. d'Ois., Quad., et d'Insectes, 1764, p. 6.

FAMILY CUCULIDAE.

Cuculus canorus minor Brehm.

Mr. Outram Bangs has called our attention to the fact that *Cuculus canorus minor* Brehm,¹ used by Dr. E. Hartert² for the form of *Cuculus canorus* inhabiting Spain, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis, is preoccupied by *Cuculus minor* Gmelin,³ now in use as *Coccyzus minor* (Gmelin). As there appears to be no tenable name available for *Cuculus canorus minor* Brehm, we take pleasure in calling it *Cuculus canorus bangsi*, nom. nov.

FAMILY BUCCONIDAE.

Monasa nigra (Müller).

The current name for the South American puff-bird known as *Monasa nigra* (Müller) must be changed, since its original combination, *Cuculus niger* Müller,⁴ is rendered untenable by *Cuculus niger* Linnaeus,⁵ a synonym of *Eudynamis honorata* (Linnaeus). Its proper name is *Monasa atra* (Boddaert), which is the *Cuculus ater* of Boddaert.⁶

FAMILY ALCEDINIDAE.

Alcedo grandis Blyth.

The Indian kingfisher commonly known as *Alcedo grandis* Blyth,⁷ is in need of a new name, since its present title is invalidated by *Alcedo grandis* Gmelin,⁸ which is now considered a synonym of *Jacamarops aurea* (Müller). As no other name is found to be available for *Alcedo grandis* Blyth, it may be known as *Alcedo megalia*, nom. nov.

¹*Cuculus canorus minor* A. E. Brehm, Allgem. Deutsch. Naturh. Zeitung, Neue Folge, III, 1857 (1858), p. 444 (northern and central Spain).

²Vögel palaäarkt. Fauna, Heft VII (Band II, 1), February, 1912, p. 947.

³Syst. Nat., I, pt. 1, 1788, p. 411 (Cayenne).

⁴Vollständ. Natursyst. Suppl., 1776, p. 90 (Cayenne).

⁵Syst. Nat., ed. 12, I, 1766, p. 170 (Bengal, India).

⁶Tabl. Planch. Enlum. d'Hist. Nat., 1783, p. 30 (Cayenne).

⁷Journ. Asiatic Soc. Bengal, XIV, 1845, p. 190 (Darjiling, India).

⁸Syst. Nat., I, i, 1788, p. 458 (loc. ign.).

+ of Laubmann Verh. Orn. Ges. Bay. XIII, 1917, p. 105

Alcedo hercules nom. nov.

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of Baker