



List of type specimens of birds in the collections of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (Paris, France). 25. Gruiformes (Mesitornithidae, Turnicidae, Rallidae, Heliornithidae, Rhynochetidae and Otidae)

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Abstract. The Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle possesses type specimens of the following species from the families Mesitornithidae, Turnicidae, Rallidae, Heliornithidae, Rhynochetidae and Otidae:

(1) Holotypes of Mesitornithidae: *Mesites unicolor* Des Murs, 1845; *Mesites variegata* I. Geoffroy St. Hilaire, 1838; *Monias benschi* Oustalet & Grandidier, 1903;

(2) Holotypes of Rallidae: *Fulica cornuta* Bonaparte, 1853; *Fulica gigantea* Eydoux & Souleyet, 1841; *Gallinula kioloides* Pucheran, 1845; *Gallinula minor* Hartlaub, 1860; *Gallirallus Lafresnayanus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860; *Ortygometra rufescens* Vieillot, 1819; *Porphyrio cinereus* Vieillot, 1819; *Porzana leuvraudi* Sclater & Salvin, 1868; *Porzana marginalis* Hartlaub, 1857; *Porzana olivieri* Grandidier & Berlioz, 1927; *Rallus celebensis* Quoy & Gaimard, 1830; *Rallus flaviventer* Boddaert, 1783; *Rallus pectoralis* Temminck, 1831;

(3) Holotypes of Heliornithidae: *Heliornis senegalensis* Vieillot, 1817; *Podoo josephina* Bonaparte, 1855; *Podoo pucherani* Bonaparte, 1856;

(4) Holotypes of Rhynochetidae: *Rhynochetos jubatus* Verreaux & Des Murs 1860;

(5) Holotypes of Otidae: *Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini* Delacour, 1928;

(6) Syntypes of Turnicidae: *Hemipodius maculosus* Temminck, 1815; *Turnix maculatus* Vieillot, 1823; *Turnix sylvatica davidi* Delacour & Jabouille, 1930;

(7) Syntypes of Rallidae: *Corethrura bonapartii* Bonaparte, 1856; *Gallinula porphyrioides* Lesson, 1831; *Megacrex inepta* D'Alberty & Salvadori, 1879; *Porphyrio Edwardsi* Elliot, 1878; *Porzana tabuensis caledonica* Brasil, 1917; *Rallus cuvieri* Pucheran, 1845;

(8) Syntype of Otidae: *Eupodotis Gindiana* Oustalet, 1881;

(9) Paratypes of Otidae: *Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini* Delacour, 1928.

Key words. Aves, Mesitornithidae, Turnicidae, Rallidae, Heliornithidae, Rhynochetidae, Otidae, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris

INTRODUCTION AND METHODS

This catalogue is a continuation of 24 catalogues we wrote on the bird types held in the collections of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France (Voisin & Voisin 2011, 2012). It uses the same conventions (Voisin & Voisin 2009). The inscripts on the pedestal undersides and on specimen labels are most often in French. We have translated the most important ones, always keeping close to the text in order to render best the thought of their authors. For small, often repeated expressions, the reader may refer to Voisin & Voisin (2010). Throughout this paper, the “Code” means the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999). When rendering pedestal and label data, we underlined those which were already underlined on them.

Museum acronyms are as follows:

AMNH: American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA.

BMNH: Natural History Museum (formerly British Museum (Natural History)), Tring, United Kingdom.

MNHN: Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France.

NMI: National Museum of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland.

RMNH: Naturalis (formerly Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie), Leiden, The Netherlands.

USNM: United States National Museum, Washington, D.C., USA.

Delacour & Jabouille provided almost all of their specimens with very characteristic labels (Voisin & Voisin 2015). The first side bears the handwritten name of the taxon, then the following printed mentions, eventually completed by hand: C.G. n° / Muséum de Paris / type [always handwritten], A. [= wing]. The back side bears: Delacour & Jabouille [crosswise, near base], Localité: / Date: / Iris: Bec [= beak] / Pattes [= legs]: / sex and eventually a collector's number. There may be some minor variation from one label to the other. Colour data are often written in an abbreviated form, which is not always clear to us now. In the following, we will refer to such labels as “DJ labels”. J. Verreaux was a natural history merchant in the 19th century. He used to stick very characteristic labels, lined and framed with blue, under the pedestals of his specimens. They will be called “Verreaux' labels” in the following lines. In French, the word “rail” is translated by “râle”, which is quite often just spelled “rale” under specimen pedestals. We will not call attention to this in the following lines.

The MNHN does not own any type specimen of Gruidae, Aramidae, Psophiidae, Eurypigidae and Cariamidae.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

Mesitornithidae

Mesites unicolor Des Murs

Mesites unicolor Des Murs, 1845: 176 bis.-179.

Now: *Mesitornis unicolor* Des Murs.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-548 (A.C. 11806, N.C. 17). Pedestal underside: Madagascar / M Goudot 1838 / *Mesites unicolor* Desmurs / pl. XII / [barely readable] Type de l'espèce. Pedestal label: *Mesites unicolor* Des Murs / Type / M. Goudot Madagascar.



Fig. 1. *Mesites unicolor* Des Murs, 1845. Holotype MNHN 2011-548.

REMARKS: After his description, Des Murs (1845) described this specimen precisely, comparing it to *Mesitornis variegata* (I. Geoffroy St Hilaire 1838) and concluded that it belonged to a different species. He also stated that this specimen, the only one he had to his disposal, had been sent from Madagascar by Goudot.

***Mesites variegata* I. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire**

Mesites variegata I. Geoffroy. Saint-Hilaire, 1838: 443.

Now: *Mesitornis variegata* I. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1838.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-547 (A.C. 11805, N.C.20). Pedestal underside: **1** - Madagascar / M. Bernier / 1834 / *Mesites variegatus* / Isd. Geof. / Type de l'espèce / de Desmurs. **2** - 11805 [pencil]. Pedestal label: *Mesites variegata* / (Is. Geoff.) / Bernier Madagascar.

REMARKS: Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire (1838) quoted that the specimen he described had been sent from Madagascar by Mr Bernier, Health Officer in the French Navy, and that he only disposed of one specimen for his work. The inscript “de Desmurs” is an error.

***Monias Benschii* Oustalet & Grandidier**

Monias benschii Oustalet & Grandidier, 1903: 11.

Now: *Monias benschii* Oustalet & Grandidier, 1903.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 1911-1395 (A.C. 13570 A, N.C. 22). Pedestal underside: Capturé près de Tulear / Madagascar / par Bensch / *Monias Benschii* (Oust. et Grandidier) / C.G. 1911 n° 1395 / Pedestal side: 13570A, 22. Pedestal label: *Monias Benschii* / (Oust. et Grand.) / M. Bensch ♂ Tuléar / Madagascar.

REMARKS: The sentence “capturé ... Tulear” means “collected near Tuléar” [now Toliara, Madagascar]. In fact, it was killed near Vorondreo, about 25 km east of Tuléar, and had been given to the MNHN by Mr. Bensch, an administrator in Madagascar (Oustalet & Grandidier 1903).

Turnicidae

***Hemipodius maculosus* Temminck**

Hemipodius maculosus Temminck 1815: 631.

Now: *Turnix maculosa maculosa* (Temminck, 1815).

SYNTYPE: 2011-543 (A.C. 12676, N.C. 1256). Pedestal underside: **A** - Stuck label: **1** - Asie Austr. Co^{te} le Nat.^{ie} / Expédit du Cap^{taine} Baudin an 11. **2** - [other, more recent handwriting, unreadable] / 134. 217. **B** - On the wood: **1** - 11676 [error for 12676] / *Turnix maculatus* (Vieillot (T) / *Hemipodius maculosus* [almost erased]. **2** - *Turnix maculosa* (Tem.) [red ink]. Pedestal side: 1256. Pedestal label: *Turnix maculosa* (Tem.) T. maculata (V.) Type / Exp. Baudin Asie.

REMARKS: Temminck stated that Baudin's expedition (1800 - 1804) brought back three specimens of this species to the MNHN. The RMNH has one syntype: RMNH 87424. We do not know the whereabouts of the last one. The words “Co^{te} le Nat.^{ie}” stand for “Corvette le Naturaliste”, and “Cap^{taine}” for “Capitaine”.



Fig. 2. *Mesites variegata* I. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1838. Holotype MNHN 2011-547.



Fig. 3. *Monias benschi* Oustalet & Grandidier, 1903. Holotype MNHN 2011-1395.

***Turnix maculatus* Vieillot**

Turnix maculatus Vieillot, 1823: 330.

Now: *Turnix maculosa maculosa* (Temminck, 1815).

SYNTYPE, same specimen as listed under *Hemipodius maculosus* above.

REMARKS: Vieillot (1823) wrote that the specimens he described were brought back to the MNHN by Baudin's expedition, and, after his long description, referred to Temminck (1815).

***Turnix sylvatica davidi* Delacour & Jabouille**

Turnix sylvatica davidi Delacour & Jabouille, 1930: 407.

Now: *Turnix sylvatica davidi* Delacour & Jabouille, 1930.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1931-149. DJ label: *Turnix sylvatica Davidi* / Del / C.G. 1931 - n° 149 : A: 63 /// Loc: Honquan - Cochinchine / Date: 9-10-1929 Sexe: ♂ 00 / Iris: blanc / Bec: cendré / Pattes: chair / type [red frame] / N° 116 [streaked] / 4473.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1931-150. DJ label: *Turnix sylvatica* / *Davidi* Del / C.G. 1931 / n° 150 / type [red frame] / A: 20 /// Loc: Honquan - Cochinchine / Date: 9-10-1929 Sexe: ♀ 00 / Iris: blanc / Bec: cendré / Pattes: chair / N° 117 [streaked] / 4474.

REMARKS: Delacour & Jabouille (1930) stated that both male and female specimens came from Honquan, in Cochinchina, and were collected on 9.10.1929.

Rallidae

***Corethrura bonapartii* Bonaparte**

Corethrura bonapartii Bonaparte, 1856a: 599.

Now: *Sarothrura rufa bonapartii* (Bonaparte, 1856).

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1856-790 (A.C. 13650 A , N.C. 142). Pedestal underside: **1** - Du Gabon / par / M. Aubry / Lecomte / 1856 / n° 790 C / Gén. **2** - *Corethrura bonapartii* / Hartl. Syst. Orn. West afr. / (1857) p. 242. Pedestal label: *Sarothrura rufa* Bonapartei [sic] / (Bn.) Type / M. Aubry-Lecomte.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1853-908 (A.C. 13650 B, N.C. 143). Pedestal underside: **1** - Du Gabon / par M. Aubry Lecomte / 1853. / n° 908. C.G. ♀ **2** - *Corethrura bonapartii* / Hartl. Syst. Ornith. / Westafr. 1857. 242. / n° 687. Pedestal label: *Sarothrura rufa bonapartei* [sic] / (Bn.) ♀ (Type) / M. Aubry-Lecomte.

REMARKS: In his “tableaux paralléliques”, Bonaparte (1856) just wrote “cauda nigra, albostriata” (“tail black, striated white”), and attributed the name *bonapartii* to Hartlaub, whose description came out in 1957, after that of Bonaparte. Hartlaub stated that the specimens he described were brought back from Gabon to the MNHN by Mr. Aubry Lecomte.

Charles Eugène Aubry-Lecomte (1821-1879) was director of the “Musée des Colonies” and Correspondent of the MNHN.

***Fulcia* [sic] *gigantea* Eydoux & Souleyet**

Fulcia [sic] *gigantea* Eydoux & Souleyet, 1841: 102, pl. 8.

Now: *Fulica gigantea* Eydoux & Souleyet, 1841.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-553 (A.C. 13733, N.C. 244). Pedestal underside: **1** - *Fulica gigantea* Eyd et Soul. / (type). **2** - Pérou / par M.M. Eydoux et / Souleyet / (acquisition de la Bonite - 1838). **3** - 13793 [error]. **4** - 13733 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 244. Pedestal label: Foulque géante / *Fulica gigantea* / Eyd. & Soul. (Type) / La Bonite Pérou.

REMARKS: Eydoux & Souleyet (1841) described this specimen precisely and stated, that it originated from Peru.

***Fulica cornuta* Bonaparte**

Fulica cornuta Bonaparte, 1853: 925.

Now: *Fulica cornuta* Bonaparte, 1853.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 1846-1667 (A.C. 13726, N.C. 242). Pedestal underside: du [one unreadable word] / femelle / *Fulica cornuta*, Bp. / par M. Castelnau / & Deville / Cat- Gén. 1846 - n° 1667 / ct. voy. 1845 / n° 65?8 / 13726 / 13726 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 242. Pedestal label: Foulque cornue / *Fulica cornuta*. Bp. Type / M. de Castelnau Bolivie.

REMARKS: When examining the MNHN collections, Bonaparte identified this specimen, deposited by Castelnau several years earlier, as a new species. and hastened to publish it at the end of a paper devoted to specimens from California and Nicaragua (Bonaparte 1853). The abbreviation “ct. voy.” stands for “carnet du voyageur” (voyager’s notebook).

***Gallinula kioloides* Pucheran**

Gallinula kioloides Pucheran, 1845: 279.

Now: *Canirallus kioloides* (Pucheran, 1845).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011- 533 (A.C. 13719, N.C. 83). Pedestal underside: **1** - n° de Catalogue 13719 / **2** - *Gallinula* / *Kioloides* Pucheran / (type de l’espèce) / [unreadable mention] / Madagascar / Sganzin [very pale, almost erased]. **3** - [pencil] 13719 / [streaked number]. **4** - Pedestal side: 83. Pedestal label: Rale à front gris / *Canirallus kioloides* / (Puch.) (Type) / M. Ganzin [sic] Madagascar.

REMARKS: Sganzins stayed first in la Réunion, and then in Madagascar from 1831 to 1832 as a military governor of Sainte-Marie Island. He sent many specimens to the MNHN. As Pucheran did not mention any collector name in his description, we have to rely upon the inscripts under the pedestal and label. The catalogues only mention one specimen as old as this one, so that Pucheran had only it at his disposal for his description.

***Gallinula minor* Hartlaub**

Gallinula minor Hartlaub, 1860: 341.

Now: *Gallinula angulata* Sundevall, 1850.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-541 (N.C. 13702, N.C. 197). Pedestal underside: **1**- Sénégal / *Gallinula angulata* (Sund.) / *G. minor* (Hartl.) Type / échangé à Perrot en 1826. **2**- 13702 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 197. Pedestal label: Poule d’eau à bec jaune / *Gallinula angulata* / (Sund.) / Sénégal.



Fig. 4. *Fulica cornuta* Bonaparte, 1853. Holotype MNHN 1846-1667.

REMARKS: Harlaub (1860) stated that he only disposed over one specimen originating from Sénégal when he made his description.

***Gallinula porphyrioides* Lesson**

Gallinula porphyrioides Lesson, 1831: 534.

Now: *Gallinula cinerea* (Gmelin, 1789).

SYNTYPE: C.G. 2011-550 (A.C. 13704, N.C. 199). Pedestal underside: **1** - Bengale Duvaucel Juin 1825. **2** - *Gallinula cristatus* (Lath) / *G. porphyrioides* (Less.) Type / 13704 / Bengale juin 1825. **3** - 13704 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 199. Pedestal label: Poule d'eau tachetée / *Gallinula cinerea* / (Gm.) / M. Duvaucel Bengale.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 2011- 551 (A.C. 1705, N.C. 198). Pedestal underside: **1** - Duvaucel juin / 1825. **2** - Duvaucel Bengale / *Gallinula cristatus* / (Lath). **3** - *G. porphyrioides* / Less. Type. **4** - *Gallinula cristatus* (Lath) / *G. porphyrioides* (Less) T. **5** - 1705. **6** - 1705 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 198. Pedestal label: Poule d'eau tachetée / *Gallinula cinerea* / (Gm.) / M. Duvaucel Bengale.

REMARKS: Lesson (1831) described this raxon without giving any indication about the origin of the specimens he had before him. Pucheran (1851b), who studied Lesson's types, stated that these two specimens had been sent from Bengal by A. Duvaucel, who travelled in Bengal and Sumatra from 1818 to 1824.

***Gallirallus Lafresnayanus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs**

Gallirallus Lafresnayanus J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860: 437.

Now: *Tricholimnas lafresnayanus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-549 (N.C.42 bis). Pedestal underside: [Stuck Verreaux' label]: *Gallirallus Lafresnayanus* / J. Verr. et O. Des Murs. Rev. / et Mag. Zool. (1860) p. (type. N° 776 / Nouvelle Calédonie. Pedestal label: Rale de N^{lle} Calédonie / *Tricholimnas lafresnayanus* / (J. Verr. & Des M.) ad. Type / Nouvelle Calédonie.

REMARKS: Verreaux & Des Murs (1860) gave a very detailed description of this species, which went extinct by the end of the 19. century (Jouanin 1962).

After the Nouveau Catalogue, this specimen had been given to the MNHN by the "Musée des Colonies". This was the current name given to the "Exposition permanente des Produits de l'Algérie et des Colonies", which stood at the "Palais de l'Industrie", in Paris, from 1860 onward. We do not know how long it lasted, and when its bird collection went to the MNHN (Brasil 1917, Jouanin 1962). This museum is not to be confounded with the "Palais de la Porte Dorée", also in Paris, which, from 1931 to 2006 housed a museum successively called "Musée des Colonies", "Musée des Arts africains et océaniques" and "Musée de la France d'Outre-Mer". It never owned any zoological collection.

***Megacrex inepta* D'Albertis & Salvadori**

Megacrex inepta D'Albertis & Salvadori, 1879: 130.

Now: *Megacrex inepta* D'Albertis & Salvadori, 1879.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1881-29 (A.C. 13644A, N.C. 47). Pedestal underside: **A** - Stuck, italian label: N. 357. *Megacrex inepta* D'Alb. et Salvad / typus / F. Fly (400 m) 24 Luggio



Fig. 5. *Gallirallus lafresnayanus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860. Holotype MNHN 2011-549.

1877 / Becco giallo - verdognolo; Piedi neri - [remaining of the text unreadable] / D' Albertis. **B** - On the wood: Nouvelle Guinée Centrale / M. Gréaux Acq. à M. de Gréaux / 1881 Cat. Ge. N° 29 / Megacrex inepta / (Salv. et D'Alb.) / 13644-A. Pedestal side: 47. Pedestal label: Rale Géant de Papouasie / Megacrex inepta / D'Alb. & Salv. Co-Type / M. Gréaux N^{lle} Guinée.

REMARKS: D'Albertis & Salvadori (1879) brought back five specimens of this species from New Guinea. They based their description on four syntypes numbered 357, 358, 372 and 456. The MNHN received only this one, n° 357, from M. Gréaux.

***Ortygometra rufescens* Vieillot**

Ortygometra rufescens Vieillot, 1819: 565.

Now: *Porzana pusilla* (Pallas, 1776).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-542 (A.C. 13634, N.C. 77). Pedestal underside: **1** - Râle Rallus rufiscus [streaked] rufescens / Vieill Type de Vieillot / De Java M. Labillardière. **2** - ou plutôt de Nelle Calédonie. / Ortygometra / rufescens (V) / [pedestal side] 13634. Pedestal label: Ortygometra / rufescens / (V.) / Labillardière N. Calédonie.

REMARKS: This type has been identified by Pucheran (1851b:564). Vieillot (1819) stated that the bird he described originated from Java and was kept in the MNHN, which fits the inscripts under the pedestal. The words “plutôt... Calédonie” mean “rather from New Caledonia”,

***Porphyrio cinereus* Vieillot**

Porphyrio cinereus Vieillot, 1819: 29.

Now: *Porzana cinerea* (Vieillot, 1819).

HOLOTYPE (par monotypy): C.G. 2011-537 (A.C. 13715, N.C. 151). Pedestal underside: 13151 [a few unreadable words]. Pedestal label: Rale cendré / Poliolumnas cinereus / (Vieill.) (Type) / M. Labillardière Java.

REMARKS: Vieillot (1819) gave a fairly long description of *Porphyrio cinereus*, and stated that he worked on a specimen which was housed in the MNHN collections, but added “unknown country”, and did not give any collector name. Pucheran (1851b) stated that, when he made his description, Vieillot had only one specimen at his disposal, taken in Java by La Billardière. J.-J. Houtou de La Billardière took part to d'Entrecasteaux' voyage around the world (1791-1794). His collections were seized by the British forces in 1794 and sent to England. After an intervention by Sir J. Banks, they were rapidly forwarded to France by the British government (Mearns *et al.* 1998, Brosse 1983). Specimen C.G. 2011-537 was thus in the MNHN when Vieillot described his *Porphyrio cinereus*.

***Porphyrio Edwardsi* Elliot**

Porphyrio Edwardsi Elliot, 1878: 98.

Now: *Porphyrio porphyrio viridis* Begbie, 1834.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1866-802 (A.C. 13668-B, N.C. 224). Pedestal underside: 1866 n° 802 Cat. Gén. / Porphyrio Edwarsi / Ell. / Type / M. Germain Cochinchine / 45. 41. 45. /

28 janvier ♂ / Bec, pattes, caroncules et iris rouge / 13668 B [pencil, twice]. Pedestal label: Talève de Milne-Edwards / Porphyrio Edwardsi / Ell. (Type) / M. Germain Cochinchine.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1866-802 bis (A.C. 13668 E, N.C. 140). Pedestal underside: Porphyrio Edwardsii [sic] / (Ell) ♂ / Type / M. R. Germain Cochinchine / 1866 - 802 bis / 13668 E [pencil]. Pedestal label: Porphyrio Edwardsi ♂ / Ell. (Type) / M. Germain Cochinchine.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1866-803 (A.C. 13668 C, N.C. 225). Pedestal underside: **1** - Cochinchine / M. Germain / 1866 Cat - Ge n° 803 / Porphyrio / Edwardsi / (Elliot) / type / n° 112 / n° 305 / voy / juin 1864 / 13668-C. **2** - 13668 [pencil]. Pedestal side: 225. Pedestal label: Talève de Milne-Edwards / Porphyrio Edwardsi / Ell. (Type) / M. Germain Cochinchine.

REMARKS: Elliot (1878), who stayed some time in Paris, stated that he described three specimens, two males and a young bird sent by Germain from the region of Saïgon.

***Porzana leuvraudi* Sclater & Salvin**

Porzana leuvraudi Sclater & Salvin, 1868: 452, pl. 35.

Now: *Laterallus leuvraudi* (Sclater & Salvin, 1868).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 1866 -579. (N.C. 13606A, N.C.160). Pedestal underside: **1** - ♂ / de Caracas / par M. Levraud / 1856 Cat. gen. 579 / (type) / Porzana leuvraudi. Sclat. et Salv. / Proc. Zool. Soc. (1868) p. **2** - 13606 A [pencil]. Pedestal side: 160. Pedestal label: Rale de Levraud / Creciscus Leuvraudi / (Scl. & Salv.) (Type) / M. Levraud Vénézuëla.

REMARKS: Sclater & Salvin (1868) stated that the specimen they described came from a place near Caracas, Venezuela, and had been given to the MNHN by Mr. Levraud.

***Porzana marginalis* Hartlaub**

Porzana marginalis Hartlaub, 1857: 241.

Now: *Aenigmatolimnas marginalis* (Hartlaub, 1857).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 1856-791 (A.C. 13615 A, N.C. 128). Pedestal underside: **1** - ♂ Gabon (Afrique occidentale) / par M. Aubrylecomte [sic] / 1856 cat. Gén. n° 791 / type). **2** - *Porzana marginalis* Hart. Syst. Orn. West. afr. (1857) p. 241. **3** - 13615A [pencil]. Pedestal side 128. Pedestal label: Rale à lignes blanches / *Porzana marginalis* / Hart. ♂ (Type.) / M. Aubry-Lecomte Gabon.

REMARKS: Hartlaub (1857) stated that he described a MNHN specimen brought back from Gabon by Mr. Aubry Lecomte.

***Porzana olivieri* Grandidier & Berlioz**

Porzana olivieri Grandidier & Berlioz, 1928: 83.

Now: *Amaurornis olivieri* (Grandidier & Berlioz, 1928).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 1939-1654. [Velum label]: **1** - Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris [printed]. **2** - Don de l'Académie Malgache / Madag. / Loc: Antsalova



Fig. 6. *Porzana marginalis* Hartlaub, 1857. Holotype MNHN 1856-791.

(Prov. de Maintirano) / C.G. 1939 n° 1654 / Type [transversal, red] /// Porzana olivieri Grand. et Blz. / Type [large, red] / (Madagascar / par l'intermédiaire / de Mr. G. Grandidier.

REMARKS: Grandidier & Berlioz (1928) stated that they described one bird which lacked “almost all its rectrices”, and that it came from Antsalova, Maintirano Province, western Madagascar, which is the case of specimen C.G. 1939-1654.

***Porzana tabuensis caledonica* Brasil**

Porzana tabuensis caledonica Brasil, 1917: 440.

Now: *Porzana tabuensis tabuensis* (Gmelin, 1789).

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1877-391 (A.C. 13715C, N.C. 130). Pedestal underside: **1** - N^{lle} Caledonie / Reçu de M. le Professeur Heckel / 1877- n° 391 Catalogue / [one unreadable mention] / 130. Pedestal side: 13715 C [pencil]. Pedestal label: Rale noir d'Océanie / Porzana nigra caledonica / Bras. / M. Heckel N^{lle} Calédonie.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1876-295. [velum label]: **1** - 1875 / M. Germain N. Caléd. [printed]. **2** - Muséum de Paris / Porzana / plumbea / caledonica / C.G. 1876 - n° 295 [handwritten].

SYNTYPE: C.G. 2011-554. Pedestal underside: [Stuck Verreaux' label]: 1260 / Porzana immaculata. Gould. / B. of austr. vol.VI. pl. 82. / Nelle Calédonie ♀

REMARKS: Brasil (1917) stated that the subspecies he described was represented by three specimens in the MNHN collections. Specimen C.G. 1877-391 had been given by Professor Heckel, and specimen C.G. 1876-295 by Mr. Germain. The third specimen, now 2011-554, recognizable by its Verreaux' label, figured in the “Exposition permanente des colonies” (“the permanent colonial exhibition”, see above), the birds of which were given to the MNHN (Brasil 1917). This bird is still mounted, and the tip of its beak is damaged. The inscription “Porzana immaculata Gould” is just a determination. In the Catalogue général, a D follows the number of Germain's specimen (1877-391). In this case, it just stands for “donné” (“given”).

M. Brasil worked at the MNHN, as shown by the fact that his paper is signed “Brasil (Travail du Laboratoire de Mammalogie et d'Ornithologie du Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle de Paris)”. Specimens C.G. 1876-391 and 2011-554 do not bear any A.C. nor N.C. number.

***Rallus bicolor* Cuvier**

Rallus bicolor Cuvier, nomen nudum.

Now: *Pardirallus nigricans* (Vieillot, 1819).

SPECIMEN (not a type): 2011-540 (A.C. 13546, N.C. 23). Pedestal underside: Près St paul (Brésil) M. aug. de / St Hilaire aout 1822 (n°15) da. les / I Catalogues / Gallinula caesia / Spix (pl. XCV) / Rallus bicolor / Cuv. (un des types) / (T). Pedestal label: Rallus bicolor / Rallus nigricans / Vieill / M. Aug. de St. Hilaire Brésil.

REMARKS: Cuvier never described this taxon. This specimen came to the MNHN after the description of *Rallus nigricans* by Vieillot (1819: 560) came out, and under its pedestal there is no mention that it is one of Vieillot's type. In fact, this author described

R. nigricans after the work of Azara (1805), who did not bring any specimen back (Boubier 1925). Spix did not work at the MNHN, but studied his own collections, which he brought back from South America to Germany

***Rallus celebensis* Quoy & Gaimard**

Rallus celebensis Quoy & Gaimard 1830: 250.

Now: *Gallirallus torquatus celebensis*, Quoy & Gaimard, 1830.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): 2011-546 (N.C. 13576, N.C. 37). Pedestal underside: **1** - Rôle de Celebes [very pale] / Celebe [sic] - mâle / Quoy et Gaimard. **2** - 13576 [pencil] **3** - Pedestal side: 37. **4** - [A few erased inscripts]. Pedestal label: Rôle rayé de Célèbes / Hypotoenidia celebensis / (Quoy & Gray [error] Type / L' Astrolabe Célèbes.

REMARKS: This bird lived some time on board of the "Astrolabe". Quoy & Gaimard (1830) stated that, even if it was a male, it did not display any fulvous bar on its breast, which is the case of this specimen, and characteristic of this taxon. It is very probably the bird pictured on plate 24, fig. 2 of the Atlas of the *Voyage au Pôle sud* (Quoy & Gaimard 1830).

***Rallus cuvieri* Pucheran**

Rallus cuvieri Pucheran, 1845: 279.

Now: *Dryolimnias cuvieri* (Pucheran, 1845).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): Same specimen as C.G. 2011-535 (A.C. 13590, NC. 76) below.

REMARKS: Pucheran (1845) constated that the name *Rallus gularis* Lesson, 1831 was pre-occupied by *Rallus gularis* Horsfield, 1821 (= *Gallirallus striatus* (Linnaeus, 1766)), and replaced it by *Rallus cuvieri*. This specimen has been portrayed by Guérin Méneville (1844) in his "Iconographie du Règne animal", vol. 3, pl. 58, fig. 1.

***Rallus flaviventer* Boddaert**

Rallus flaviventer Boddaert, 1783: pl. 847.

Now: *Porzana flaviventer* (Boddaert, 1783).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011- 538 (A.C. 13715A). Pedestal underside: [stuck label]: petit rôle de Cayenne / 847 / Rallus minutus / Gm / de Cayenne / Prob le / type de Buffon. Pedestal label: Rôle nain. Buff. 847 / Rallus minutus Gmel. / de Cayenne.

REMARKS: This specimen is very old, and in a bad state, having lost almost all feathers on its back as a consequence of fumigations, the only, but harmful, technique used during the 18th century for preserving specimens. As stated under its pedestal, it is probably the one portrayed on plate 847 of Buffon (1781). Boddaert (1783) gave latin names to the birds described and figured by Buffon (1781), who only used French names, and that is why Buffon's "Petit Rôle de Cayenne" became *Rallus flaviventer* Boddaert, 1783.

***Rallus gularis* Lesson**

Rallus gularis Lesson, 1831

Now: *Dryolimnias cuvieri* (Pucheran, 1845).

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy) : C.G. 2011-535 (A.C. 13590, NC. 76). Pedestal underside: [Blue, stuck label]: **1** - Rôle rapporté de lile [sic] / de France par mathieu / Ralus gularis

Cuv. (un des types) [4 streaks] / an 1811 / **2** - [A few lines written in very small, unreadable letters]. [White, triangular label]: **1** - [very small handwriting] Rale / femelle. trouvée / dans la plaine St Martin / [unreadable text] / le 11 janvier 1809 / [continuation of the unreadable text]. **2** - Rallus Cuvieri / Puch. (un des types). Pedestal side: 76, 13590. Pedestal label: Rale de Cuvier / Dryolimnas Cuvieri / (Puch) Type [added with ink on the printed label] / M. Mathieu I. Maurice.

REMARKS: Lesson (1831) described this specimen in a few lines, attributing the name “gularis” to Cuvier. He also stated that it came from the “île de France” (= Mauritius), and was given to the MNHN by a certain Mr Mathieu.

***Rallus madagascariensis* Verreaux**

Rallus madagascariensis Verreaux, 1833: 80.

Now: *Rallus madagascariensis* Verreaux, 1833.

SPECIMEN (not a type): C.G. 2011-536 (A.C. 13564, N.C. 18). Pedestal underside: [stuck label]: **1** - Madagascar / 1 [unreadable word] / par M. Bernier 1834 59; 85. **2** - Bernier typus / Pucheran (type) / C'est le type de la / figure des planches de M. Desmurs / Rallus / Madagascariensis, Verreaux. Pedestal label: Rale de Madagascar / Rallus madagascariensis / Vieill. [error] Type / M. Bernier Madagascar.

REMARKS: Verreaux stayed in South Africa from 1825 to 1838, and published his description of *Rallus madagascariensis* in a South African periodical, after a specimen in a collection of Malagasy birds he had bought in 1831 or 1832 from Victor Sganzius. Unfortunately, the ship which brought back Verreaux's collections to France wrecked off La Rochelle, and the collections were lost (Stresemann 1951). This specimen, collected by Bernier, is thus not the one described by Verreaux (1833), for which we have every reason to believe that it disappeared in the shipwreck. The mention “Vieill.” on the label is an error. The mentions “type” under the pedestal may just refer to the fact that this specimen has been portrayed on pl. 24 in Des Murs' (1849) work, which is clearly explicated by inscript 2.

***Rallus pectoralis* Temminck**

Rallus pectoralis Temminck, 1831

Now: *Lewinia pectoralis* Temminck, 1831.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-539 (A.C. 13566, N.C. 27). Pedestal underside: **A** - On the wood: 13566. **B** - Stuck label: **1** - Ralus pectoralis cu. / Rale- à poitrine grise. **2** - Rallus pectoralis / Tem. Pedestal label: Rale à poitrine grise / Rallus pectoralis / Temm. Type [handwritten] / M. Péron Nlle Hollande.

REMARKS: After a short, but precise description, Temminck (1831) stated that this species “is said to live in Oceania”. Contrary to his habit, he did not tell which institution owned this bird, but Pucheran (1851a: 277) thought it was this specimen, belonging to the MNHN. Temminck stated also that he did not have this specimen depicted on a plate, and described it on the back of plate 523, which bears the description of the “Râle grêle” *Rallus exilis* Temminck, 1831. As the work of Temminck (1831) is not

paginated, Peters (1934) referred to pl. 523. The mention “cu” is an error, as Cuvier never described this taxon.

Heliornithidae

***Heliornis senegalensis* Vieillot**

Heliornis senegalensis Vieillot, 1817: 277.

Now: *Podica senegalensis* Vieillot, 1817.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-552 (A.C. 14302, N.C. 253). Pedestal underside: **1** - donné par sa m. Limperatrice [= L’Imperatrice] Josephine / Senegal / heliornis Senegalensis Vieillt Encyclop./ **2** - Podoa senegalensis. Illig. / heliornis senegalensis, Vieill. / (type de l’espèce) / Vieill. / gal. pl 280 Podoa josephina, Bp. / (type de l’espèce) / du Sénégal. / 14302. Pedestal label: Grèbifoulque du Sénégal / Podica senegalensis / (Vieill.) ♂ Type / M. Imp. Joséphine Sénégal.

REMARKS: Vieillot (1817) stated “this newly discovered species lives in Sénégal”, and did not specify that this specimen came from the collections of Empress Joséphine, who died in 1814. The fact that the bird portrayed pl. 280 in the *Galerie des Oiseaux* (Vieillot 1825) is a male confirms the inscript which tells that this specimen is the one described by Vieillot (1817). It is possible that this author omitted to mention Empress Joséphine because the Monarchy had just been restored.

***Podoa josephina* Bonaparte**

Podoa josephina Bonaparte, 1855: 182.

Now: *Podica senegalensis* Vieillot, 1817.

SYNTYPE: same specimen as listed under *Heliornis senegalensis* above.

REMARKS: Bonaparte, who was a nephew of Emperor Napoléon I, dedicated this species to his aunt by marriage, Empress Joséphine. He just made a short description of it.

***Podoa pucherani* Bonaparte**

Podoa pucherani Bonaparte, 1856b: 994.

Now: *Podica senegalensis*, 1817.

HOLOTYPE (by monotypy): C.G. 2011-545 (A.C. 14304, N.C. 167). Pedestal underside: **1** - Du Sénégal par M / ♀ 5 avril 1824. **2** - Podoa Pucherani, / Bp. / (type de l’espèce) / l’étiquette pte / M. Sauvigny / Podoa senegalensis. / Illig. / Pedestal side: 14304 167 D [streaked]. Pedestal label: Podoa senegalensis [the ink of the following text so much bleached that it is barely readable] Podoa Pucherani Bp. Type / M. Sauvigny Sénégal].

REMARKS: Bonaparte (1856) wrote just as a description “we called *Podoa pucherani* the small [species] which M. Pucheran showed us to be new”. The large size range of this species, as the fact that we deal here with a female, induced Bonaparte and Pucheran into error, as this specimen is properly a *Podica senegalensis* Vieillot, 1817. Mr. Sauvigny, whose christian name we do not know, made a voyage to Sénégal for the MNHN. He is not the same person as M. J.C. Savigny, who is much more renowned because he took part to Bonaparte’s expedition to Egypt. The inscript “l’étiquette pte” stands for “l’étiquette porte” (“the label bears”).



Fig. 7. *Heliornis senegalensis* Vieillot, 1817. Holotype MNHN 2011-552.

Rhynochetidae

***Rhynochetos jubatus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs**

Rhynochetos jubatus J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860: 440.

Now: *Rhynochetos jubatus* J. Verreaux & Des Murs, 1860.

HOLOTYPE (by monoty): C.G. 2000-735 (N.C. 12). Pedestal underside: [Stuck Verreaux' label] Rhynchetus [sic] jubatus J. Vr / et Des Murs. Rev et Mag / Zool (1860). p. 440. pl 21. / Nouvelle Calédonie. ♀. [On the wood] Exposition [pencil] / N° 642 / C.G. 2000 n° 735. Pedestal side: 12 D [D is an error] Pedestal label: Rhynochetus jubatus ♀ / (Verr. et Des M.) / Nouvelle Calédonie.

REMARKS: J. Verreaux & Des Murs (1860) stated that they described one specimen from "l'Exposition", that is most probably the second "Exposition universelle de Paris", which was held in 1855 (the first one took place in 1844). This specimen had been given by Mr. Latour.

Otidae

***Eupodotis Gindiana* Oustalet**

Eupodotis Gindiana Oustalet, 1881: 164.

Now: *Lophotis gindiana* (Oustalet, 1881).

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1881-1517 (A.C. 12805 B, N.C. 98). Pedestal underside: M. Abdou Gindi / Otis (*Eupodotis*) gindiana Pays des Somalis / (Oust.) / Type / C.G. 1881 N° 1517 / 12.805 B. Pedestal side: 98. Pedestal label: Outarde à huppe rousse / *Lophotis ruf. gindiana* / (Oust.) ♂ Type / Abdou Gindi Afrique Or.

SYNTYPE: C.G. 1881-1518 (A.C. 12805A, N.C. 99). Pedestal underside: Otis (*Eupodotis*) gindiana / (Oust.) / M Abdou Gindi / pays des Somalis / C.G. 1881 N° 1518 / 12805A. Pedestal side: 99. Pedestal upperside: 99 [pencil]. Pedestal label: Outarde à huppe rousse / *lophotis ruf. gindania* [sic] / (Oust.) ♀ Type / Abdou Gindi Somalis.

REMARKS: Oustalet (1881) quoted that the MNHN had acquired two specimens, a male and a female, from Mr. Abdou Gindi.

***Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini* Delacour**

Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini Delacour, 1928.

Now: *Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini* Delacour, 1928.

HOLOTYPE (by original designation): C.G. 1929-697. DJ label : Houbaropsis bengalensis / blandini - Type [framed with red] / A= 322 - T= 132 - B = 58 - Q= 148 /// Localité: Soai - Rieng (Cambodge) / Date: 7-7-28 / Sexe: ♂ / Iris: bleu f. / Bec : noir / Pattes: brun sale N°6.

PARATYPE: C.G. 1929-698. DJ label: Houbaropsis bengalensis / blandini / A= 319 - T= 129 - B= 60 / Q= 163 /// Localité: Soai - Rieng (Cambodge) / Date: 8-7-28 / Sexe ♂ / Iris: bleu f. / Bec : corne noirat. / Pattes: brun sale N°8.

PARATYPE: C.G. 1929-699. DJ label: Houbaropsis b. blandini / A= 320 - T= 136 - B= 60 Q= 158 / Tring [pencil] /// Localité: Soai - Rieng (Cambodge) / Date: 5-7-28 / Sexe ♂ / Iris: bleu f. / Bec : noirâtre / Pattes: noirâtre / N° 1.

PARATYPE: C.G. 1929-701. DJ label: Houbaropsis beng. blandini / A= 325 T= 143 - B= 57
Q= 157 /// Localité: Soai - Rieng (Cambodge) / Date: 8-7-28 / Sexe ♀ / Iris: bleu f. /
Bec: corne foncée / Pattes: jaunâtre sale / N° 7.

REMARKS: Delacour (1828) designated specimen n° 6 (1929-697) as “the type” of this taxon. Moreover he examined nine other specimens, all from the region of Su-Vu, about 80 km north of Soai-Reing in Cambodia. They have to be considered as paratypes, and three of them are still in the MNHN, but we do not know the whereabouts of the others.

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