

Scolecophagus preoccupied.

Scolecophagus Swainson, 1831, commonly used for a genus of North American birds, is preoccupied by *Scolecophagus* Geoffroy, 1795. For the genus of birds known as *Scolecophagus* the term *Euphagus* may be employed. The latter was used by Cassin in 1866 (Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1866, p. 413) for *Psarocolinus cyanocephalus* Wagler. The two species will thus stand as: *Euphagus carolinus* (Müller), and *Euphagus cyanocephalus* (Wagler).—Charles W. Richmond.

On the name Eniconetta.

Polysticta Eyton, 1836, as the generic name for Steller's Duck, has long since been rejected in favor of *Eniconetta* Gray, 1840, because of an alleged earlier *Polysticta* Smith, 1836 (sometimes erroneously quoted "1835"). It can be said, however, that Eyton's *Polysticta* was published in April, 1836 (Catal. Brit. Birds, p. 58), while Smith's *Polysticta* appeared not earlier than June (Smith consistently quotes it "June, 1836" in his Illustrations of South African Zoology), and possibly even later. Smith did not return from his expedition into the interior of South Africa until the middle of March, 1836, after which he prepared his "Report of the Expedition for Exploring Central Africa," published at Cape Town. The date cited by Smith may mean that of the completion of his MS. In any event Eyton's name *Polysticta* is prior to *Polysticta* Smith, and should be used for *Anas stelleri* Pallas.—Charles W. Richmond.