

The generic name *Coccytes untenable*.

The Old World genus of cuckoos hitherto known as *Coccytes* Gloger (Handb. Naturg. Vög. Europ., 1834, p. 449) must in the future stand as *Clamator* Kaup, 1829 (Entwicklungs-Geschichte der Europäischen Thierwelt, p. 53), which antedates Gloger's name by five years. That Kaup's name is unimpeachable is clear from the following quotation of his remarks: "*Cuculus glandarius* . . . scheint . . . gar nicht in die Gattung Kuckuk zu gehören, sondern eine eigene zu bilden, welche ich Strauszkuckuk *Clamator* nenne, und die durch die starken Fuszurzeln und die Bildung der Nasenlöcher etc. sich characterisirt." The nine recognized species of this genus are then:

1. *Clamator glandarius* (Linnæus).
2. *Clamator coromandus* (Linnæus).
3. *Clamator jacobinus* (Boddaert).
4. *Clamator hypopinarius* (Cabanis and Heine).
5. *Clamator caroli* (Norman).
6. *Clamator brazzæ* (Oustalet).
7. *Clamator cafer* (Lichtenstein).
8. *Clamator serratus* (Sparrmann).
9. *Clamator albonotatus* (Shelley).—Leonhard Stejneger.

Gerrhonotus cæruleus versus *Gerrhonotus burnettii*.

Through the courtesy of Dr. G. Tornier, Curator of Reptiles in the Natural History Museum at Berlin, I have been enabled to examine the type of Wiegmann's *Gerrhonotus cæruleus* (Isis, 1828, p. 380). The specimen, though greatly blackened, is in good condition and proves to belong to the species which has hitherto been known as *Gerrhonotus burnettii* Gray 1831, or *Elgaria formosa* Baird and Girard 1852. The type locality is given as "Brasilien" and the collector as A. von Chamisso, the celebrated German poet and naturalist. Needless to say no *Gerrhonotus* occurs in Brazil, but as von Chamisso on his expedition around the world also collected at San Francisco, California, where this species is particularly plentiful, it may be regarded as certain that the type is from the latter locality. The number of the type specimen in the Berlin Museum is 1163.—Leonhard Stejneger.

Ptychozoon kuhli a new name for *P. homalocephalum*.

The remarkable gecko hitherto known as *Ptychozoon homalocephalum* requires a new name, inasmuch as Creveld's *Lacerta homalocephala* 1809 is preoccupied by *Lacerta homalocephala* Suckow 1798 (Naturgeschichte der Thiere, III, p. 138). As a suitable new name I propose *Ptychozoon kuhli* in memory of the originator of the generic name. It may be remarked that Gray's *Ptychozoon horsfieldii* is a very distinct species.—Leonhard Stejneger.