

THE SPECIFIC NAME OF THE STRIPED MUIHOND OF SOUTH AFRICA.

In 1906 Howell * called attention to the fact that the specific name *striata* then in use for the striped muishond of South Africa referred in reality to a species of *Spilogale*, and he proposed that the African animal be called *Ictonyx capensis* (Smith).† It now comes to light that the Cape muishond was independently named *Bradypus striatus* in 1810 by Geo. Perry,‡ and as this name is not preoccupied by the *Viverra striata* of Shaw, 1800, which is a species of *Spilogale*, the South African striped muishond must be called *Ictonyx striatus* (Perry). The animal from which Perry's plate was drawn was exhibited alive in London and was doubtfully reported to have been found in South America, but there is no question as to its identification with the Cape form of *Ictonyx*.

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* Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 19, p. 46. February 26, 1906.

† Descriptive Cat. S. African Mus., p. 20. 1826.

‡ Arcana or The Museum of Natural History, pt. 11, pl. [41] and text. p. [1]. November, 1810. I am indebted to Dr. C. W. Richmond for the opportunity to see this volume. The text and plates are not numbered; title page dated 1811.