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Status of Early 19th-Century Names Authored in Parallel by Wied and Schinz for South American Reptiles and Amphibians, with Designations of Three Nomina Protecta

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ABSTRACT

Prince Maximilian zu Wied's great exploration of coastal Brazil in 1815–1817 resulted in important collections of reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals, many of which were new species later described by Wied himself. The bulk of his collection was purchased for the American Museum of Natural History in 1869, although many “type specimens” had disappeared earlier. Wied carefully identified his localities but did not designate type specimens or type localities, which are taxonomic concepts that were not yet established.

Information and manuscript names on a fraction (17 species) of his Brazilian reptiles and amphibians were transmitted by Wied to Prof. Heinrich Rudolf Schinz at the University of Zurich. Schinz included these species (credited to their discoverer “Princ. Max.”) in the second volume of *Das Thierreich* . . . (1822). Most are junior objective synonyms of names published by Wied.

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However, six of the 17 names used by Schinz predate Wied's own publications. Three were manuscript names never published by Wied because he determined the species to be previously known. (1) *Lacerta vittata* Schinz, 1822 (a nomen oblitum) = *Lacerta striata* sensu Wied (a misidentification, non Linnaeus nec sensu Merrem) = *Kentropyx calcarata* Spix, 1825, herein qualified as a nomen protectum. (2) *Polychrus virescens* Schinz, 1822 = *Lacerta marmorata* Linnaeus, 1758 (now *Polychrus marmoratus*). (3) *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822 (a nomen oblitum) = *Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus* sensu Wied (a misidentification, non Linnaeus nec sensu Merrem) = *Micrablepharus maximiliani* (Reinhardt and Lütken, "1861" [1862]), herein qualified as a nomen protectum. Qualifying *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822, as a nomen oblitum also removes the problem of homonymy with the later-named Pacific skink *Scincus cyanurus* Lesson (= *Emoia cyanura*).

The remaining three names used by Schinz are senior objective synonyms that take priority over Wied's names. (4) *Bufo cinctus* Schinz, 1822, is senior to *Bufo cinctus* Wied, 1823; both, however, are junior synonyms of *Bufo crucifer* Wied, 1821 = *Chaunus crucifer* (Wied). (5) *Agama picta* Schinz, 1822, is senior to *Agama picta* Wied, 1823, requiring a change of authorship for this poorly known species, to be known as *Enyalium pictus* (Schinz). (6) *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, predates *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831)—both nomina oblita. Wied's illustration and description shows *cyanomelas* as apparently conspecific with the recently described but already well-known *Cnemidophorus nativo* Rocha et al., 1997, which is the valid name because of its qualification herein as a nomen protectum.

The preceding specific name *cyanomelas* (as corrected in an errata section) is misspelled several ways in different copies of Schinz's original description ("*cyanomlas*," "*cyanom las*," and "*cyanom*"). Loosening, separation, and final loss of the last three letters of movable type in the printing chase probably accounts for the variant misspellings.

INTRODUCTION

In the years 1815–1817, Maximilian Alexander Philipp, Prinz zu Wied-Neuwied,⁴ traveled extensively along the Atlantic coast of eastern Brazil and assembled important zoological collections. The principal scientific results of his great Brazilian expedition were described in three classic works. The two-volume *Reise* (Wied, 1820–1821) is a report of his travel and includes some footnote descriptions of new species, but most new taxa date from the following two

⁴ Prince Maximilian's given names sometimes are arranged incorrectly as "Alexander Philipp Maximilian." More importantly, there are permutations of his family name and much confusion as to how it should be cited. Briefly, the family Wied-Neuwied inherited the estate of Wied-Runkel in 1824 and geographic modifiers of the Wied name were officially dropped that year. Long before that, the prince's normal signature in correspondence was "Max P z Wied." He did not publish under the compound name Wied-Neuwied after 1824 *except* (for editorial continuity) on the title pages of the *Abbildungen*, which had begun publication in 1822. All his species names can properly be referenced simply as "Wied," following the prince's own preference and the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules* (1998, rule 22.2C1) that mandate use of the latest form of a changed name. (NB: In the notable case of Linnaeus vs. the late-in-life ennobled "von Linné," this rule is followed in modern library catalogs but long ignored in most taxonomic literature.) The noble preposition *von* sometimes replaces the *zu* in Wied's name in library catalogs, rarely on the printed page (see footnote 12).

works. The *Abbildungen* (Wied, 1822–1831) comprise 90 folio plates of Brazilian animals; these were published in 15 issues (Lieferungen/Livraisons), each with six unnumbered plates accompanied by short texts in German and French. All the species, illustrated or not, were extensively described in the four-volume *Beiträge*, of which the first volume is devoted to herpetology (Wied, 1825). After finishing his studies of the Brazilian material, Prince Maximilian undertook his famous North American expedition, sailing to Boston in 1832 and exploring along the Missouri River in 1833–1834; another comprehensive set of publications followed (see especially Wied, 1839–1841).

After the prince's death, the bulk of his collection was purchased in 1869 for the American Museum of Natural History (Myers, 2000: 7). Some, albeit not all, his "type specimens" were in the material sent to the American Museum. Prince Maximilian carefully associated localities with his specimens, but he did not designate type specimens or type localities—taxonomic concepts not yet established in his day. Vanzolini and Myers (unpublished) collaborated in a survey especially of the Brazilian materials, in an effort to determine retrospective type status of specimens illustrated and described by Prince Maximilian zu Wied, whom we hereafter refer to simply as Wied.

Wied carried on extensive correspondence during his career and kept colleagues informed of his work. He not only sent complimentary copies of the *Beiträge* volumes and issues of the *Abbildungen*, but also transmitted not yet published descriptions of new species; he even gave specimens to Blasius Merrem. This procedure and generosity led to the preemption of some of Wied's specific names by colleagues (Vanzolini, 1996: 211). Although the rule of strict nomenclatural priority had yet to be established, Wied's new species seem usually to have been credited to him, but not, unfortunately, in ways that would establish his first authorship of names under modern rules of zoological nomenclature.

SCHINZ'S *THIERREICH*

We are here concerned with Heinrich Rudolf Schinz (1777–1861 or 1862), with whom Wied conducted a long friendly correspondence from 1806 until 1860 (Bosch, 1991: 39). Schinz, a Swiss naturalist, was one of the first professors in the University of Zurich (Adler, 2007: 51), where his students included Louis Agassiz and J.J. von Tschudi. Among his publications was the four-volume *Das Thierreich eingetheilt nach dem Bau der Thiere als Grundlage ihrer Naturgeschichte und der vergleichenden Anatomie von dem Herrn Ritter von Cuvier . . . aus dem Französischen frey [frei] übersetzt und mit vielen Zusätzen versehen von H.R. Schinz*. Volume 2 is the one most important to herpetology (Schinz, 1822) and was cited in various places by Wied.

Schinz's *Thierreich* is rare and seldom mentioned nowadays, in part because few libraries own it. Authorship usually is attributed to Georges Cuvier; Wood (1931: 307), for example, does not list it with Schinz's works in the *Literature of Vertebrate Zoology*, but under Cuvier he notes that it is "A faithful German translation, with additions, of Baron Cuvier's *Règne animal*."

It contains too many novelties and other additions to be called a simple translation, and authorship is usually credited to Schinz for taxonomic purposes. Wied referred to the work as “*Schinz, das Thierreich*” and “*Schinz, Règne Animal*” on same-page German and French letterpress texts in the *Abbildungen*. Vanzolini (1977a: 29) pointed out that “Although this is one of the most frequently cited suites to Cuvier, its importance to Brazilian herpetology seems to have escaped general notice.”

Another German “translation” of Cuvier was published in 1832, by Friedrich Siegmund Voigt. By this time, most of Wied’s Brazilian publications had become available, but neither Schinz’s *Thierreich* nor Voigt’s *Thierreich* attempted to discuss all the species treated by Wied. Voigt (1832) referenced the prince some 40 times, although Wied’s 1825 *Beiträge* contained accounts for nearly 90 species, including 60 named by himself. Voigt apparently was following after Cuvier, who “was not much concerned with completeness [and] only included well known species, capable of documenting his generic concepts” (Vanzolini, 1977: 22). So far as we can see, no reference is made to Schinz’s (1822) *Thierreich* in Voigt’s (1832) volume 2; Voigt’s source for Wied’s unpublished *Polychrus virescens* appears to have been Wagler (1828), not Schinz (1822) as might be expected (discussion below).

Schinz (1822) credited 17 species listed below to his friend “Princ. Max,” who discovered them in Brazil (“In Brasilien, neu von Neuwied entdeckt”).

Names credited to Wied by Schinz (1822: 12–177)	Names used by Wied for the same species
p. 12 <i>Test[udo] depressa</i>	<i>Emys depressa</i> Wied, 1821
p. 45 <i>Lacerta vittata</i>	<i>Lacerta striata</i> , after Merrem, 1820
p. 46 <i>Lac[erta] cyanomelas</i>	<i>Teius cyanomelas</i> Wied, 1824
p. 53 <i>Agam[a] catenata</i>	<i>Agama catenata</i> Wied, 1821
p. 54 <i>Agama picta</i>	<i>Agama picta</i> Wied, 1823
p. 65 <i>Polyc[hrus] virescens</i>	<i>Polychrus marmoratus</i> , after Merrem, 1820
p. 69 <i>Anol[is] gracilis</i>	<i>Anolis gracilis</i> Wied, 1821
p. 69 <i>Anolis viridis</i>	<i>Anolis viridis</i> Wied, 1821
p. 87 <i>Scincus cyanurus</i>	<i>Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus</i> , after Merrem, 1820
p. 125 <i>Col[uber] venustissimus</i>	<i>Coluber venustissimus</i> Wied, 1820
p. 126 <i>Coluber Merremii</i>	<i>Coluber Merremii</i> Wied, 1821
p. 143 <i>Trigonoc[ephalus] holosericeus</i>	<i>Cophias holosericeus</i> Wied, 1821
p. 143 <i>Trigonoceph[alus] bilineatus</i>	<i>Cophias bilineatus</i> Wied, 1821
p. 149 <i>Elaps corallinus</i>	<i>Elaps corallinus</i> Wied, 1820
p. 168 <i>Hyla Faber</i>	<i>Hyla Faber</i> Wied, 1821
p. 168 <i>Hyla aurata</i>	<i>Hyla aurata</i> Wied, 1821
p. 177 <i>Bufo[] cinctus</i>	<i>Bufo cinctus</i> Wied, 1823

We interpret most of Schinz's names as objective junior synonyms (rather than simple subsequent usages) of names first published by Wied; they are objective synonyms because they were based on information provided by Wied and therefore were based on the same specimens.⁵

However, the six names in boldface (above and below) predate names used by Wied for the same species.⁶ Wied supplied all 17 names to Schinz and considered them as his own. In the *Abbildungen* and *Beiträge*, for example, he referenced Schinz by page number but omitted his names first published by Schinz. Wied did, however, explain his abandoned manuscript names used by Schinz (*Lacerta vittata*, *Polychrus virescens*, and *Scincus cyanurus*; see below).

Lacerta vittata: Wied transmitted this name to Schinz, but its identity has been generally overlooked. Peters and Donoso-Barros (1970: 152) wrote that "Stejneger, in a handwritten note in an interleaved copy of Boulenger, 1885, has noted that Boulenger did not include *Lacerta vittata* Schinz . . . as a species of *Kentropyx*. It is unclear to us what its relationship is, although Stejneger placed it opposite *calcaratus* Spix, suggesting a possible synonymy." Overlooked was Wied's own explanation in the *Beiträge* (Wied, 1825: 186) and in letterpress *Abbildungen* text for *Lacerta striata* Dau[din] (Wied, 1829: Lief. 13). Wied originally had intended his manuscript name "vittata" for an undescribed species, but, after comparing it with Merrem's (1809) "Borckischen Eidechse" (fig. 1), Wied followed Merrem's later work (1820: 65) and mistakenly used the name *Lacerta striata* Daudin, 1802.⁷

As it turns out, however, Stejneger's handwritten note in Boulenger's *Catalogue* was prescient. The species that Wied had intended to name "vittata" had indeed been undescribed prior to Schinz's publication! Hoogmoed (1973: 301) compared descriptions and concluded that *Lacerta vittata* Schinz, 1822, is a senior synonym of *Kentropyx calcarata* Spix, 1825. The senior name remains unused, however, and we agree with Hoogmoed that Spix's well-known name should be conserved (see below under Protection of Three Junior Synonyms).

Lacerta cyanomelas: *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, is a senior objective synonym of *Tēius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831), but the situation is unusual because the correct

⁵ Although Wied gave some specimens to Blasius Merrem, there is no published evidence that he ever sent specimens to Schinz. In any case, the majority of specimens on which these particular descriptions were based seem to be no longer extant, although some may yet show up in European collections. Many of Wied's specimens evidently disappeared prior to the 1860 preparation of his handwritten "catalogue" at AMNH (a list not of specimens but of genera and species that were still represented in his collection).

⁶ It would seem only fair that such names should be attributed to "Wied in Schinz," as was done for example by Wagler (1828: text for "*Polychrus virescens* Prinz von Neuwied in Schinz."). But it is not explicitly demonstrated within Schinz's work itself that Wied supplied both the names and the descriptions as mandated in the authorship section of the *Code* (ICZN, 1999, art. 50.1).

⁷ On facing pages of German and Latin texts, Merrem (1820: 65) misidentified and misspelled his "*Eidechse borkische* [sic]" as *Lacerta striata*. Merrem's (1809: 2) "Die Borckische Eidechse" currently is known as the Guayanan *Kentropyx borckiana* (Peters), because W. Peters (1869: 62) was the first to provide a Latin binomen for the species (Hoogmoed, 1973: 292–293).

After citing Merrem's original description, Gallagher and Dixon (1992: 137) said that "The meaning of 'Borckische' has not been determined." As made clear in the first paragraph of Merrem's description, however, the name honors Grafen (Count) von Borcke, whose collection supplied the specimen that was illustrated and described in detail (Merrem, 1809: 2–9, pl. 1 [reproduced herein as fig. 1]).



FIG. 1. "Die Borckische Eidechse," a lizard described in 1809 by Blasius Merrem and much later given the Latin name *Centropyx borckiana* by Wilhelm Peters. Hoogmoed (1973: 292–293) cleared up confusion associated with the name of this species, which currently is known as the Guayanan *Kentropyx borckiana* (Peters, 1869). The dorsal surfaces probably were partially green in life, the blue color resulting from preservation in spirits. (Hand-painted plate reproduced $\times 0.90$ from Merrem, 1809, courtesy of Harvard University Botany Libraries.)

spelling “*cyanomelas*” does not appear on Schinz’s page 46, which contains the description (the corrected name is given in the errata). Known copies of Schinz’s *Thierreich* all have a spelling mistake on page 46. We are aware of the following three misspelled versions of the specific name: (1) “*cyanomlas*” is the most common version, appearing in copies of *Das Thierreich* in the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and the Museum of Comparative Zoology, and in private copies owned by Kraig Adler and Rodrigues. (2) “*cyanom las*”—with a variably sized blank space—is seen in copies in the Museum National d’Histoire Naturelle (small space) and in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (large space). The blank space varies in size from about one to three letter spaces. (3) “*cyanom*” is a version known only in a copy of Schinz in the Natural History Museum in London. It was cited as a name “not mentioned elsewhere” by Vanzolini (1977a: 29), who has a xerographic copy of the British Museum book. The total of this variation can be explained by the supposition that the last three letters of “*cyanomlas*” had become loosened in the printing chase, gradually separating from “*cyanom*” and finally being lost altogether during printing. In support of this hypothesis, it is noted that species names in Schinz terminate with a full stop (period), which is lacking in the truncated *Lacerta* “*cyanom*” version of the name.

The first misspelling is corrected on an unnumbered errata page (= p. 828) of the *Thierreich*: “Seite 46 Zeile 8 lies *cyanomelas* statt *cyanomlas*.” The same correction appears in the British Museum copy, which has the spelling “*cyanom*” on page 46. Schinz’s correction to *cyanomelas* clearly determines the correct name, but, to be safe, as first revisers to have cited several multiple spellings we naturally also select *cyanomelas* as correct (ICZN, 1999: art. 24.2.3).

The name *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, clearly has priority over *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831). The identity of this lizard, however, is best determined from the illustration and information published by Wied (see below under Identity and Rediscovery of *Teius cyanomelas* Wied).

As an aside, it is not generally realized that Wied had unpublished manuscript names that he abandoned before publication (see under *Lacerta vittata* above, and *Polychrus virescens* and *Scincus cyanurus* below). Wied’s original name for *cyanomelas* was “*Lacerta 5-lineata*,” based on a specimen taken at Mucuri, April 20, 1816. Wied’s pen-and-watercolor field sketch, with name and data added by his hand, is reproduced in Bosch (1991: 237). It clearly is the sketch copied by Wied’s artist for publication in the *Abbildungen* as *Teius cyanomelas* (Wied, 1824 [1822–1831]: Lief. 5).

***Agama picta*:** *Agama picta* Schinz, 1822, is the senior objective synonym of *Agama picta* Wied, 1823: Lief. 3 (not “1825” auct.). Wied referenced Schinz by page number (without using the name) in his subsequent accounts of *A. picta* in *Abbildungen* letterpress and in the *Beiträge*. The taxon has been treated both as a species of *Enyalius* and as a subspecies of *E. catenatus* (Wied, 1821). Currently, *Enyalius pictus* is recognized as a full species living in the forests of coastal Brazil between the Jequitinhonha and Doce rivers (Rodrigues et al., 2006). The senior authorship of *picta* changes to Schinz, but the original concept of the taxon is that of Wied (1823, Lief. 3; 1825: 125, 604).

***Polychrus virescens*:** This is similar to the situation with *Lacerta vittata* above, except that Wied did not mention Schinz (1822) in the *Abbildungen* or *Beiträge* synonymies. Wied instead explained in his *Beiträge* species account of *Polychrus marmoratus* that Schinz had used *Polychrus virescens* based on a short note from him, but that *P. virescens* could no longer be kept (Wied, 1825: 124). Unaware of these comments, Wagler (1828: pl. 12, text) illustrated a specimen of *Polychrus marmoratus* under the name “*Polychrus virescens* Prinz von Neuwied in Schinz.” Voigt (1832: 67) referenced *P. virescens* to Wagler (ibid.) rather than Schinz (1822). Schinz later (1833–1835: 88–89, pl. 28) reproduced Wagler’s color plate in reverse image and noted that “Sie ist nach Wied kaum verschieden von *P. marmoratus* und warscheinlich das Männchen [According to Wied it scarcely differs from *P. marmoratus* and is probably the male].”

In letterpress accompanying the *Abbildungen* plate Wied noted that “Diese bekannte Eidechse ist nirgends in ihren leibliche Farben abgebildet [The living color of this well-known lizard has been nowhere described]” (Wied, 1829: Lief. 13). He said in the *Beiträge* (Wied, 1825: 123) that he had obtained only a single specimen alive, a female from Villa Viçoza. The prince’s pen-and-watercolor field sketch of this specimen and a copy of it (by the artist Beckers) for publication in the *Abbildungen* are reproduced in Bosch (1991: 243–244).

Polychrus virescens Schinz is correctly shown in Peters and Donoso-Barros (1970: 234) as a synonym of *Polychrus marmoratus* (Linnaeus), but it had been Wied’s manuscript name for a new species that he subsequently re-identified as “*Polychrus marmoratus*, [sensu] Merrem.”

***Scincus cyanurus*:** This was Wied’s manuscript name for a lizard that he later misidentified as “*S[cinus]. quadrilineatus*” (Wied, 1824: 664) and treated in detail as “*Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus* Merr[em]” (Wied, 1825: 198; 1829: Lief. 13). *Lacerta quadrilineata* is a Linnaean name recognized as the nominal type species of Merrem’s (1820: 74) genus *Gymnophthalmus*. Wied, however, had a lizard not previously described. Wied’s description is clear and calls attention to the bright blue tail of the species (not shown in the *Abbildungen* plate because the sky-blue color disappears completely in preservative fide Wied, 1825: 203, 204). It is the only blue-tailed lizard living in an area traveled by Wied.

Reinhardt and Lütken (“1861” [1862]: 211) honored the prince by naming *Gymnophthalmus maximiliani* based on new material and the unavailable name “*Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus* Wied.” Boulenger (1885: 426) referred both these names to the then recently erected genus *Micrablepharus* Boettger, 1885;⁸ Boulenger also placed the nominal type species of *Micrablepharus* (*M. glaucurus* Boettger) as a synonym of *M. maximiliani*.

Scincus cyanurus Schinz, 1822, is an overlooked senior synonym of *Micrablepharus maximiliani* (Reinhardt and Lütken “1861” [1862]), which is a well-known name worthy of saving (see under Protection of Three Junior Synonyms). It is fortunate that *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822, can be qualified below as a nomen oblitum, inasmuch as it also is a senior homonym of a well-known Pacific skink (*Scincus cyanurus* Lesson, 1826 = *Emoia cyanura*; see Ineich and Zug, 1991, for literature).

⁸ Authorship of Boettger’s *Micrablepharus* is mistakenly attributed to “Dunn, 1932” in recent gymnophthalmid classifications (Pellegrino et al., 2001: 330; Castoe et al., 2004: 465).

Buf[o] cinctus: *Bufo cinctus* Schinz, 1822, is the senior synonym of *Bufo cinctus* Wied, 1823. Wied gave the page reference to Schinz (1822: 177) in the *Abbildungen* letterpress text accompanying his *Bufo cinctus* plate (Wied, 1823: Lief. 3) and in his species account in the *Beiträge* (Wied, 1825: 564). The name *Bufo cinctus* has long been in the synonymy of *Bufo crucifer* Wied, 1821 (= *Chaunus crucifer* fide Frost et al., 2006: 364).

THE REDISCOVERY AND IDENTITY OF *TEIUS CYANOMELAS* WIED, 1824

HISTORY OF THE NAME: Among the many new animals discovered and described by Wied was *Teius cyanomelas*, which was illustrated in a color plate in the fifth issue of the *Abbildungen* (Wied, 1824 [1822–1831]: Lief. 5, fig. 2 of composite pl.). This lizard was accurately figured and had a precise type locality (open areas around the mouth of Rio Mucuri in state of Bahia, Brazil), and was given a detailed description in the *Beiträge* (Wied, 1825: 180–185). Nonetheless, it was never properly recognized. Bocourt (1874: 251, footnote 1), without justification, referenced it as *Ameiva cyanomelas*, but considered Wied's illustration and description both inadequate for a proper allocation of the species, suggesting that it was close to *Ameiva festiva*, *A. edracantha*, and *A. septemlineata*, or possibly a synonym of *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*. Boulenger (1885: 363) placed *Teius cyanomelas* with a question mark in the synonymy of *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*, an allocation followed by most subsequent authors. Burt (1931: 32), in a major revision of *Cnemidophorus*, thought that Bocourt's suggestion that *cyanomelas* might be a synonym of *C. lemniscatus* "rather far fetched, since the photograph [sic] shows only two distinct light lines on each side, and a single middorsal line," but Burt considered *Ameiva* to be probably the right genus. Peters and Donoso-Barros' (1970: 94) influential catalog followed Boulenger in keeping *T. cyanomelas* with a question mark in the synonymy of *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*, although *cyanomelas* was erroneously dated from the 1825 *Beiträge*.

It is understandable that *cyanomelas* was attributed to *Cnemidophorus* by most authors from Boulenger on, but its continued association with *C. lemniscatus* was unwarranted because *lemniscatus* sensu lato occurs from Central America to Amazonia where Wied, a fine zoologist who precisely identified his localities, never collected.

Vanzolini (1996: 214), however, recognized the problem and considered *cyanomelas* to be an unrecognized species of *Cnemidophorus*. Except for Amazonian forms, *Cnemidophori* from tropical South America have been attributed to the *ocellifer* group—a multispecies complex (Rodrigues, 1987: 224), including new species recently described (Dias et al., 2002; Feltrim and Lema, 2000; Rocha et al., 1997, 2000; Dias et al., 2002; Colli et al., 2003a, 2003b). A thorough taxonomic revision of the group is needed.

REDISCOVERY AND TAXONOMIC CONCLUSION: Recently, during a field trip to obtain specimens of *Cnemidophorus* along the Atlantic coast of Brazil for an ongoing molecular and karyotypic study, Rodrigues' group collected several specimens of *Cnemidophorus nativo*. This is a parthenogenetic species of the *ocellifer* group recently described from Reserva Florestal da Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, municipality of Linhares, state of Espírito Santo (Rocha et al., 1997). The specific name (*nativo*) was given in reference to its habitat, the open shrubby areas



FIG. 2. *Cnemidophorus natio* Rocha et al., 1997, a Brazilian lizard discovered in 1818 by Prince Maximilian zu Wied. The earlier names *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, and *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831) are qualified herein as forgotten names (*nomina oblita*), whereas *Cnemidophorus natio* is qualified as a protected name (*nomen protectum*). **Top:** The original *Abbildungen* illustration of *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, reproduced $\times 1.38$ from a composite plate (Wied, 1824 [1822–1831], Lief. 5). The plate was prepared from an artist's copy of Wied's pen-and-watercolor field sketch, in which the background was a horizontal line. The accompanying letterpress text includes "Rücken schwarz, mit einem breiten bläulichen Längsstreif in der Mitte, und zwei weißbläulichen schmäleren an der Seite [Back black, with a wide bluish median stripe, and two narrower bluish white lateral stripes]." **Bottom:** A specimen of *Cnemidophorus natio* from Restinga do Barra Seca, Linhares, state of Espírito Santo, Brazil. The extent of color variation is unknown, but Rocha et al. (1997: 378) wrote that the median "light salmon stripe . . . continues mostly as light grey and/or light blue [emphasis added] along the dorsal region of tail" and "vivid white" lateral stripes.

near the coast (“campo nativo”) where it occurs. The species is fairly abundant in open habitats near the eastern coast of Brazil from Regência in the state of Espírito Santo (our records), to Camamú in the state of Bahia (Vrcibradic et al., 2002). It is the only species of *Cnemidophorus* present in this long stretch of approximately 700 km (Rocha, 2000); it is considered “vulnerable” in the list of endangered Brazilian species (IBAMA, 2008; Rodrigues, 2005). The striking color pattern of living specimens and the apparent absence of other *Cnemidophorus* in the range of *C. nativo* caused us to revisit Wied’s figure and description of *Teius cyanomelas*. The type localities of *T. cyanomelas* and *C. nativo* are only about 100 km apart and our comparisons of fresh material of *nativo* with Wied’s figure and detailed description correspond so closely that we conclude that a single species is involved (see fig. 2).

As already noted, the name *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, has priority over *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831). Even Schinz’s (1822: 46) second-hand 10-line description permits a fairly good identification of this species of *Cnemidophorus*. The smooth ventral scales, disposed in six longitudinal rows, granular dorsals, color pattern (especially the undulating borders of the middorsal stripe) and size referred to by Schinz are sufficient to identify the species. Although Wied’s only specimen had a broken tail (see fig. 2), both Schinz (1822: 46) and Wied (1825: 180) diagnosed the species as having a long tail, but that was an accurate extrapolation; Wied (ibid.: 181), with his usual attention to detail, explained that the broken tail was “scheinbar viel länger als der Körper [seemingly much longer than the body].”

Wied’s unique specimen of *Teius cyanomelas* was not in the collection purchased by the American Museum. Nevertheless, it seems evident that *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, and *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831) are senior names for *Cnemidophorus nativo* Rocha et al., 1997. The last name has become well-enough known to receive protected status under ICZN criteria.

PROTECTION OF THREE JUNIOR SYNONYMS

The Principle of Priority is a cornerstone of zoological nomenclature. Some taxonomists may advocate rather strict adherence to this principle, believing that the oldest available name of a taxon should be nearly always the one used. Nonetheless, it seems a disservice to other biologists and the public when old, unused names are dredged up to replace names currently applied to well-known animals. Precedence of a younger name over an older one sometimes can be gained by the cumbersome route of petitioning the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. If the taxa are rarely mentioned, this strategy is likely to be unsuccessful and therefore not worth the effort; it almost certainly will fail if only the authorship of a rarely used name is changed, as in the case of *Enyalius pictus* (Wied, 1823)—now *Enyalius pictus* (Schinz, 1822).

Article 23.9 of the latest *Code* (ICZN, 1999), however, provides a procedure for saving well-known junior names without formal petition. We use that method to qualify the names of the following three species as protected names (*nomina protecta*).

Kentropyx calcarata Spix, 1825

As explained above, the description of *Lacerta vittata* Schinz, 1822, was based on a manuscript name transmitted by Wied to Schinz, who validated the name. Hoogmoed (1973: 301) pointed out that *Lacerta vittata* Schinz, 1822, was a senior synonym of *Kentropyx calcarata* and indicated intent to propose suppression by the ICZN. Although the proposal was not submitted, other authors (especially Gallagher and Dixon, 1992: 141–142, and Ávila-Pires, 1995: 524) accepted the synonymy but followed Hoogmoed's lead in continuing use of the junior name.

To our knowledge, the name *Lacerta vittata* Schinz has not been used as a valid name since its publication and specifically “has not been used as a valid name after 1899” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.1). The junior name *Kentropyx calcarata* Spix, 1825, has been used as a “presumed valid name, in at least 25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.2).

The following 25 references (among many available) meet the criteria quoted above: Ávila and Silva, 2009; Ávila-Pires, 1995, 2005; Ávila-Pires et al., 2009; Castoe et al., 2004; Cole et al., 1995; Cosson et al., 1999; Gallagher and Dixon, 1980, 1992; Gallagher et al., 1986; Gasnier et al., 1994; Hoogmoed, 1973, 1979; Hoogmoed and Lescure, 1975; Lima et al., 2001; MacCulloch and Lathrop, 2007; Pellegrino et al., 2001; Perry, 1999; Peters and Donoso-Barros, 1970; Reeder et al., 2002; Ribeiro-Júnior et al., 2006; Smith and Ballinger, 2001; Telford and Telford, 2003; Werneck et al., 2009; Vitt, 1991a.

Kentropyx calcarata Spix, 1825, the younger but valid name for the species, is here designated as a nomen protectum. It has precedence over the senior name *Lacerta vittata* Schinz, 1822, which is here qualified as a nomen oblitum, and over the unavailable name *Lacerta striata* sensu Wied, 1825 (non Daudin nec sensu Merrem), which was a misidentification in the sense of the *Code* (ICZN 1999: art. 49).

Micrablepharus maximiliani (Reinhardt and Lütken, “1861” [1862])

As explained above, *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822, is the senior name (Wied's “*Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus*” was a misidentification). To our knowledge, *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz “has not been used as a valid name after 1899” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.1). The junior name *Gymnophthalmus maximiliani* Reinhardt and Lütken, “1861” [1862]—known since 1885 as *Micrablepharus maximiliani* (Reinhardt and Lütken, “1861” [1862])—has been used as a “presumed valid name, in at least 25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.2).

The following 25 references meet the criteria quoted above: Ávila-Pires, 1995; Castoe et al., 2004; Cunha, 1961; Freire, 1996; Mesquita et al., 2006; Moreira et al., 2009; Nogueira et al., 2009; Pellegrino et al., 2001; Peters and Donoso-Barros, 1970; Presch, 1980; Rodrigues, 1996, 2003; Rodrigues et al., 2005, 2007; Shepard, 2007; Teixeira et al., 1999; Vanzolini, 1977b, 1981, 2003; Vanzolini and Carvalho, 1991; Vanzolini et al., 1980; Vitt, 1991b; Werneck and Colli, 2006; Williams and Vanzolini, 1980; Yonenaga-Yassuda and Rodrigues, 1999.

Micrablepharus maximiliani (Reinhardt and Lütken, “1861” [1862]), the younger but valid name for the species, is here designated as a nomen protectum. It has precedence over the senior name *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822, which is here qualified as a nomen oblitum, and over the unavailable name *Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus* sensu Wied, 1825 (non Linnaeus nec sensu Merrem), which was a misidentification in the sense of the *Code* (ICZN 1999: art. 49).

Qualifying *Scincus cyanurus* Schinz, 1822, as a nomen oblitum also solves the problem of homonymy with the later-named *Scincus cyanurus* Lesson, 1826—a wide-spread Pacific skink currently known as *Emoia cyanura* (Lesson) (see p. 8).

Cnemidophorus nativo Rocha et al., 1997

As noted above, *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, and *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831) are senior names. To our knowledge, neither has “been used as a valid name after 1899” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.1). The junior name *Cnemidophorus nativo* Rocha et al., 1997, has been used as a “presumed valid name, in at least 25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years” (ICZN, 1999: art. 23.9.1.2).

The following 25 references meet the criteria quoted above: Adeoye and Ogunbanwo, 2007; Cabrera, 2004; Colli et al., 2003a, 2003b, 2009; Dias and Rocha, 2004; Dias et al., 2002; Feltrim and Lema, 2000; Giugliano et al., 2006; Menezes et al., 2000, 2004a, 2004b; Mesquita and Colli, 2003; Peccinini-Seale et al., 2004; Peloso et al., 2008; Reeder et al., 2002; Ribeiro et al., 2007; Rocha et al. 1997, 1999, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2009; Rodrigues, 2005; Vrcibradic et al., 2002.

Cnemidophorus nativo Rocha et al., 1997, the younger but valid name for the species is here designated as a nomen protectum. It has precedence over the senior names *Lacerta cyanomelas* Schinz, 1822, and *Teius cyanomelas* Wied, 1824 (1822–1831), which are here qualified as nomina oblita.

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