

SHORT NOTE

Corrected publication date for *Coenocorypha aucklandica perseverance*

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The Campbell Island snipe *Coenocorypha aucklandica perseverance* was named in the Sep 2009 issue of *Notornis*; Table 6 of Miskelly & Baker (2009) gives the publication date of the name as 2009. However, the inside front cover of the September issue states that it was published in Jan 2010.

The *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* requires that the date of publication specified in a work is to be adopted as correct in the absence of evidence to the contrary (Article 21.2; www.iczn.org/iczn/index.jsp, viewed 17 Feb 2010). Further, if the date of publication specified in a work is found to be incorrect, the earliest day on which the work is demonstrated to be in existence as a published work is to be adopted (Article 21.4). As authors of the new scientific name, we hereby comply with Recommendation 21F of the Code in clarifying that the correct year of publication for the name *Coenocorypha aucklandica perseverance* is 2010.

Correction of the publication date to Jan 2010 means that the Campbell Island snipe was named 200 years after Captain Hasselburgh of the brig *Perseverance* discovered Campbell Is on 4 Jan 1810 (Kerr 1976). There is no record of Captain Hasselburgh seeing snipe on the shores of Perseverance Harbour, but following the 2001 rat eradication, snipe have returned to the vicinity

of the harbour. Miskelly & Fraser (2006) reported sightings at 2 locations on the north-west shore, and more recently snipe have been seen on 4 occasions near the boardwalk above Beeman Base on the north side of the harbour – in Dec 2008, Feb 2009 and Jan 2010 (Pete McClelland, Michael Johns, Koos Baars and John Woods, *pers. comm.*, Jan & Feb 2010). On 4 Jan 2010, Koos Baars photographed a fully-grown chick by the boardwalk, confirming a 5 km northward spread in breeding range since Jan 2006 (Miskelly & Fraser 2006; www.birdingnz.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=359, viewed 17 Feb 2010).

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