

## SHORT NOTE

### A correction to Palma *et al.* (2012) on the nomenclature of the Fuegian storm-petrel, *Oceanites oceanicus chilensis*

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In our recent paper on the scientific name, author and date for the Fuegian storm-petrel (Palma *et al.* 2012), we overlooked 2 relevant references that have been brought to our attention since its publication.

One of those references is by Sheard (1943), which deals with the same subject as that discussed in Palma *et al.* (2012). Although Sheard's rationale is largely similar to that in Palma *et al.* (2012), his conclusion regarding the correct author and date of the Fuegian storm-petrel is not the same as that reached by us. Sheard (1943: 180) attributes the authorship and date of *Oceanites oceanicus chilensis* to "Mathews, 1934" arguing that it is valid in the sense of Opinion 4 (Hemming 1944: 108), and therefore lists "*Oceanites oceanicus chilensis* Mathews, 1934" as the senior homonym of this taxon.

Considering Article 11.6 of the ICZN *Code* (1999: 11) on the availability of a name which has been first published as a junior synonym – such as *Oceanites oceanicus chilensis* Mathews, 1934 – and in particular Article 11.6.1, which states: "However, if such a name published as a junior synonym had been treated before 1961 as an available name and either adopted as the name of a taxon or treated as a senior homonym, it is made available thereby but dates from its first publication as a synonym." we have to change our previous conclusion and accept that Sheard's (1943) choice of author and date for the Fuegian storm-petrel is correct, i.e., *Oceanites oceanicus chilensis* Mathews, 1934.

Therefore, contrary to the conclusion of Palma *et al.* (2012), Gill *et al.* (2010: 125) correctly listed "Mathews, 1934" as the valid author and date of this taxon. Hence, the type specimen of *Oceanites oceanicus chilensis* Mathews, 1934, is also specimen AMNH 446292 (deposited in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, U.S.A.) with type

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locality "Wollaston Island, Tierra del Fuego, Chile".

The second reference is by Dowdall *et al.* (2009), which includes the first published record of unidentified storm-petrels found in the Seno de Reloncaví, Puerto Montt, Chile. Dowdall *et al.* (2009: 222) refer to those storm-petrels as possibly representing a new species. Palma *et al.* (2012: 74) cited Harrison *et al.* (2011), which is an online publication only, where the authors refer to the same unidentified storm-petrels as representing a new species, with its description in press.

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