

**PROTOMOMYS TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, 1927 (MAMMALIA):
PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.
Z.N.(S.) 1847**

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Omomys was proposed as a generic name by Leidy in 1869 (*Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* **1869** : 63). Teilhard de Chardin, in 1927 (*Mem. Mus. roy. Hist. nat. Belg.* **36** : 16) proposed *Omomys belgicus* n.sp. The species was well described and figured. Later in the same article (p. 25) under a section on isolated limb bones he remarked in passing, "*Protomomys* = *Omomys belgicus*", with no further explanation: this single citation constitutes the proposal of the name *Protomomys*.

2. In 1940 Simpson recognized Teilhard de Chardin's species *O. belgicus* as generically distinct from *Omomys* and proposed the genus name *Teilhardina*. The binomen *Teilhardina belgica* has been accepted and exclusively used since that date. *Protomomys* Teilhard de Chardin, 1927, has been ignored since its creation, although it has priority over *Teilhardina* Simpson, 1940.

3. We request that in the interest of stability the International Commission:
- (a) use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Protomomys* Teilhard de Chardin, 1927, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
 - (b) place the generic name *Protomomys* Teilhard de Chardin, 1927 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (a) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.



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