

**OPINION 2146 (Case 3266)*****Palaeortyx phasianoides* Milne-Edwards, 1869 (Aves, Galliformes):  
usage of the specific name conserved by the designation of a neotype**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the current usage of the name *Palaeortyx phasianoides* Milne-Edwards, 1869 is conserved for a species of fossil quail from the Miocene (family PHASIANIDAE) by the designation of a neotype.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Aves; Galliformes; PHASIANIDAE; *Palaeortyx phasianoides*; quails; Miocene; Europe.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that all previous type fixations for the nominal species *Palaeortyx phasianoides* Milne-Edwards, 1869 are hereby set aside and the scapula from Saint-Gérard-le-Puy, France (specimen no. MNHN Av 2895 in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris) is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *phasianoides* Milne-Edwards, 1869, as published in the binomen *Palaeortyx phasianoides* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3266**

An application to conserve the current usage of the name *Palaeortyx phasianoides* Milne-Edwards, 1869 for a species of fossil quail from the Miocene (family PHASIANIDAE) by the designation of a neotype was received from U.B. Göhlich (Department für Umwelt- und Geowissenschaften, Sektion Paläontologie, Munich, Germany) and C. Mourer-Chauviré (Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Centre des Sciences de la Terre, Villeurbanne Cedex, France) on 1 February 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **60**: 211–214 (September 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Comments in support of the application were published in BZN **61**: 117, 176. One comment opposing the application was published in BZN **61**: 117–119, to which the authors' reply was published in BZN **61**: 174–176.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 September 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **60**: 213. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 15: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Rosenberg and Song.

Negative votes – 4: Alonso-Zarazaga, Patterson, Štys and van Tol.

Calder abstained.

No vote was received from Ng.



Voting against, Alonso-Zarazaga commented: 'if the authors of the application are so sure of their identification of the problematic lectotype, why do they not apply priority and ask instead for a neotype designation whose only visible result is the conservation of the very recent name *Ameripodius alexis* Mourer-Chauviré, 2000? I therefore consider that the lectotype designation must stand, with all its consequences. The zoological group is important only for a few palaeontologists who can assume easily the nomenclatural changes'.

### Original references

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*phasianoides*, *Palaeortyx*, Milne-Edwards, 1869, *Recherches anatomiques et paléontologiques pour servir à l'histoire des oiseaux fossiles de la France*, vol. 2, p. 237.



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