

SCHOCHAPUS NOMEN NOVUM PRO *APUS* SCHOCH, 1868 (ROTIFERA)

ABSTRACT

Rotifer generic name *Apus* Schoch, 1868, is preoccupied by a bird genus *Apus* Scopoli, 1777. Hence, the former has been replaced by *Schochapus* nom. nov.

It is observed that generic name *Apus* has been proposed for three different genera of animals in widely separated phyla. These are :

- (i) *Apus* Scopoli, 1777, for a genus of Aves ;
- (ii) *Apus* Cuvier, 1798, for a genus of Crustacea, Phyllopora ; and
- (iii) *Apus* Schoch, 1868, for a genus of Rotifera ; vide Neave (1939).

Among these, *Apus* Scopoli, 1777, with its type species *Hirundo apus* Linn., is oldest and validated under plenary powers (Opinion 502) by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. The Crustacean generic name *Apus* has already been substituted by *Triops* Schrank, 1803. However, no attempt seems to have been made to replace the invalid rotiferan *Apus*.

Therefore, it is put on record here that as the name *Apus* Scopoli, 1777, is preoccupied for a bird genus, the name *Apus* Schoch, 1868, is a junior homonym of the former and hence not available for the rotiferan genus. As no other synonym of the latter has come across as yet, a new replacement name is proposed here, as follows :

Phylum : Rotifera

Genus ***Schochapus*** Varshney nom. nov.
(Pro *Apus* Schoch, 1868)

The type-species and other requirements of this new genus will remain the same as mentioned for *Apus* by Schoch (1868).

According to the *Zoological Records* (1868) this interesting little work of Schoch (1868), though meant to be more of a popular than a scientific treatise, gives a very fair account of the general structure of the Rotifera, and, following Dujardin's classification of the Rotifers into *R. sessilia*, *R. natantia*, and *R. repentia*, proceeds to give details of some of the families of each suborder, as well as of the more remarkable genera and species. There are sixty figures, on eight plates ; and though roughly drawn, the species are almost always recognizable.

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