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Letter to the Editors

Revisiting the dating of the Chestnut-backed Owlet *Glaucidium castanotum*

This letter rectifies, for the record, some factual errors that inadvertently crept into two papers dealing with the correct dating, spelling, and citation of the Chestnut-backed Owlet *Glaucidium castanotum*, even though this taxon was correctly dated subsequently in Dickinson & Remsen (2013).

One: In Dickinson & Pittie (2006), on p. 116, serial number 7, and on p. 122 [Blyth, E., 1851a], the citations of Blyth's paper are incorrect. They should read as follows (emendations are in bold).

Blyth, E., 1851. Conspectus of the ornithology of India, Burma, and the Malayan Peninsula, inclusive of Sindh, Asám, Ceylon, and the Nicobar Islands. *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal* XIX (Part I New Series No XLIII Issue No VII): 501–517 (1850).

And footnote 9, on p. 116, should read as follows (emendations are in bold).

From Number 2 onwards (p. 89), of volume 19, the Society ceased including the theoretical month of issue in the running head of each page.

Two: In Dickinson et al. (2009), the authors overlooked the dating recommendations of Dickinson & Pittie (2006)—regarding Blyth's (1851) paper—and erroneously concluded that it was published in 1850. Their recommended source reference in the penultimate paragraph (p. 52) should be corrected to, *Glaucidium castanotum* (Blyth, 1851), *J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal* 19: 511

and, on p. 53, the citation for 'Blyth, E. 1850 ...' should be dated from 1851 (op. cit.).

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