

A NEW NAME FOR *FULICA MINOR* SHUFELDT

PIERCE BRODKORB

THE Pleistocene coot of Fossil Lake, Oregon, was briefly described and later figured by Shufeldt (1891, pp. 819, 820; 1892, p. 412, pl. 17, fig. 32) under the name *Fulica minor*, the type being a humerus, no. 3480 in the American Museum of Natural History. Howard (1946, p. 182) studied 161 bones from Fossil Lake and reduced the form to a temporal subspecies of the living American coot, as *Fulica americana minor* Shufeldt. Wetmore (1956, p. 57) subsequently reinstated it to full specific rank.

In any case the name is preoccupied by *Fulica minor* Brehm (1831, p. 711) for a South American species. For *Fulica minor* Shufeldt I therefore propose the new name *Fulica shufeldti*.

LITERATURE CITED

- BREHM, CHRISTIAN LUDWIG. 1831. Handbuch der Naturgeschichte aller Vögel Deutschlands. Bernh. Friedr. Voigt, Ilmenau, xxiv + 1088 pp., colored frontispiece, 46 colored pls.
- HOWARD, HILDEGARDE. 1946. A review of the Pleistocene birds of Fossil Lake, Oregon. Carnegie Instn. Washington Publ., no. 551, pp. 141-195, pls. 1-2.
- SHUFELDT, R. W. 1891. Fossil birds from the Equus beds of Oregon. Amer. Naturalist, vol. 25, no. 297, pp. 818-821.
- . 1892. A study of the fossil avifauna of the Equus beds of the Oregon desert. Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, vol. 9, pp. 389-425, pls. 15-17.
- WETMORE, ALEXANDER. 1956. A check-list of the fossil and prehistoric birds of North America and the West Indies. Smithsonian Misc. Coll., vol. 131, no. 5, pp. 1-105.

Department of Biology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.



Brodkorb, Pierce. 1964. "A new name for *Fulica minor* Shufeldt." *Quarterly journal of the Florida Academy of Sciences* 27, 186–186.

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/129619>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/91652>

Holding Institution

Smithsonian Libraries and Archives

Sponsored by

Biodiversity Heritage Library

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: In Copyright. Digitized with the permission of the rights holder.

License: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/>

Rights: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/permissions/>

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.