

**Official Correction: *Canis cinereoargenteus* Schreber, 1775 (currently *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*; Mammalia, Carnivora): the publication date amended**

A letter was received from Anthea Gentry at 'Littlewood', Copyhold Lane, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 5EB, U.K. in October 2012 requesting an amendment to the entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for *Canis cinereoargenteus* Schreber, 1775 to record that the correct publication date is 1775 and not 1776 as stated on the Official List and in Opinion 384 (Opinions and Declarations: **12**: 71–190, April 1956).

Anthea Gentry provided the following information:

1. The publication of Schreber's work *Die Säugethiere in Abbildungen nach der Natur mit Beschreibungen* was complicated with portions of text and plates appearing at different times. The publication dates were worked out and published by Sherborn (1891).

2. The text in which the grey fox from Central and North America and the northern part of South America was described, and the name *Canis argenteus* published, was on page 361 of Schreber's work. Sherborn gives the date for this as 1776. The fox was illustrated on plate 92 and the name *C. cinerereargenteus* was used. Sherborn gives the date for this plate as 1775. The name *cinereoargenteus* is available from the plate by indication (Article 12 of the Code). Schreber himself ascribes the name *cinereoargenteus* on the plate to Brisson but Brisson's (1762) *Regnum Animale* is incompletely binominal and was rejected for nomenclatural purposes in Opinion 1894 (BZN **55**: 64–71, March 1998) except for the conservation of 11 mammal generic names in use (one generic name, *Odobenus* Brisson, 1762 had already been conserved in Opinion 467, Opinions and Declarations: **16**: 73–88, May 1957).

3. Another illustration of a fox, titled *Canis virginianus*, was published on plate 92B by Schreber. Sherborn gives the date for this as 1776. The name was also used on p. 361 but appeared there as a vernacular name only. Elliot (1901) designated *C. virginianus* as the type species of the genus *Urocyon* Baird, 1857 (pp. 121, 138). *Canis cinereoargenteus* and *C. virginianus* have long been synonymised (see Opinion 384).

4. The composition of the relevant parts of Schreber's work, as set out by Sherborn (1891), are:

(a) Theil 2, Heft 13, pages 223–230, plates 81–92; 1775

(b) Theil 3, Heft 21, pages 353–376, plates 92B, 139–145; 1776.

5. The name *Canis cinereoargenteus* Schreber was placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology as the valid name for the type species of *Urocyon* Baird, 1857 in Opinion 384 (April 1956). It was incorrectly given the date 1776.

6. The specific name of *Canis cinereoargenteus* has been used in the literature with the correct authorship and date of Schreber (1775). Publications include Clutton-Brock, Corbet & Hills (1976, p. 159), Fritzell & Haroldson (1982, p. 1) and Wozencraft (2005, p. 582).

In accordance with Article 80.4 of the Code, which states that the Commission can publish an Official Correction of an error or omission in an Opinion without further vote when the correction does not negate the Opinion or its consequences, notice is hereby given that entry of the name *cinereoargenteus*, *Canis*, Schreber on the Official