

Correct Authorship of Pomatostomidae

WALTER E. BOLES

Division of Vertebrate Zoology, Australian Museum, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia

Sibley, Ahlquist, and Monroe (1988, *Auk* 105: 409) presented a phylogeny of the birds of the world, including a list of their newly erected names for family-group taxa (p. 422). Among these was the Pomatostomidae, resulting from the authors' segregation of the Australo-Papuan pseudobabblers *Pomatostomus* in a monogeneric family. However, this name, based on the same type-genus, has been proposed previously by Schodde (1975, Interim list of Australian song-

birds: passerines, Melbourne, Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, p. 33) as the Pomatostominae, a subfamily within the Timaliidae. Thus, the name formed by Sibley et al. is an objective junior synonym of that of Schodde, with whom original authorship rests.

Received 19 December 1988, accepted 19 December 1988.