Inundicola Bravo, Isler, and Brumfield 2013 is a junior synonym of Akletos Dunajewski 1948 (Aves: Passeriformes: Thamnophilidae)

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In examining the history of generic names given to species in the polytypic genus Myrmeciza (Isler et al. 2013), we did not uncover the genus Akletos. This name had been applied by Dunajewski (1948) to a new species, Akletos peruvianus, represented by a single specimen collected by Fiedler on 16 March 1934 at what is now Cumaría, Ucayali, Peru, and deposited in the Museum and Institute of Zoology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (MIZ 34107). The species was said to be similar to Attila Lesson, which at the time was placed in the family Cotingidae. The holotype was later identified as Myrmeciza melanoceps by Stresemann (Mayr 1956) as reported by Mlíkovský (2009) who also confirmed the identification. To provide further confirmation and documentation, Dominika Mierzwa of the Museum and Institute of Zoology of the Polish Academy of Sciences provided digital photographs of the type, clearly a female, an example of which is included herein.

Thus, the generic name Inundicola Bravo, Isler, and Brumfield 2013 is a junior synonym of Akletos Dunajewski 1948. The generic descriptions provided in Isler et al. 2013 are amended as follows.

Akletos Dunajewski 1948

Type species. Akletos peruvianus Dunajewski = Thamnophilus melanoceps Spix, 1825.

Included species. Akletos melanoceps (Spix) WHITE-SHOULDERED ANT BIRD.
Akletos goeldii (Snethlage) GOELDI’S ANT BIRD.
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