



From sponges to primates: emendation of 30 species nomina dedicated to the Swedish zoologist Einar Lönnberg

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Axel Johan Einar Lönnberg (1865–1942)

In 1891 Axel Johan Einar Lönnberg became a Doctor of Science and a Fellow of Zoology at the University of Uppsala. From 1904 to 1933, he served as head of the Vertebrate Department of the Royal Natural History Museum of Stockholm where after his expeditions around the world he worked the collected material himself. Although he was specialized in ornithology and the fauna of his homecountry Sweden, Lönnberg worked on so many different zoological groups “*that since the days of Linnaeus hardly anyone has known so much about so many branches in zoology as Lönnberg*” (Anonymous 1943). One of his special interests was to educate his Swedish countrymen about their native animals and he accomplished this during many years as editor and multiple author of the journal *Fauna och Flora*.

Etymology of the family name Lönnberg

The current and former versions of the *Code* (Art. 32.5.2.1) request that diacritic vocals (*ä*, *ö* and *ü*) in zoological nomina (usage of terms *nomen* and *nomina* as proposed by Dubois 2000) of German origin published before 1985 need to be emended to *ae*, *oe* or *ue*. Lönnberg is not listed in the dictionary of German family names (Kohlheim 2005) nor does Lönn or Lönnberg have a meaning in the German language. Lönnberg is a typical family name in Sweden (Brylla pers. comm.) and the way of forming family names by adding ‘-berg’ as termination is very common in Swedish surnames and is combined with names of places or other words (Brylla 2007). There are some villages and parishes in Sweden that might be related to the etymology of Lönnberg as a family name: Lönneberga in the county of Småland, Lönsboda in the county of Skåne, Lönsås in the county of Östergötland. Lönn is the Swedish name of the maple-trees (genus *Acer*) referred to in the first element of these geographical names (Brylla pers. comm.). It is concluded that Lönnberg is not a German name but of Swedish origin.

Emendation

Being Lönnberg a family name of Swedish origin taxon nomina originally written with the diacritic *ö* have to be changed to spelling with a simple *o*. Table 1 in this paper provides all nomina affected and all these are hereby emended to a spelling with simple *o*. All nomina dedicated to Einar Lönnberg that have been originally spelled with *oe* or *o* need to be maintained without change, as the respective original spelling is considered to be the correct one (Art. 32.2). These nomina are provided in Table 2 of this paper. Many of the original papers are nearly unknown nowadays and even the bibliographical data sometimes could only be gathered after intense searches. Therefore a complete list of the original descriptions is provided with the references.