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Dates of publication of the *Zoology* parts of the *Report of the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger During the Years 1873–76*

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Abstract

The dates of publication and exact titles of the 83 parts of the *Zoology* of the *Report of the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger During the Years 1873–76* are presented. Exact dates of publication for 71 of these parts have been determined using notices of their publication in contemporary publications. The dates of publication of the two *Narrative* volumes of the voyage of the H.M.S. *Challenger* (which contain available indications of new names) are also determined.

Key words: H.M.S. *Challenger*, Britain, expedition, voyage, collation, dating, ICZN

Introduction

The multi-volume *Report of the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger During the Years 1873–76* has been described as “the most productive deep sea expedition, both in terms of new knowledge acquired and of the number of new species described” (Lingwood 1969: 71). Despite the importance of the *Reports*, no studies have discussed the dates of publication of the *Zoology* volumes of the *Report of the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger During the Years 1873–76* (hereafter the *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger*), which comprise 32 of the 50 volumes of the entire *Reports* series. Murray (1895: xxiv) stated that the *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger* were bound in “forty volumes”, and this listing of eight additional ‘volumes’ can be accounted for by the fact that volumes 22, 51, 52, 53 were divided into two volumes each (one of text and one of plates) and volumes 40 and 67 were divided into three volumes each (two of text and one of plates) (see Table 1).

In Table 1, we provide the dates of publication and exact titles of the parts of the *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger* (Figs. 1, 2), as well as the two *Narrative* volumes which contain available indications of new names (see Frogliani & Clark 2011). The *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger* was published in 83 parts which, with the exception of the last, are contained in the 32 volumes of the *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger* (Table 1). It should be noted that while volumes of the *Zoology* of H.M.S. *Challenger* were published chronologically, the parts were not (Table 1).

Brief History and Description of the Work

The *Reports* of the *Challenger* Expedition comprise studies on physics, chemistry, meteorology, geology, petrology, botany, and zoology. These are found in 50 royal quarto volumes published from 1880–1895.