THE AUTHORSHIP OF *RISSA BREVIROSTRIS* (AVES: LARIDAE)

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However, Bruch (1853) attributed the specific name *brevirostris* to “Brandt”, i.e. Johann Friedrich von Brandt (1802–1879), curator of zoological collections of the Imperial Cabinet in St. Petersburg, Russia (now Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences), not to himself. Bruch (1853) did not cite the reference to Brandt’s paper, as was the custom of his time, and this might have been the reason why subsequent authors assumed that Bruch has perhaps used a name invented by Brandt, but not published by him.

My search of literature showed that Brandt (1837: col. 503) introduced the specific name *brevirostris* in a manner required by the ICZN (1999), well before Bruch (1853), in the well-known German journal *Isis*, in the binomen *Larus brevirostris*. Thus, the correct citation of the scientific name of the Red-legged Kittiwake is *Larus brevirostris* Brandt, 1837. This correction of the authorship has no effect on the stability of zoological nomenclature.


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