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

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The Red-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa brevirostris*, is a well-known gull species of the northern part of the Pacific Ocean (Ůdin, Firsova, 1988; del Hoyo, Collar 2014). Its scientific name is generally attributed to Bruch (1853: 103) (e.g. Vaurie, 1965: 482; Ůdin, Firsova, 1988: 226; Stepanân, 2003: 255; Koblik et al., 2006: 123; Dickinson, Remsen, 2013: 225; del Hoyo, Collar 2014: 456).

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.

Note: The nomenclature follows ICZN (1999). The Cyrillic script was transliterated into

the Latin script following the official ISO 9:1995 = GOST 2000 standards (https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_9).

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