

Nomenclature Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature. Specific responsibilities of the committee include 1) serving an advisory role and providing support to the American Association of Zoological Nomenclature, 2) providing advice and guidance to Society members regarding questions on taxonomy and nomenclature, 3) informing membership of rulings of the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN), which affect mammalian nomenclature, and 4) proving an opinion on the effect of rulings by ICZN on taxonomic practices when requested.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee has assisted the Editor of the Journal of Mammalogy with manuscripts involving descriptions of new species as well as those containing extensive taxonomic revisions.

(2) The Committee also has reviewed synonymies and nomenclature for Mammalian Species.

(3) The Committee has fielded questions from ASM members at large as well as non-members, in questions related to mammalian taxonomy.

(4) A manuscript was published in the Journal of Mammalogy based in part on the discussions held at a workshop during the 2022 meeting in Tucson titled “Describing a new species of mammal and constructing a synonymy.” The paper, *Best practices for the naming of species*, effort was spearheaded by past committee chair Norris, past ASM President Timm, and current committee chair Ruedas, and published online 14 November 2024 and in the April issue of the Journal of Mammalogy (106(2):522–530; <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyae113>).

(5) The Committee continues to field requests for information from the Publications Committee and via the ASM website.

Respectfully submitted,

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