

Claea, a new replacement name for *Oreias* Sauvage, 1874 (Teleostei: Nemacheilidae)

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The name *Oreias* was created by Sauvage (1874: 334) for a new genus of loaches from “eastern Tibet”. Its type species is *Oreias dabryi* Sauvage, 1874: 334, by monotypy.

Oreias Sauvage is a junior homonym of *Oreias* Kaup, 1829: 177, 193 in *Aves*, and of *Oreias* Temminck, in Temminck & Laugier, 1838: 108 in *Aves*. Therefore a replacement name is needed for *Oreias* Sauvage.

There is presently no junior synonym of *Oreias* Sauvage, 1874 and I establish here *Claea* as new replacement name.

Sauvage did not explain the etymology of the name *Oreias*, but it is the ancient Greek word *Ορειάς*, meaning an Oreiad, a nymph of the mountain. Nymphs were minor goddesses of nature, each associated to a specific mountain. To continue Sauvage’s idea, I use the name of one of these Oreiads as replacement name. *Claea* (Κλαία) is the Oreiad nymph of a sacred cave on Mount Kalathion in Messenia. I choose *Claea* because the names of almost all others Oreiads have already been used as genus names. The grammatical gender is feminine.

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