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Systematization of some names of birds in the Tatar language (On the example of the Sandgrouse family)

Abstract

The current article aims at unifying ornithonyms of a particular family presented in different ways in various lexicographic sources. To achieve this goal, a review of the dictionaries of interest was carried out, their data were compared and analyzed, and a new terminology was proposed, corresponding to the most recent classification of taxa. According to the system we developed, the names of the genera of birds of the Sandgrouse family are reduced to two lexemes – *саҗа* (*saja*) and *болдырык* (*boldyryk*). To designate certain types, names were specified with words denoting a relevant feature of a particular type. In addition, the article discusses the etymology of terms, their distribution and meanings in various languages. Erroneous etymologies are also indicated. The research results might be useful in compiling new dictionaries of the Tatar language, as well as biology coursebooks in the Tatar language.

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