

Dates of Publication of Mikan's Flora and Fauna of Brazil.—The work entitled *Delectus Florae et Faunae Brasiliensis jussu et Auspiciis Francisci I. Austriae Imperatoris Investigatae*, by J. C. Mikan (born in Töplitz, Dec. 5, 1769, Professor of Natural History and Botany at the University of Prague, died in Prague, Dec. 28, 1844), which appeared in four parts, is usually cited as 1820-1825; and Sherborn in the Bibliography for his *Index Animalium 1801-1850* (Part 1, 1922, p. xc), remarks that the actual dates of the four parts were to him unknown.

A fine copy of this rare work acquired recently by the library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture contains the original covers for parts 1, 2 and 4, each bearing the year of publication from which the dates for the various names there first published may be established.

Each fascicle of Mikan's work comprised six plates, and six sheets of explanatory text, all unnumbered. The subjects treated were various, but included five plates containing birds. Following is a collation of the four parts:

Fasciculus Primus, Vindobonae, 1820.

Botanicae:

Stiftia chrysantha.
Conchocarpus macrophyllus.
Dichorisandra thyrsiflora.

Fasciculus Secundus, 1822.

Botanicae:

*Vellozia candida.*¹
*Esterházya splendida.*²
Oxalis rusciformis.

Fasciculus Quartus, 1825.

Botanicae:

Helicteres brasiliensis.
Passiflora amethystina.
Gloxinia Schottii.

Fasciculus Tertius, the cover for which is lacking, was published in 1823, since Dr. C. W. Richmond has found a statement regarding Mikan's work in the *Flora Regensb.* for Nov. 7, 1823, to the effect that "ist das dritte Heft erschienen." It contained the following:

Botanicae:

Griffinia hyacinthina.
Metternichia Principis.
Echites tenuifolia.

Zoologicae:

Lanius undulatus.
Emys radiolata.
Coluber Natteri et leucocephalus.

Zoologicae:

Corvus tricolor Natterer.³
Caecilia annulata.
*Hamadryas Reinwardti.*⁴

Zoologicae:

Tanagra chalybea Natterer.⁵
Tanagra diademata Natterer.⁶
Emys Maximiliani.

Zoologicae:

Castnia Schreibersi.
Oxyrhynchus serratus.
Jacchus chrysopygus Natterer.⁶

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¹ The plate is lettered *Vellozia*.

² The cover is lettered *Esterházya*, but both plate and text read *Esterházya*.

³ The authority for the name is given in text and on plate, but not on cover.

⁴ The plate is lettered *Morpho Reinwardti*.

⁵ The authority for this name is given in the text, but not on plate or cover.

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