

Taxonomic Vandalism

Grant Webster and Ian Bool

Two amateur zoologists, masquerading as scientists have just bootlegged the work of Hoser (2020) to attempt to illegally rename the frog genus *Wellingtondella* Hoser, 2020, as *Anstisia* Webster and Bool, 2022.

The two thieves even stooped so low as to cite the Wuster *et al.* (2012) rant, better known as Kaiser *et al.* (2013) as their justification.

Recall the ICZN squashed that plan in 2021 by voting against Kaiser *et al.* and Rhodin *et al.* (2015).

It goes without saying that the fake science was published in the notorious online PRINO (Peer reviewed in name only) "journal" *Zootaxa*!

The lying thieves even went so far as stealing the work of Hoser (2020), relying on the same diagnostic characters as Hoser, but being so low as to not even cite the work from where they stole their alleged new discovery!

If this is not the lowest form of fake science possible, then who knows what is?

By way of example of the plagiarisation Hoser (2020) wrote:

"*Geocrinia* (both subgenera) are separated from *Wellingtondella* *gen. nov.* by having diphasic calls"

Webster and Bool (2022) in effectively lifting their material directly from the Hoser work wrote:

"*Geocrinia* species can be identified by a call consisting of two distinct note types (biphasic)"

Webster has made numerous breaches of the Australian Copyright Act (1968), including Sections 36, 115, 189, 190, 193, 194, 195 and numerous sections of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* including the most important mandatory rule being "Article 23. Principle of Priority" (all sections).

See his lying posts on Facebook on the following pages and also note that he deleted my own correcting post on his thread within seconds of it being posted.

He has peddled his lie worldwide in the weeks since, including via The Guardian Newspaper and at least three Museum websites, obviously unaware of his acts of theft and plagiarisation.

The serial liar, Grant Webster has also engaged in a very public campaign of vilification and defamation of Raymond Hoser, with numerous false claims in order to justify his illegal acts of thieving from his work and breaking numerous publishing laws.



Grant Webster

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FIGURE 6. The species of *Geocrinia* Blake 1973 in life. A) *G. laevis*, from Cradle Mountain, Tasmania; B) *G. victoriana*, from Eden, New South Wales; and C) *G. laei*, from Pemberton, Western Australia. Photographs by G. Webster.

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Lukas Worthy
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Like Reply 1h





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FIGURE 7. The species of *Anaxipha* gen. nov. in life: A) *A. rosea*, from Pemberton, Western Australia; B) *A. ibota*, from Wilkesia, Western Australia; C) *A. alba*, from Wilkesia, Western Australia; and D) *A. collina*, from Georgetown, Western Australia. Photographs by G. Webster.

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Tamara Brooks Venables Yes, for sure, a bit of background this project was undertaken entirely by Ian and myself in our own time with no money other than our own - FATS stepped in with some funding at very last minute towards getting the paper published.

Like Reply 4d



Tamara Brooks Venables

Grant Webster sadly this seems to be the norm across the enviro/scientific community, and is a national disgrace! Well done to you both, great to see such a rewarding outcome 🍷

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Thanks **Tamara!**

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Grant Webster
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Susan Webster

Congratulations to Grant Webster, Ian Boole and Dr Marion Anstis on such an exciting movement in history 🙌 😊 🙌



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Scott Eipper

Great work guys, thanks for the extra work 😊

Like Reply 3d



Grant Webster

Scott Eipper thanks mate and no worries! 😊

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Write a reply...



Damien Esquerre

Congrats Grant!!

Like Reply 3d



Simon Brown

Congratulations, great work and nice tribute

Like Reply 3d



Jon Lawrence

outstndng work

Like Reply 3d



Jon Lawrence

if you were outstanding in a frog pond would you be knee deep, kneedeep.

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Jon Lawrence

Oh for fear of a flood. You might have to





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Grant Webster
Jon Lawrence I hope you've got a book of all these written up somewhere Jon!

Like Reply 2d



Jon Lawrence
Yep, I must seek to maintain further punishment for those that follow should I croak.

Like Reply 2d



Jon Lawrence
Grant, remeber you said you might name a frog or toad after me. A particularly ugly, slimy, poisonous, and horrible one will do nicely

Like Reply 2d



Write a reply...



Allison Beggell
HUGE **Congratulations** to all involved 🙌🏆

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Heo Jiman
Congrats Great work!!

Like Reply 3d



Lana Winters
Congratulations Grant!! What a great achievement. 😄👏🏆

Like Reply 3d



Adam Parsons
Never doubted your passion **Grant**. Great work. A well deserved tribute for **Marion**.

Like Reply 3d



Kevin Woods
Congratulations. Well done to all involved

Like Reply 3d



John Thomson
Congratulations

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Francis Lemckert

I will need to keep this in mind for the next ASH quiz. Well done Grant and Marion will no doubt be chuffed.



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Marion Anstis

Francis Lemckert Ha ha, and still a bit embarrassed!

Like Reply 2d



Write a reply...



Chris Bennett

Thats a very amazing and beautiful thing you ppl have done for your colleague...thank you very much on their behalf...you all rock..xc



Like Reply 3d



Jeff Jeff

This is an amazing achievement! Good on you!! You are the most knowledgeable person I know when it comes to frogs!



Like Reply 3d



Jared James

Holy shit this is so cool. Nice work Grant and team thats amazing 🍷 🍷 🍷



Like Reply 3d



Nicholas Yu

Congratulations Grant! Well done mate.



Like Reply 3d



Des Webster

Fantastic achievement Grant. You've come along way from chasing striped marsh frogs down the local creek about 25 years ago. I'm immensely proud.



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Grant Webster

Des Webster Thanks dad, gotta start somewhere!

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Marion Anstis

Grant Webster Yes, and I remember saying to you one day when you were bemoaning certain taxonomic situations, to get out there and do some yourself!!

Like Reply 2d



Grant Webster

Marion Anstis I'm pretty sure your autograph in my copy of 'Tadpoles of South-eastern Australia' says "Keep at it, you'll be an expert soon!". That was when I was about 12 or 13 years old!

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Write a reply...



Callum Stark

Glad all your hard work has paid off! Also glad "they" never muscled you out. Proud of you mate!

Like Reply 2d



Vicki Caruana

well done, such important work

Like Reply 2d



Phil Newman

Such a great story to hear we are adding species rather than writing them off as extinct, well done Grant, you give us renewed hope.

Like Reply 2d



Marion Anstis

Well done Grant, it has been a long slog! Thanks for the recognition.

Like Reply 2d



Grant Webster

Thanks **Marion**, it was a real honour and privilege to be able to acknowledge you in this way - especially after everything you have taught me!

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Michelle Toms
Grant Webstisia next? 😊

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Grant Webster
Michelle Toms if Marion sets the standard for generic recognition I've got a lot do before I'd be worthy of that!

Like Reply 23h



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David Robertson
Fantastic work Grant - that's amazing

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