

## LIVRAISON DATES

Dating of livraisons is fairly straightforward (see Table 1). The *Biblphie. Fr.* dates livraisons 1-28, 30, and (46-50), adding particulars of editions in the early reports and making quite clear that a wrapper and ten plates were the total issued. No identification of plates is given. For livraison 20 it notes: "plus un Tableau". The *tableau* has not been seen but, at a guess, it may reproduce the table of the situation at livraison 19 given above.

The quarterly issues of *Annls. Soc. ent. Fr.*, which fortunately commenced in 1832, contained a *Bulletin* listing publications in the previous three months. They record livraisons 17-42, again without contents; ceasing when Guérin resigned. The overlap with *Biblphie. Fr.* is noteworthy because the *Annales* reports, although quarterly and so, one would expect, late, are from one to three months early for livraisons 24 onwards. It is here assumed that the reason for this is the author presenting advance review copies to the Société, and the *Biblphie. Fr.* dates are accepted for validity. For this reason livraisons 31-42, dated only by the *Annales* source, have here been arbitrarily postdated by up to three months in the final table below.

Livraisons 43-45 remain to be fixed. We know that the last livraison contained plates dated up to "Mai 1837". We have seen that the *Comptes Rendus* treated the plates as having been completed in 1837, and there are several similar independent statements. We know that the wrapper of livraison 45 forecast the text as due in March 1838 and can expect that to have allowed an appreciable interval. There seems every justification for dating livraison 45 at [Dec. 1837] and expecting it may have been somewhat earlier.

The *Mag. nat. Hist.* (see Table 1, section 4) supports the dating of livraison 44 in September 1837, whence livraison 43 may provisionally be placed in August 1837. Although the *Annales* gave "43" in March 1836, that was undoubtedly an error for 42, and moreover probably represented a preview copy. Livraison 42 is placed in April 1836 with fair certainty. The last four livraisons contained a high proportion of Crustacean plates and the literature for that Class may contain some clues. The gap of over a year between livraisons 42 and 43 is supported by the fact that plates occur bearing dates monthly up to and after, but not between, September 1835 and October 1836.

## A SECOND EDITION

No catalogue listing a second edition has been found. Yet Guérin himself frequently referred to figures "wrongly named in the first issue of plates, which have been corrected in our second edition". (Ins.: pp. 22, 34, 115, 132, 308, 322, 387, 398, 413, 453, 496, 536, 543, etc.) No copies of revised plates have been seen. It is possible that nomenclatural problems may occur. All references seen are to plates dated before July 1835 or undated.

An otherwise inexplicable series of reports of livraisons placing them up to 18 months late may refer to this edition. The *Comptes Rendus* (see end of Table 1) weekly bibliographical lists report livraison 37 onwards, the "lateness" as compared with the *Annales* reports decreasing from 18 months at first to two months for livraison 42, and actually being negative for the text by two weeks against the *Biblphie. Fr.* This date of 26 August 1844 for the text may also be subjected to two weeks "preview allowance" to bring it to 7 September 1844. It was undoubtedly only the plates which had the "second edition".