

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections for BP 52 (3)

The Oman stamps were issued in 2002, not 2003.

INDIGO-WINGED PARROT - Catalog number is 074.289, not 079.289, and the stamp was issued in 2003.

ASIAN DESERT WARBLER - Value is 3000 rials (as shown on the stamp), not 2000 rials.

New Birds

IBEROMESORNIS, *Iberomesornis romeralli* Subclass Enantiornithis
Family Iberomesornithidae (000.550)
Equatorial Guinea, 2001, 244b, 500 francs

An extinct bird (or perhaps dinosaur) from the Early Cretaceous Period. This subclass became extinct with the dinosaurs. Iberomesornis was toothed and had an eight-foot wingspan.

Habitat: near water.

Range: The only specimen was found in Spain in 1998.

Reference: BBC - Walking with Dinosaurs - Fact Files.

TYTTHOSTONYX, *Tytthostonyx glauconiticus* Pelecanoididae
(000.560) Gambia, 1999, 2139g, 3 dalasys

An extinct diving petrel from the Late Cretaceous & Early Paleocene periods.

Habitat: pelagic.

Range: The only specimen was found in New Jersey in 1987.

Reference: Olson, S. L. and D. R. Parris. The Cretaceous Birds of New Jersey.

BRAZILIAN TEAL, *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Anatidae (027.065)
Venezuela, 1996, Duck Stamp, 1200 bolivars

Length: 14 to 16 inches, resident. The male (bird on the right) is brown, paler below with red bill and legs and gray cheeks and neck; the female (bird on the left) is similar with white spots on the forecrown.

Habitat: inland pools and wooded lakes.

Range: Eastern Colombia to northern Argentina.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of

the World, Volume 1.

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE, *Tympanuchus phasianellus* Tetraonidae
(036.015)

Saskatchewan, 2001, Hunting Stamp

Length: 26 to 39 inches, sexes alike but male has inflatable purplish neck sacs, resident. Pale speckled brown with a black eyestripe and pointed tail.

Habitat: open areas and forest clearings.

Range: Alaska to northern New Mexico and Michigan..

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 2.

YELLOW-LEGGED BUTTONQUAIL, *Turnix tanki* Turnicidae (042.004)

China (Taiwan), 2003, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes similar but the female is larger, partially migratory. Grayish above and rufous below with black spotting and yellow legs and bill.

Habitat: grassy areas, scrub and bamboo thickets.

Range: Breeds from Russian Far East to India and Vietnam; winters in the southern part of its range.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

GREEN-THROATED MANGO, *Anthracocorax viridigula* Trochilidae (086.058)

Surinam, 2003, not yet cataloged, 5400 guildens

Length: 4 to 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a glittering green throat and velvet black central breast and belly; the female is white below with a black central stripe.

Habitat: coastal mangroves and marshy savanna.

Range: Trinidad to northeastern Brazil

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World,

Volume 5.

WHITE-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH, *Garrulax albogularis*

Timaliidae (149.006)

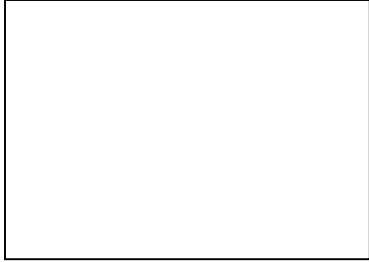
China (Taiwan), 2003, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive brown above and ochraceous below with a white throat, black lores and tawny forehead.

Habitat: forests and fields.

Range: Pakistan to northern Vietnam and Taiwan.

Reference: Ali, S. and S. D. Ripley. Handbook of the Birds of India and Pakistan, Volumes 6 and 7.



MONGOLIAN GROUND-JAY, *Podoces hendersoni* Corvidae
(189.067)

Mongolia, 2001, 2503b, 200 tugriks

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Fawn with patchy wings, long curved bill and bluish-black crown and nape.

Habitat: bushes and shrubs in arid areas.

Range: Kazakhstan to Inner Mongolia.

Reference: D. Goodwin. Crows of the World.

BLUE MOUNTAIN VIREO, *Vireo osburni* Vireonidae (195.015)

Jamaica, 2003, not yet cataloged, \$60

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and pale yellow below with a heavy black bill and reddish eyes.

Habitat: mountain forests.

Range: Mountains of Jamaica.

Reference: Downer, A. and R. Sutton. Birds of Jamaica.

JAMAICAN BLACKBIRD, *Nesopsar nigerrimus* Icteridae (204.013)

Jamaica, 2003, not yet cataloged, \$30

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. All black except dark brown eyes. The brown bird in the lower center is an immature bird.

Habitat: mountain rain forest.

Range: Jamaica.

Reference: Downer, A. and R. Sutton. Birds of Jamaica.

JAMAICAN SPINDALIS, *Spindalis nigricephala* Thraupidae (195.015)
Jamaica, 2003, not yet cataloged, \$15

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive yellow with a boldly striped black and white head, black wings with white streaking and an orange rump; the female is olive gray above and olive yellow below with mottled head stripes and a small orange breast patch.

Habitat: forest and bushes.

Range: Jamaica.

Reference: Downer, A. and R. Sutton. Birds of Jamaica.

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ARMENIAN GULL, *Larus armenicus* Laridae (067.024)

Armenia, 2003, not yet cataloged, 220 d

Length: 23 to 24 inches, sexes alike, migratory. White head with gray mantle and upperwings and a dark yellow bill with a narrow subterminal black band and a red spot.

Habitat: breeds at mountain lakes, winters at inland and coastal waters.

Range: Breeds in the Caucasus; winters on the southeastern Black Sea, eastern Mediterranean and northern Red Sea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

JOSEPHINE'S LORIKEET, *Charmosyna josefinae* Psittacidae (074.048)

Somalia, 1999, Michel 749, 3300s

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is red with a black hindcrown, belly and thighs and orange bill and legs; the female is similar but with a yellow rump patch.

Habitat: forest, forest edges and partly cultivated land.

Range: Western and central New Guinea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 4.

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET, *Aratinga leucophthalmus* Psittacidae (074.211)

Paraguay, 2003, not yet cataloged, 4000 guaranis

Length: 13 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, paler below with red flacks on the head and neck and a bare grayish-white orbital ring.

Habitat: forests, forest edges, gallery woodland and savanna.

Range: Guianas to northern Argentina.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 4.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER, *Todirostrum cinereum* Tyrannidae (116.175)

Grenada, 2003, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 3.6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and yellow below and wing edgings, a pale iris and black face and black tail with white tips.

Habitat: shrubs and bushes.

Range: Mexico to Peru and eastern Brazil.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume II.

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR, *Oenanthe finschii*, Muscicapidae (142.240)

Cyprus (Turkish), 2003, not yet cataloged, 100 lira (and other values)

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is white with a black face, throat, wings and T on the tail; the female is much duller and gray above.

Habitat: desert and nearby cultivated areas.

Range: Breeds from Turkey to western Pakistan; winters in the southern part of its range, Egypt and Cyprus.

Reference: Heinzel, H., R. Fitter and J. Parslow. The Birds of Britain and Europe.

SAGE THRASHER, *Oreoscoptes montanus* Mimidae (136.016)

Mozambique, 2002, not yet cataloged, 33000 m

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and streaked white below with two white wingbars and a yellow eye.

Habitat: sagebrush.

Range Breeds in British Columbia and western U. S; winters in southwestern U.S. and Mexico.

Reference: Robbins, C. S., B. Bruun and H.S. Zim. A Guide to Field Identification, Birds of North America.

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO, *Vireolanus leucotis* Vireonidae (195.056)

Grenada, 2003, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 5.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive green above and yellow below with a slaty cap, bold gray and yellow patterned face and heavy bill.

Habitat: humid forest canopy.

Range: Western Colombia and southern Venezuela to Bolivia and northern Brazil.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume I.