

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Note: The illustrations in this continuing column have not been the best quality for some time. There are plenty of programs available for doing work of this nature but some of us are either not as computer literate as others might be, or had not obtained suitable programs for our computers. I have tried in this issue to rectify the situation, but the scale of the pictures might not be exactly the same as the stamp. Of course, enlargement will help some illustrations, but not others. Hopefully, you will be patient with us while we try to come up with a better product.

Corrections

Glenn Mertz has identified more than 100 discrepancies in bird identifications from various sources. Most of these do not affect our Philatelic Aviary; those that do are summarized below. New species are written up in the main section.

The correct identification of Tanzania, 1994, 1105c, 50s is Brown Snake-Eagle, *Circaetus cinereus*. The identification as African Marsh-Harrier, *Circus ranivorus*, in BP 43 (4), page 247 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Maldives, 1997, 2201, 1r is Crowned Eagle, *Harpyhalietus coronatus*. The identification as Solitary Eagle, *Harpyhalietus solitarius*, in BP 47, page 84 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of British Solomon Islands, 1939, 77, 2/6 is Melanesian Scrubfowl, *Megapodius eremita*. The identification as Dusky Scrubfowl, *Megapodius freycinet* in Handbook 106, page 58 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary. The Melanesian Scrubfowl is also found on Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023e, \$7.50 (BP 56, page 33).

The correct scientific name of the Oriental Cuckoo on Micronesia, 1994, 201a, 29 cents is *Cuculus optatus*, not *Cuculus saturatus* as in BP 44, page 177.

The correct identification on Bhutan, 1989, SS795, 25 nu is Crested Treeswift, *Hemiprocne coronatus*. The identification as Gray-rumped Treeswift, *Hemiprocne longipennis* in BP 39, page 29 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Micronesia, 1991, 149e, 29 cents is Caroline Islands Swiftlet, *Aerodramus inquietus*. The identification as Uniform Swiftlet, *Collocalia vanikorensis* (BP 42, page 42) is incorrect and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Bhutan, 1999, SS1266, 100nu is Ward's Trogon, *Harpactes wardi*. The identification as Red-headed Trogon, *Harpactes erythrocephalus* in BP 49, page 94 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Somalia, 1980, 491, 1 shilling is Pygmy Batis, *Batis perkeo* as indicated in Handbook 106, page 152. The later identification as Gray-headed Batis, *Batis orientalis*, is incorrect and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of China (Taiwan), 1997, 3152f, \$5 is Pere David's Laughingthrush, *Garrulax davidi*. The identification as Giant Babax, *Babax waddelli*, (BP 47, page 214) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of China (Taiwan), 2003, 3509, \$5 is Black-throated Laughingthrush, *Garrulax chinensis*. The identification as White-throated Laughingthrush, *Garrulax albogularis* (BP 52, page 174 and 53, page 18) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Micronesia, 2001, 465c, 60 cents is Red-billed Leiothrix, *Leiothrix lutea*. The identification as Flame-templed Babbler, *Stachyris speciosa*, is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Botswana, 1982, 304, 2t is Miombo Sunbird, *Cinnyris manoensis*. The identification as Southern Double-collared Sunbird, *Cinnyris chalybeus*, in Handbook 106, page 39 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Malaysia, 1997, 608, \$1 is Temminck's Sunbird, *Aethopyga temminckii*. The identification as Scarlet Sunbird, *Aethopyga mysticalis* (BP 46, page 170) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Japan, 1976, 1264, 100 yen is Rook, *Corvus frugilegus*. The identification as Large-billed Crow, *Corvus macrorhynchos*, in Handbook 106, page 184 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

Ornithological Updates



The Mediterranean Shearwater has been split into two species, both of which are on stamps:

LEVANTINE SHEARWATER, *Puffinus yelkouan*

Procellariidae (011.067)

France, 1997, 2562, 4.5 francs and

Bosnia Herzegovina, 2000, Yvert 163, 1m

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark above and brownish-washed white below with white extending from the chin to the sides of the breast.

Habitat: inshore waters.

Range: Southern France and eastern Algeria to Turkey and Bulgaria.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.





BALEARIC SHEARWATER, *Puffinus mauritanicus* Procellariidae (011.068)

Spain, 1999, 2980, 100 pesetas

Length: 14 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. dark above and pale below with white patches on the cheeks and sides of the breast.

Habitat: inshore waters.

Range: Balearic Islands, western Mediterranean.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Hand-book of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.



Golden-winged Grosbeak, *Rhynchostruthus socotranus*, found on Socotra and in southwestern Arabia and Somali Grosbeak, *Rhynchostruthus louisae*, found in northern Somalia, which is on Somalia, 1980, 492 and 493a, 2.25 sh (Handbook 106, page 168).

New Birds



WHITE-SHOULDERED IBIS, *Pseudibis davisoni*

Threskiornithidae (024.006)

Cambodia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 3500 riels

Length: 24 to 32 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with white wing patches.

Habitat: wetlands.

Range: Southern Vietnam, Cambodia and Borneo.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.



CROWNED EAGLE, *Harpyhaliaetus coronatus* Accipitridae (030.173)

Maldives, 1997, 2201, 1 r

Length: 30 to 34 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a white band and tip on a black tail.

Habitat: moist Pantanal, dry shrub Chaco and forest.

Range: Southern Brazil and eastern Bolivia to central Argentina.

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

**MELANESIAN SCRUBFOWL, *Megapodius eremita***

Megapodiidae (033.018)

British Solomon Islands, 1939, 77, 2/6

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark gray with a short crest and a bare red face.

Habitat: rain forest.

Range: Admiralty Islands to the Solomons.

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

**CHINESE MONAL, *Lophophorus lhuysii*** Phasianidae (038.115)

China, 2006, 3547, 40f

Length: 30 to 32 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a glossy green head, back and tail and a droopy crest; the female is rufous and black with a pale cere and throat.

Habitat: alpine and subalpine meadows.

Range: Central China.

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

**BAR-WINGED RAIL, *Nesoclopeus***

poecilopterus Rallidae

Fiji, 2007, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Rufous brown above and gray below with yellow legs and a yellow bill, orange at the base.

Habitat: swamps.

Range: Extinct; formerly Solomon Islands and Ovalau and Vita Levu, Fiji. Last reported sighting was 1973.

Reference: Pratt, H. D., P. L. Bruner and D. G. Barrett. A Field Guide to the Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific.