

PARAMO PIPIT, *Anthus bogotensis* Motacillidae (122.031)

Bernera, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Cinnamon-brown above with bold blackish and buff streaks and buff below with sparse dark streaks.

Habitat: upper montane paramo and puna grassland.

Range: Northwetern Venezuela to northwestern Argentina.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds.

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 8.



MARSH WREN, *Cistothorus palustris* Troglodytidae (133.067)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 5 inshes, sexes similar, migratory. White-streaked blackish upper back and buffy below with a barred tail.

Habitat: marshes.

Range: Breeds from Canada to central Mexico; winters in the U.S. and Mexico.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds.

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



GRAY-CAPPED WARBLER, *Eminia lepida* Cisticolidae (137.104) Evnhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike (the upper bird is a juvenle), resident. Olive-green above and gray below with a gray cap, black band around the head and a chestnut chest patch.

Habitat: dense moist undergrowth.

Range: Southern Sudan to northern Tanzania.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of

the Birds of the World, Volume 11.



TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN, Microbates cineiventris Polioptilidae (139.002)

Bernera, 1982, 40 pence

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a rusty face.

Habitat: lower growth of wet humid forest and secondary woodland.

Range: Costa Rica to western Bolivia.

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

World, Volume 11.



SUKATSCHEV'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH, Garrulax

sukatschewi Timaliidae (147.023) China, 2008, not yet cataloged,

Length: 11 to 12 inches, Sexes similar, resident. Dull olive-gray above and dull pinkish-brown below

with black-outlined white cheeks and a fluffy pale buffy rump.

Habitat: bushy understory, scrub and bamboo thickets.

Range: Southwestern China.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.



PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD, *Leptocoma zeylonica* Nectariniidae (164.042)

Eynhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is deep chestnut and metallic green or purple above and pale yellow below with a metallic purple throat; the female is olive-brown above and yellow below with a whitish throat.

Habitat: forest, farms and gardens.

Range: Western Myanmar to Sri Lanka.

Reference: Cheke, R. A., C.F. Mann and R. Allen. Sunbirds.



SOUTHERN BOUBOU, *Laniarius ferrugineus* Malaconotidae (175.021)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike but the female is paler above, resident.

Black above and rufous below with a white wing stripe. Habitat: forest edge, thickets and dense coastal scrub.

Range: Sierra Leone to Sudan and northeastern Angola.

Reference: Sinclair, I. and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.

WHITE HELMETSHRIKE, *Prionops plumatus* Prionopidae (176.001) Staffa, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 7 to 9.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below with a gray head amd white collar and wing stripe.

Habitat: mixed woodland and acacia savanna.

Range: Senegal to Ethiopia and northern South Africa.

Reference: Sinclair, I. and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



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MOUNTAIN PELTOPS, *Peltops montanus* Cracticidae (184.001) Staffa, 1982, 10 pence

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a white cheek and red rump and vent

Habitat: roadsides and forest clearings. Range: New Guinea. Reference: Beehler, B. M., T. K. Pratt and D. A. Zimmerman. Birds of New

Guinea.



WHITE-BROWED SPARROW-WEAVER, *Plocepasser mahali* Ploceidae (190.006) Namibia, 2008, not yet cataloged, postcard rate

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and white below with a broad white brow.

Habitat: acacia savanna and dry woodland.

Range: Southern Sudan to South Africa.

Reference: Sinclair, I. and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



GROSBEAK WEAVER, Amblyospiza albifrons Ploceidae (190.116)

Namibia, 2008, not yet cataloged, inland registered mail

Length: 6 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark brown with a white forehead and small wing patch; the female is whitish below, heavily streaked brown.

Habitat: forest edge and rank vegetation, usually near water.

Range: Liberia to Ethiopia and northeastern South Africa.

Reference: Sinclair, I. and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



BLACK-RUMPED WAXBILL, *Estrilda troglodytes* Estrildidae (191.026)

Guinea, 2008, not yet cataloged, 4500 francs

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, but the female is duller, resident. Light brown above and pale with a pinkish wash below with a graay crown and nape and a redbill and eyestripe.

Habitat: semi-arid savanna.

Range: Senegal to Sudan and western Kenya.

Reference: Sinclair, I. and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (Probable), Hylophilus semicinereus

Vireonidae (193.035)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a gray crown and nape.

Habitat: woodland canopy and borders.

Range: Southern Venezuela and Amazonian Brazil.

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

Volume I.



HOARY REDPOLL (Probable), *Carduelis hornemanni* Fringillidae (194.080) Eynhallow, 1981, 25 pence

Length: 4.5 to 5.5 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Streaky back and white below with a white bar on black wings.

Habitat: tundra.

Range: Breeds in the tundra of northern Eurasia and North America; winters to the

U. S. and Britain.

Reference: Clement, P., A. Harris and J. Davis. Finches and Sparrows.



BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER,

Dendroica virens Parulidae (197.022) St. Pierre and Miquelon, 2008, not yet cataloged, 0.47 euro

This species was written up for an issue from Staffa in *Biophilately* Volume 55 (2), page 73.



WILSON'S WARBLER, Wilsonia pusilla

Parulidae (197.070)

Eynhallow, 1982, 60 pence

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive-green above and yellow below and face with a black cap; the female lacks the black cap.

Habitat: open coniferous woodlands.

Range: Breeds in northern North America; winters from Mexico to Panama.

Reference: Curson, J, D. Quinn and D. Beadle. Warblers of the America.



SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER, Heterospingus xanthopygius

Thraupidae (199.082) Eynhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, but the female is duller), resident. Black with scarlet brow, white pectoral tufts and a yellow rump.

Habitat: humid and wet forest.

Range: Eastern Panama to western Ecuador.

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



PURPLISH-MANTLED TANAGER, Iridisornis

porphyrocephala Thraupidae (199.146)

Bernera, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue with a yellow throat and purplish crown and nape.

Habitat: lower growth of humid forest.

Range: Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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



SILVER-THROATED TANAGER, Tangara

icterocephala Thraupidae (199.194) Bernera, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Golden yellow with black streaks on the back and a silvery throat patch.

Habitat: humid forest.

Range: Costa Rica to southwestern Ecuador.

Reference: Ridgely. R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of

South America, Volume I.



VOLCANO JUNCO, Junco vulcani Embirizidae (201.310)

Grunay, 1982, 1982, 75 pence

Length: 6.5 inchs, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and grayish below.

Habitat: forages on the ground above 10,000 feet.

Range, Costa Rica and western Panama.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and J. A. Gwynne. A Guide to the Birds of Panama.

REPORT ON NTSS-2008 IN PORTLAND, OREGON

The show was most enjoyable, with the usual array of meetings for various study groups and you will find the Secretary's report on page . The exhibits were very good and I list those with a 'Biology' connection below.

One-frame Grand award Phil Stager (Florida) The Royal Palm The Donkey in Man's World Bob Mather (Wisconsin) Multi-frame gold award Microcosmos Alan Hanks (Ontario) Multi-frame gold award Vincent de Luca (California) Multi-frame vermeil award The Olive -Olea europaea Penguin Paradigms Terri Edwards (Nevada) Multi-frame vermeil award Multi-frame vermeil award Big Cats & Humans Greg Balagian (RhodeIsland) **Evolution of Horse Breeds** Donna Trathen (Alberta) Multi-frame silver award Beavers: Nature's Engineers Larry Davidson (Ontario) Display gold award Ramboo Phil Stager (Florida) Display gold award The Rainbow Trout Tim Bartshe (Colorado) One-frame vermeil award

The Biology Unit award (a book) went to *Microcosmos*. All in all, a very good show, and I managed to find some nice items for my British Africa collections!