

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY
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The bird identified as the **AHANTA FRANCOLIN** in BP 57(3), page 130, has now been correctly identified as a **YELLOW-NECKED FRANCOLIN**, *Francolinus leucoscepus*. The bird is misidentified on the stamp as a bird that occurs in Guinea-Bissau, the issuing country. The Yellow-necked Francolin is a bird of east Africa. It is a new species and is written up below.



“Red-breasted Musk-Parrot”



Fiji has issued a set of stamps showing four “subspecies” of “Red-breasted Musk Parrot”. Current taxonomy recognizes two species: Red Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea tabuensis* with two subspecies (*P.t. tabuensis* and *P.t. taviunensis*) and Crimson Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea splendens*. The Fiji 65-cent stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis koroensis*, is a form of *Prosopiea tabuensis tabuensis* found on the island of Koro. The 90-cent stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis atrogularis*, is a form of *Prosopiea tabuensis tabuensis* found on the islands of Kio and Vanua Levu. The \$1.50 stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis taviunensis*, is a new subspecies on stamps that is found on the islands of Taviuni and Ngamea. The \$2 stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis splendens*, shows the Crimson Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea splendens*.

The Red Shining-Parrot has been shown on issues from Tonga (where the bird has been introduced beginning in 1897). The Crimson Shining-Parrot has been shown on issues from Fiji beginning in 1959.



Yap Monarch

Identification of the Yap Monarch on these stamps from Micronesia was questioned. Could these show the same species? Yes, Micronesia 1988, C36, \$1 shows a juvenile bird. Micronesia 1998, 299d, 50 cents shows an adult male.

NEW BIRDS



TAHITI PETREL, *Pterodroma rostrata* Procellariidae (011.010)
New Caledonia, 2008 not yet cataloged, 110 franc

Length: 17 to 18 inches, sexes alike, disperses. Dark brown head, neck and above and white below.

Habitat: marine.

Range: Bismarcks to Marquesas.

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

of the World, Volume 1.



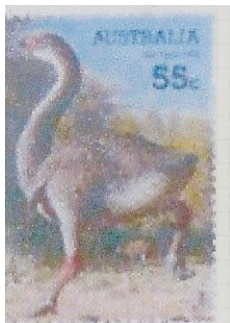
OLIVE IBIS, *Bostrychia olivacea* Threskiornithidae (024.011)
Sao Tome and Principe, 2008, not yet cataloged, 10,000 d

Length: 26 to 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark with a shaggy crest, black face and red bill. The stamp shows the subspecies *Bostrychia olivacea bocagei*, Dwarf Olive Ibis, that occurs on Sao Tome Island and is four inches smaller than the mainland subspecies.

Habitat: moist forest undergrowth and mangroves.

Range: Sao Tome; Sierra Leone to Gabon and Tanzania.

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



GENYORNIS *Genyornis newtoni* Dromornithidae
Australia, 2008, not yet cataloged, 55 cents

An ostrich-sized flightless bird that became extinct about 50,000 B.C. when humans arrived in Australia. This predator and scavenger was most closely related to waterfowl.

Habitat: arid forest and scrub.

Range: extinct, formerly Australia.

Reference: Wikipedia.



PHILIPPINE HAWK-EAGLE, *Spizaetus philippensis* Accipitridae (030.235)
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and spotted rufous below with a long crest.

Habitat: forest in lowlands and foothills.

Range: Philippines.

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



YELLOW-NECKED FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus leucoscepus*

Phasianidae (038.048)

Guinea-Bissau, 2008, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 14 inches, sexes similar, resident.

Habitat: open savanna, scrub and fields.

Range: southeastern Sudan to north-central Tanzania.

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



BLUE-CROWNED RACQUET-TAIL, *Prioniturus discursus* Psittacidae (074.119) Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellowish green with a racquet tail; the female is green.

Habitat: forests and plantations.

Range: Philippines except Palawan.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott & J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 4.



LONG-WHISKERED OWLET, *Xenoglaux loweryi* Strigidae (078.156)

Peru, 2008, not yet cataloged 7.50 sols

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Warm brown with a vermiculated whitish belly and long whiskers around the bill and facial disc.

Habitat: humid cloudforest.

Range: northern Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott & J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 5.



PAPUAN HAWK-OWL, *Uroglaux dimorpha* Strigidae (078.190)

Congo (Kinshasa), 2007, not yet cataloged, 600 FC

Length: 12 to 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Barred brown and black above and black-streaked light buff below with yellow eyes and a long tail.

Habitat: lowland forest and forest edge.

Range: northwestern and southeastern New Guinea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott & J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 5.



RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD, *Amazilia tzacatl* Trochilidae (086.149)

Nicaragua, 2007, not yet cataloged, 11.50 cor

Legth: 3 to 4.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with an ashy-gray belly and a rufous uppertail; the female has a white belly.

Habitat: forest edges, clearings and plantations.

Range: southern Mexico to western Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott & J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 5.



RUFOUS-HEADED WOODPECKER, *Celeus spectabilis* Picidae (104.165)

Brazil, 2008, not yet cataloged, 1.40 r

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a bushy-crested red and rufous-chestnut head and a yellow belly with broad black bars; the female lacks the red in the head and the black bars on the belly. The stamp shows the subspecies *Celeus spectabilis obrieni*, Kaempfer's Woodpecker, recently rediscovered in Brazil.

Habitat: humid tropical forest.

Range: eastern Ecuador to extreme western Brazil; Piaui Province in eastern Brazil.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott & J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 7.



RED-NECKED WOODPECKER, *Campephilus rubricollis* Picidae (104.176)

Surinam, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$4

Length: 12 to 13 inches, sexes similar, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and rufous-cinnamon below with a crimson head, neck and chest; the female is darker and has a white wedge on the face.

Habitat: forest and forest edges.

Range: Colombia to Bolivia and northeastern Brazil.

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

World, Volume 7.



PLAIN-THROATED SUNBIRD, *Anthreptes malacensis* Nectariniidae (164.007)

Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark above, head and throat yellow below; the female is grayish olive-green above and yellow around the eyes and below.

Habitat: forest, coastal scrub, mangroves and open swamp.

Range: western Burma to Vietnam, the Philippines and Lesser Sundas.

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