

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Taxonomic Changes

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology periodically updates the Clements Checklist of Birds of the World that we use. Last December, they issued an extensive revision. Families were lumped, split and moved; species were lumped, split and deleted and common and scientific names were changed. I will summarize the changes that affect birds on stamps over my next several articles. Below are the changes through Falconiformes:

Antarctic Giant Petrel becomes Southern Giant Petrel

Hall's Giant Petrel becomes Northern Giant Petrel

Madeira Petrel becomes Zino's Petrel

Imperial Shag becomes Imperial Cormorant

Order Phoenicopteriformes (Flamingoes) is moved to follow Podicipediformes (Grebes)

Caribbena Flamingo becomes American Flamingo

Order Anseriformes (Waterfowl) and Galliformes (Game Birds) are moved to follow Tinamiformes (Tinamous)

Ross' Goose becomes Ross's Goose

Green-winged Teal, now *Anas crecca*, is lumped with Eurasian Teal, now *Anas crecca nimia*

Spot-billed Duck is split: Eastern Spot-billed Duck, *Anas zonorhyncha* is shown on issues from Japan and North Korea; Indian Spot-billed Duck, *Anas poecilorhyncha*, is shown on issues from Cambodia and the Maldives

The scientific name of the Slender-billed Kite is *Helicolestes hamatus*

Pallas' Fish-Eagle becomes Palas's Fish-Eagle

Frances' Goshawk becomes Frances's Goshawk

Mangrove Black-Hawk, now *Buteogallus anthracinus subtilus*, is lumped with Common Black-Hawk

Harris' Hawk becomes Harris's Hawk

Red-backed Hawk becomes Variable Hawk

The scientific name of Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle becomes *Spizaetus melanoleucus*

The scientific name of Black-and-chestnut Eagle becomes *Spizaetus isidori*

New Birds



PLATEN'S (SNORING) RAIL, *Aramidopsis plateni* Rallidae
Indonesia, 2008, not yet cataloged, 2500 r

Length: 12 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is chestnut above and gray below with a gray face, bright rufous hindneck and reddish iris (yellowish in the male).

Habitat: dense forest understory and bamboo secondary growth.

Range: Northern and southeastern Sulawesi.

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



MALAYAN WHISTLING-THRUSH *Myophonus robinsoni* Turdidae

Malaysia, 2009, not yet cataloged, 50 sen

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is sooty blue black with scaling on the breast and belly and a yellow bill; the female is duller.

Habitat: montane evergreen forest, usually near running water.

Range: Mountains of peninsular Malaysia.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



YELLOWISH-BELLIED BUSH-WARBLER *Cettia acanthizoides* Sylviidae

China (Taiwan), 2009, not yet cataloged, \$17

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Rufous-brown above and white to yellowish below with a white supercilium and black eyestripe.

Habitat: tall grass and dense bamboo thickets.

Range: Taiwan to Himalayas of India.

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

the World, Volume 11.