



FOX SPARROW, *Passarella liliaca* Embirizidae
Saint-Pierre & Miquelon, 2009, not yet cataloged, €0.47

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dark above and streaked below with a central spot and a rusty rump.

Habitat: breeds in stunted boreal woodland; winters in undergrowth, parks and gardens.

Range: breeds from Labrador to Alaska and western U.S.; winters in the U.S. and Baja California.

Reference: Peterson, R.T. A Field Guide to Western Birds.

Taxonomic Changes

The Cornell Lab 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. Changes through Falconiformes are in *Biophilately* 58 #1. Below are the rest of the changes:

Australian Brush-turkey becomes Australian Brush-Turkey

Niuafou Scrubfowl becomes Niuafou Scrubfowl

Green Pheasant is lumped with Ringnecked Pheasant and becomes *Phasianus olchicus versicolor*

Family Cariamidae is now in the (new) order Cariamiformes

American Painted-snipe becomes South American Painted-Snipe

White-backed Stilt is lumped with Black-necked Stilt and becomes *Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*

Slender-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Andean Gull, Brown-hooded Gull, Red-billed Gull, Silver Gull, Hartlaub's Gull, Black-headed Gull and Gray-headed (now Gray-hooded) Gull are moved from genus *LOTUS* to the (new) genus *Chroicocephalus*

Little Gull is moved from *Larus* to *Hydrocoloeus*

Ross' Gull becomes Ross's Gull

Dolphin Gull, Laughing Gull, Lava Gull and Franklin's Gull are moved from *Larus* to *Leucophaeus*

Mediterranean Gull, Relict Gull, White-eyed Gull, Sooty Gull and Audouin's Gull are moved from *Larus* to *Ichthyaetus*

American Herring Gull is now lumped with European Herring Gull (now Herring Gull) and becomes *Larus argentatus smithsonianus*

Saunders' Tern becomes Saunders's Tern

Xantus' Murrelet becomes Xantus's Murrelet

Pallas' Sandgrouse becomes Pallas's Sandgrouse

Sao Tome Pigeon and Sao Tome Green Pigeon no longer have accent marks

Ducorps' Cuckoo becomes Ducorps's Cuckoo

Edwards' Fig Parrot becomes Edwards's Fig Parrot

Red-throated Parakeet is lumped with Green Parakeet and becomes *Aratinga holochlora rubritorques*

Canary-winged Parakeet becomes White-winged Parakeet

Yellow-faced Parrot is now *Alipiopsitta xanthops*

Ross' Turaco is now Ross's Turaco

Klaas' Cuckoo becomes Klaas's Cuckoo

Sao Tome Scops-Owl no longer has accent marks

Mountain Pygmy-Owl is lumped with Northern Pygmy-Owl and becomes *Glaucidium gnoma gnoma*
 The frogmouth stamp from the Solomon Islands shows a Solomon Islands Frogmouth, *Podargus inexpectatus*

Sao Tome Spinetail no longer has accent marks

Western Long-tailed Hermit becomes Long-billed Hermit

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird is now *Eupetomia*

All Violet-ears become Violetears

Black-billed Streamertail becomes Streamertail

Family Leptosatidae becomes Leptosomidae

Barbels are split into four families:

Capitonidae - *Eubucco* + *Capita*

Semniorthinidae - *Semniornis*

Lybiidae - African taxa

Megaiaimidae - Asian taxa

Saffron Toucanet is *Pteroglossus bailloni*

Delete the cedilla on Aracari

Red-billed Toucan becomes White-throated Toucan

Black-mandibled ibucan is split:

Black-mandibled Toucan, *Ramphastos ambiguus*, stamps from French Guiana and Colombia

Chestnut-mandibled ibucan, *Ramphastos swainsoni*, stamps from Nicaragua and Panama

Lewis' Woodpecker becomes Lewis's Woodpecker

Crimson-mantled is *Colaptes rivolii*

Black-backed Antshrike is *Thamnophiles melanotus*

Family Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill) is reinstated

Black-tailed Tityra and Jamaican Becard are in a new family Tityridae

Blue Manakin becomes Swallow-tailed Manakin

Northern Royal Flycatcher and Amazonian Royal Flycatcher are lumped as Royal Flycatcher,
Onchorhynchus coronatus

Lesser Kiskadee is *Pitangus lector*

Yellow Wagtail becomes Western Yellow Wagtail

Clay-colored Robin becomes Clay-colored Thrush

Bare-eyed Thrush becomes Spectacled Thrush

Delete accent on Pere David's Laughingthrush

Delete accent marks on Sao Tome Sunbird, Sao Tome White-eye, Sao Tome Oriole and Sao Tome Grosbeak

Coral-billed Nuthatch becomes Nuthatch-Vanga

A new family Cnemophilidae (Satinbirds) is placed after Meliphagidae (Honeyeaters) and contains Loria's Satinbird (formerly Loria's Bird-of-Paradise) and Yellow-breasted Satinbird (formerly Yellow-breasted Bird-of-Paradise)

Lawes' Parotia becomes Lawes's Parotia

Cabanis' Bunting becomes Cabanis's Bunting

Wilkins' Finch becomes Wilkins's Finch

Masked Flowerpiercer is *Diglossa cyaneus*

Moriche Oriole is lumped with Epaulet Oriole and becomes *Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*

Montezuma Oropendola is *Psarocolius montezuma*

A final note regarding the sequence of families

As you can tell from the frequent "shake-ups" noted above, the "higher-level" relationships of birds, i.e. the relationships between genera, between families, and between orders - is an area of very active research. We are aware that the sequence of families in Clements, especially among the Passeriformes, does not always reflect this new research. A new arrangement of families is adopted with this update, but one that represents only a first step; expect to see more significant changes introduced in future updates.

As a short-hand guide, the current sequence of families is listed below. Six families no longer are recognized (Tetraonidae, Meleagrididae, Numididae, Stemidae, Rynchopidae, and Sapayoidae), and 10 families are added to the roster (Raphidae, Lybiidae, Megalaimidae, Semnornithidae, Grallariidae, Melanopareidae, Oxyruncidae, Tityridae, Cnemophilidae, and Donacobiidae). The total number of families included in the following list is 207, one of which (Raphidae) is extinct:

Note: Read the table across the page line by line

Struthionidae	Rheidae	Casuariidae	Dromaiidae
Apterygidae	Tinamidae	Anhimidae	Anatidae
Megapodiidae	Cracidae	Phasianidae (includes the former families	
Tetraonidae, Meleagrididae and Numididae)		Odontophoridae	Gaviidae
Podicipedidae	Phoenicopteridae	Spheniscidae	Diomedidae
Procellariidae	Hydrobatidae	Pelecanoididae	Phaethontidae
Sulidae	Pelecanidae	Phalacrocoraciidae	Anhingidae
Fregatidae	Ardeidae	Threskiornithidae	Scopidae
Ciconiidae	Balaenicipitidae	Cathartidae	Pandionidae
Accipitridae	Sagittariidae	Falconidae	Mesitornithidae
Tumidae	Rallidae	Heliornithidae	Rhynchotetidae
Eurypyidae	Otididae	Aramidae	Psophiidae
Gruidae	Cariamidae	Burhinidae	Chionidae
Charadriidae	Pluvianellidae	Dromadidae	Haematopodidae
Ibidorhynchidae	Recurvirostridae	Jacaniidae	Scolopacidae
Glareolidae	Pedionomidae	Thinocoridae	Rostratulidae
Laridae (includes the former families Stemidae and Rynchopidae)			Stercorariidae
Alcidae	Reroclidae	Columbidae	Raphidae
Cacatuidae	Psittacidae	Musophagidae	Opisthocomidae
Cuculidae	Tytonidae	Strigidae	Aegothelidae
Podargidae	Caprimulgidae	Nyctibiidae	Steatornithidae
Apodidae	Hemiprocnidae	Trochilidae	Coliidae
Trogonidae	Todidae	Momotidae	Alcedinidae
Meropidae	Coraciidae	Brachypteraciidae	Leptosomidae
Upupidae	Phoeniculidae	Bucerotidae	Bucconidae
Qalbulidae	Lybiidae	Megalaimidae	Capitonidae
Semnornithidae	Ramphastidae	Indicatoridae	Picidae
Eurylaimidae	Philepittidae	Pittidae	Furnariidae
Thamnophilidae	Formicariidae	Grallariidae	Conopophagidae
Rhinocryptidae	Melanopareidae	Tyrannidae	Oxyruncidae
Cotingidae	Pipridae	Tityridae	Acanthisittidae

Atrichomithidae
 Laniidae
 Aegithinidae
 Hirundinidae
 Sittidae
 Cinclidae
 Donacobiidae
 Turdidae
 Pomatostomidae
 Maluridae
 Neosittidae
 Melanocharitidae
 Paramythiidae
 Oriolidae
 Vangidae
 Corcoracidae
 Paradisaeidae
 Prunellidae
 Rilognatidae
 Coerebidae
 Cardinalidae
 Passeridae

Menuridae
 Vireonidae
 Corvidae
 Paridae
 Tichodromidae
 Pycnonotidae
 Sylviidae
 Platysteiridae
 Paradoxornithidae
 Acanthizidae
 Climacteridae
 Petroicidae
 Dicaeidae
 Irenidae
 Dicruridae
 Artamidae
 Ptilonorhynchidae
 Motacillidae
 Dulidae
 Thraupidae
 Icteridae
 Ploceidae

Meliphagidae
 Campephagidae
 Monarchidae
 Remizidae
 Certhiidae
 Regulidae
 Polioptilidae
 Rhipiduridae
 Orthonychidae
 Epthianuridae
 Rhabdomithidae
 Pachycephalidae
 Pardalotidae
 Malaconotidae
 Callaeidae
 Pityriaseidae
 Mimidae
 Bombycillidae
 Peucedramidae
 Urocynchramidae
 Fringillidae
 Estrildidae

Cnemophilidae
 Chloropseidae
 Alaudidae
 Aegithalidae
 Troglodytidae
 Cisticolidae
 Muscicapidae
 Zosteropidae
 Eupetidae
 Timaliidae
 Nectarinidae
 Picathartidae
 Promeropidae
 Prionopidae
 Grallinidae
 Cracticidae
 Sturnidae
 Hypocoliidae
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