

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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## Correction

The bird identified as a Mountain Tailorbird (BP 58 #3. page 92) is a Rufous-headed Tailorbird. Remove Mountain Tailorbird from the Aviary. The bird was misidentified on the stamp. Designs for all the 2008 and 2009 issues were from "A Guide to the Birds of the Philippines" by R. Kennedy, et al. I don't know whether the error is in the book.

New Birds



**BRONZE SHAG, *Phalacrocorax chalconotus*** Phalacrocoracidae  
New Zealand, 2009, not yet cataloged, 50 cents

Length: 26 to 28 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dimorphic: the dark morph is uniformly bronze oily green; the pale morph (the bird on the stamp) is dull metallic bluish green above and white below with a large white wing patch.

Habitat: sheltered coastal waters.

Range: Stewart Island and adjacent South Island, New Zealand.

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

the Birds of the World, Volume 1.



**SWINHOE'S RAIL, *Coturnicops exquisitus*** Rallidae

North Korea, 2009, not yet cataloged, 12w

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and rufous below with a short tail.

Habitat: breeds in wet meadows; winters in marshes, wet meadows and rice fields.

Range: Breeds in Siberia and Manchuria; winters in Japan, Korea and eastern China.

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



**BAILLON'S CRAKE, *Porzana pusilla*** Rallidae

North Korea, 2009, not yet cataloged, 90w

Length: 7 to 18 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Rufous above, gray face and below with black-and-white streaked flanks.

Habitat: wetlands with dense vegetation.

Range: Breeds from Portugal to Korea and China; Africa south of the Equator; and from Indonesia to Australia and New Zealand. Winters in southern Africa, India to southeastern China, Australia and New Zealand.

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



**RUDDY-BREASTED CRAKE, *Porzana fusca*** Rallidae  
North Korea, 2009, not yet cataloged, 170w

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar but the female is paler, migratory. Brown above and ruddy face and below with a white throat and center of belly.

Habitat: reedy swamps, marshes, ditches and rice paddies.

Range: Breeds from Japan and Pakistan to Java the Philippines and Sulawesi; winters in the breeding areas (except northeastern China) and Borneo.

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



**AFRICAN OYSTERCATCHER, *Haematopus moquini*** Haematopodidae

South Africa, 2009, not yet cataloged, IASL This species has appeared previously on a suspect issue from Benin.

Length: 17 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. All black with red eye, orange-red eye-ring and bill and deep pinkish red legs.

Habitat: rocky and sandy shores. Range: Northern Namibia to eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

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



**SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, *Limnodromus griseus*** Scolopacidae The species is on a 1979 issue from Staffa (Handbook 106, page 84).

St. Vincent & Grenadines, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$3

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dark above and rufous below (gray and white in non-breeding birds) with a long thin bill.

Habitat: muskeg when breeding, intertidal mud flats in winter.

Range: Breeds in Canada and Alaska; winters from the United States to Brazil and Peru.

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



**CHESTNUT WOODPECKER, *Celeus elegans*** Picidae

Netherlands Antilles, 2009, not yet cataloged, 5g

Length: 10 to 13 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is chestnut with a yellow crest and red moustache; the female lacks the moustache.

Habitat: forests. Range: Trinidad to Bolivia and Brazil.

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



**DUSKY PURPLETUFT, *Iodopleura fusca*** Tityridae

Netherlands Antilles, 2009, not yet cataloged, 10g

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Slaty black above and smoky brown below with a white center and a white rump band.

Habitat: canopy and forest borders.

Range: Eastern Venezuela, the Guianas and adjacent Brazil.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.



**NOISY SCRUB-BIRD, *Atrichornis clamosus*** Atrichornithidae This species has appeared previously in the surrounds of an uncataloged sheet from Lesotho. Australia, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$1.10

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and white below with a broad dark band from the chin to upper breast; the female lacks the dark band.

Habitat: dense scrub, shrubby understory and dense thickets.

Range: Extreme southwestern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



**WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW, *Hirundo smithii*** Hirundinidae  
Gambia, 2009, not yet cataloged, 25d

Length: 6 to 8 inches, resident. The male is glossy blue above and white below with a rufous-chestnut crown and elongated outer tail feathers (wire tail); the female (shown on the stamp) lacks the wire tail.

Habitat: grassland, savanna, open woodland and clearings.

Range: Senegal to Somalia and Botswana; Uzbekistan to Vietnam.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.



**COBB'S WREN, *Troglodytes aedon cobbi*** Troglodytidae A subspecies of House Wren.  
Falkland Islands, 2009, not yet cataloged, 4 values

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Grayish brown above and buffy below with barring on the wings and tail.

Habitat: tussock grass.

Range: Small offshore islands in the Falklands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10



**RUFIOUS-HEADED TAILORBIRD, *Orthotomus heterolaemus*** Sylviidae  
Philippines, 2009, not yet cataloged, 26 p

Length: 4.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive green above with a rufous head, buffy breast and yellow belly.

Habitat: montane forest and secondary scrub.

Range: Central and southeastern Mindanao, Philippines.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11



**BLACK-TAILED WHISTLER, *Pachycephala melanura*** Pachycephalidae  
Australia, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$1.65

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive yellow above and bright yellow below with a black head and tail, white chin and throat and yellow collar; the female is brownish gray above and yellow below with a white throat and black tail.

Habitat: mangroves.

Range: Southern New Guinea and northern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



**BLACKCAP BABBLER, *Turdoides reinwardtii*** Timaliidae  
Incorrectly identified on the stamp.  
Gambia, 2009, not yet cataloged, 25 d

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and paler below with a black head. The nominate race is shown.

Habitat: dense gallery forest, thicket, mangroves and bamboo.

Range: Senegal to the Central African Republic.

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



**GREEN CATBIRD, *Ailuroedus crassirostris*** Ptilonorhynchidae  
Australia, 2009, not yet cataloged, 55 cents

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and streaky yellowish green below.

Habitat: rain forest.

Range: Southeastern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



**SCARLET MYZOMELA, *Myzomela sanguinolenta*** Meliphagidae  
Australia, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$2.75

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (lower bird) is scarlet with a white abdomen and dark wings and tail.; the female (upper bird) is brown above and pale below with a pinkish chin.

Habitat: mangrove, forest and woodland.

Range: Eastern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



**WHITE-CHEEKED HONEYEATER, *Phylidonyris niger*** Meliphagidae  
Syria, 2009, not yet cataloged, 20 pounds

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with white streaks, white brow and cheek patch and yellow wing and tail patches.

Habitat: woodland, heath, banksia and dryandra thickets.

Range: East and southwestern Australian coasts.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



**CURVE-BILLED THRASHER, *Toxostoma curvirostra*** Mimidae  
Syria, 2009, not yet cataloged, 20 pounds

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with a long tail and moderately decurved bill.

Habitat: open desert.

Range: Southwestern Kansas to central Mexico.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



**POLYNESIAN STARLING, *Aplonis tabuensis*** Sturnidae  
Samoa, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$2.70

Length: 7 to 8 inches, resident. Brown above, buffy below with a white wing patch.

Habitat: all vegetation.

Range: Solomons to Cook Islands.

Reference: Feare, C. and A. Craig. Starlings and Mynas.



**PANGANI LONGCLAW, *Macronyx aurantiigula*** Motacillidae  
Sierra Leone, 2009, not yet cataloged, 2000Le

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Orange-yellow throat with a black border and pale yellow below with some streaks on the breast.

Habitat: dry grassland.

Range: Southeastern Somalia to northeastern Tanzania.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.



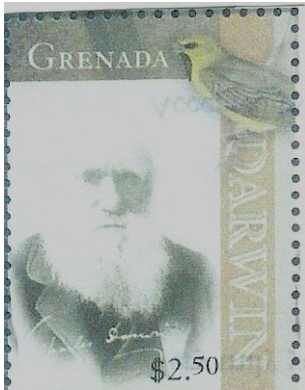
**RED-NECKED TANAGER, *Tangara cyanocephala*** Thraupidae  
Brazil, 2009, not yet cataloged, 1.00R

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Green with yellow shoulders, a blue head and a broad scarlet collar.

Habitat: humid montane forest.

Range: Eastern Brazil.

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



**YELLOW-BRIDLED FINCH, *Melanoderma xanthogramma*** Embirizidae  
Grenada, 2009, not yet cataloged, \$2.50

Length: 6.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellowish below with black throat and lores; the female is buffy brown heavily streaked with black.

Habitat: low scrub, scrubby forest areas and open grassy areas.

Range: Central Chile to Tierra del Fuego and adjacent Argentina.

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



**YELLOW-BILLED BLUE FINCH, *Porphyrospiza caerulescens*** Embirizidae  
Brazil, 2009, not yet cataloged, 1.00R

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is all cobalt blue with a yellow bill; the female is rufous-brown above and streaked buffy-white below.

Habitat: open grassy *cerrado* with scattered bushes and low trees.

Range: Interior Brazil south of the Amazon.

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



**SHARP-BEAKED GROUND-FINCH, *Geospiza difficilis*** Embirizidae The upper bird.

Vanuatu, 2009, not yet cataloged, 200v

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black above and heavily streaked white below.

Habitat: humid zones.

Range: Galapagos.

Reference: Harris, M. A Field Guide to the Birds of Galapagos.



**BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA, *Chlorophonia cyanea*** Fringillidae  
Brazil, 2009, not yet cataloged, 1.00R

Length: 4.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is blue above and yellow below with a grass-green head and throat; the female is duller with less blue.

Habitat: forest canopy and borders.

Range: Andes from Venezuela to Bolivia; southeastern Brazil and adjacent Paraguay..

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