



ORNITHOLOGY

New Issue Listings

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NEW ISSUES

BELGIUM

2009, SEPT. 21

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Bird definitives; Des. Andre Buzin; Offset by National Printer.

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| 2402 | 0,01euro | Black Woodpecker, <i>Dryocopus martius</i> |
| 2403 | 0,10euro | Tawny Owl, <i>Strix aluco</i> |

DENMARK

2010, JAN 2

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A set of four stamps, in a se-tenant SS format with moisture activated gum (Sc#1453a-d), but only one stamp of the four features a bird. This set was also issued as self-adhesives (Sc#1454-1457); Designers, Overgaard Christensen and Marin Morck; Offset by Post Denmark Stamps.

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| 1453 | 12.50kr | Eurasian Skylark, <i>Alauda arvensis</i> |
| 1456 | 12.50kr | Same (self-adhesive format) |

GAMBIA

2009, AUG. 29

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Birds issue of set of four, a sheet of four and a SS of two for a total of ten stamps featuring birds of Gambia; No designer information provided on the advance listing; Offset printing method but no printer information given.

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| 3201 | 15dal | Hamerkop, <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | |
| 3202 | 20dal | Pied Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | |
| 3203 | 25dal | Blackcap Babbler, <i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>
(The stamp has the incorrectly English and scientific name of Black-capped Babbler, <i>Pellorneum capistratum</i>) | V58(4) |
| 3204 | 40dal | African Darter, <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | |
| 3205a | 25dal | Malachite Kingfisher, <i>Alcedo cristata</i> | |
| 3205b | 25dal | Common Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> | |
| 3205c | 25dal | Black-crowned Night Heron, <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | |
| 3205d | 25dal | Wire-tailed Swallow, <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | V58(4) |
| 3206a | 40dal | SS African Sacred Ibis, <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | |
| 3206b | 40dal | Little Grebe, <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | |

GERMANY**2010, JAN. 2****C***

Berlin Museum of Natural History issue, the single stamp shows different animals; Designer, Junger and Michael; Offset by Wertpapierdruckerei.

2555 0,45euro Red-bearded Bee-eater, *Nyctyornis amictus*
and Eurasian Scops Owl, *Otus scops*

GILBRALTAR**2009, SEPT. 16****A***

Bird stamp definitives, in the format of type issued in 2008; Designers, Stephen Perea and Jonathan Pointer; Offset by BDT International.

1202 10p Black Stork, *Ciconia nigra*
1203 2lb Northern Gannet, *Morus bassanus*
1204 3lb Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

2009, NOV. 12**C***

Celebration of the Naturalist, Charles Darwin; I had no advance information on this four stamp issue (Sc#1211-1214), but only one stamp features a bird on the stamp that also features a portrait of Darwin.

1211 10p Blue-and-yellow Tanager, *Thraupis bonariensis*

GRENADA**2009, JULY 21****B***

Issue is for Charles Darwin 200th Birth Anniversary; Pane of four se-tenant stamps (Sc#3732a-d), each stamp showing the same photograph of the Naturalist and a different animal, but only one stamp features a bird; No designer listed; Offset, no printer information..

3732a \$2.50 Yellow-bridled Finch, *Melanodera xanthogramma* V58(4)

INDONESIA**2009, NOV 5****A***

Part 2 of their flora and fauna of the Provinces, formatted on the issue type of 2008; Pane of nine stamps and three labels (Sc#2217a-k); Four of the stamps feature birds; Des. Pidi Baiq; Offset by Perum Peruri.

2217b 2,500rp Red Junglefowl, *Gallus gallus*
2217c 2,500rp Bornean Peacock-Pheasant, *Polyplectron schleiermacheri*
2217h 2,500rp Red Bird-of-paradise, *Paradisaea rubra*
2217i 2,500rp Maleo, *Macrocephalon maleo*

2009, OCT. 28**A***

See V59(1), Page 21, for breakdown of the birds on this issue, which had Sc#2192a-f overprinted for JIPEX 2009 with emblem printed in gold; Scott Publishing assigned this overprinting Sc#2212a-f.

ISRAEL**2010, JAN. 27****A***

Birds; Strip of three se-tenant 2.40s stamps; Designers, Tuvia Kurtz, Ronen Goldberg; Offset, but no printer information given; Each stamp has a label attached under the stamp showing the bird in flight.

- 1809a 2.40s European Goldfinch, *Spinus carduelis* (The stamp has the scientific genus of *Carduelis*, but the genus was recently changed).
 1809b 2.40s Eurasian Hoopoe, *Upupa epops* (This is Israel's National Bird)
 1809c 2.40s Graceful Prinia, *Prinia gracilis*

2010, JAN. 27**B***

Israel's 50th anniversary of Lions International; Des. Igal Gabai; Offset but no printer information reported.

- 1806 4.60s Yellow-legged Gull, *Larus michahellis*

JAPAN**2009, JULY 8****A***

Local Law Nigata 60th Anniversary; Sheet of five 80y stamps (Sc#3136a-e) in a SS, with four of the stamps se-tenant on the lower portion of the sheet, and one stamp in the upper portion of the sheet, and the one featuring the bird; Designer is Tokamachi and the sheet was printed offset with no printer information listed on the advance.

- 3136a 80yen Crested Ibis, *Nipponia nippon*

KOREA (NORTH)**2009, OCT. 5****A***

A World Wildlife Fund (WWF) issue by Korea, features four se-tenant stamps of a spoonbill (Sc#4875a-d); This issue was also issued in a sheet with two sets of the four stamps (Sc#4875e), a sheet with four sets of the four stamps (no Sc# given) and a booklet (per Birdtheme.Org) website, but no mention of the booklet in the Scott Stamp Monthly magazine; Designers are Kim Hae Yong and Pak Chol Song; Offset, but no printer was listed on the Linn's advance article for this issue.

- 4875a 3won Black-faced Spoonbill, *Platalea minor*, with shell
 4875b 12won Same bird, with fish
 4875c 99won Same bird, with crab
 4875d 266won Same bird, with shrimp

2009, SEPT. 12**A***

A sheet of five stamps and a label for the 2010 Birdpex Antwerp Expo, held in Antwerp, Belgium; The sheet contains three bird stamp designs; Designer not listed; Offset, printer information not listed.

- 4871a 12won Swinhoe's Rail, *Coturnicups exquisitus* V58(4)
 4871b 90won Baillon's Crake, *Porzana pusilla* V58(4)
 4871c 170won Ruddy-breasted Crake, *Porzana fusca* V58(4)

LESOTHO **1988** **A***

Scott has finally assigned a number to Sc#328 (1981 issue) of the 25s value stamp surcharged 16s.

617A 16s Malachite Kingfisher, *Alcedo cristata*

LIBERIA **2009, DEC. 10** **A***

Charles Darwin 200th Birth Anniversary, pane of four \$60 stamps (Sc#2628a-d), with two of the stamps featuring birds; No designer information provided; Offset, no printer information.

2628a \$60 Lesser Rhea, *Rhea pennata*
2628d \$60 Medium Ground Finch, *Geospiza fortis*

MAURITANIA **2009** **C***

Fauna; Four stamps (Sc#806-809), but only one features birds; No designer information; Offset by Philapost.

806 100ouguiya Sandwich Terns, *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
and Bar-tailed Godwit, *Limosa lapponica*

NAMIBIA **2010, FEB. 8** **A***

At the time of writing this up I had no advance information on this issue, information came from the July, 2010 Scott Stamp Monthly magazine; The issue is a SS sheet of ten se-tenant stamps (Sc#1186a-j) of Endangered Species and all the stamps are inscribed "Postcard Rate".

1186a (4.60) Wattled Crane, *Bugeranus carunculatus* (stamp has genus of *Grus*).
1186e (4.60) Cape Griffon, *Gyps coprotheres* (stamp lists bird as a vulture)

NETHERLAND ANTILLES **2009, JULY 20** **A***

Birds SS of two; Des. Studio Labranda; Offset by Enschede.

1227a 5guilder Chestnut Woodpecker, *Celeus elegans* V58(4)
(Stamp incorrectly lists the scientific name of *Celeus undatus*, which is the scientific name for the Waved Woodpecker)
1227b 10g Dusky Purpletuft, *Iodopleura fusca* V58(4)

NEW CALEDONIA **2009, AUG.** **A***

In V59(1), Page 27, I reported that Sc#1073 was printed in a booklet of ten; Scott has assigned Sc#1076 to this booklet stamp and Sc#1076a to the booklet of ten; The stamp is in red and Scott has listed the booklet being issued in August, not in July, as I reported.

PERU**2009, NOV. 9****A***

A SS of four birds in se-tenant format on the sheet; Designer not listed on the advance *New Issue* listing but each stamp has the name of Thomas Greg going up the left or right side of the stamp; Offset, but no printer information listed.

1717a 6.00s Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*
 1717b 6.00s Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium brasilianum*
 1717c 6.00s Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*
 1717d 6.00s Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*

ST. PIERRE AND MIQ.**2010, FEB. 10****A***

Bird; Des. Patrick Boez; Gravure by Philaposte, although Scott Stamp Monthly lists the printing method as litho;

905 0,47euros Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE IS.**1996****A***

In the May 2010 edition of the Scott Stamp Monthly magazine, Scott has assigned a number to one of the 1983 issues of Scott #727-748. Scott is aware that numerous additional surcharges exist in this set and is looking for others in this set to examine before assigning additional numbers. Sc#729 of the 1983 set, which had a value then of 1.50d was surcharged in 1996 with a 2,500d value.

1298b 2,500d Sao Tome Weaver, *Ploceus sanctithomas*

VANUATU**2009, MAR. 28****C***

Set of four stamps (Sc#966-969) for Mystery (Inyeug) Island; All the stamps are inscribed "International Post" down the left side of each stamp; Only one stamp features a bird (in flight, top left portion of the stamp) of a man and woman sitting on an outrigger canoe on the beach; A SS (Sc970a-d) does not carry the inscription of "International Post" on the stamps.

969 200v Sooty Tern, *Onychoprion fuscatus*

2010 Membership Report

We have 8 new members since June 2009. There are 3 deaths to report: Joseph Beatty of Illinois, Dr. Kazimierz Browicz of Poland and Carl Spitzer of Arizona. We have 109 members who have paid dues for 2010, of which 42 are life members. There are 19 members who paid in 2009, but have not paid dues for 2010, and 10 members who last paid dues in 2008.

The Biology Unit Annual meeting was called to order at the NTSS in Denver Colorado on Saturday June 26 at 10:00 am. Officers present were Fran Hammond, President; Alan Hanks, Vice-President and Editor; Chris Dahle, Secretary-Treasurer; Lois Hermann Director and Jack Congrove, Director. There were 4 other members or visitors attending the meeting.

Both our President and Editor would like to be replaced. We just had an election, and Fran is willing to serve. There was discussion about making the journal more appealing by using color. Alan will try scanning the cover in color, and will send a scan for use on the ATA web site. [At a subsequent discussion, Alan agreed to serve as President, so we now have an open position for a Vice President.]

There was a discussion of whether it is better to pay dues for a year at a time, or to pay for multiple years. Paying year by year provides cash flow to the unit. It was suggested that we send out copies of the journal to prospective members. This can get quite expensive. An alternative might be to send out a single page version, similar to what we put together for Washington 2006.

There was discussion about getting an editor for Paleontology. There has been no column for several issues.

There was discussion about re-classification of butterflies using new DNA evidence. Similar problems are found with other organisms.

Alan asked why people don't exhibit more. A couple of reasons are too many rules and conflicting advice from judges.
