

**NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY**  
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**New Birds**



**BAND-BELLIED CRAKE, *Porzana paykulli*** Rallidae  
 North Korea, 2010, not yet cataloged, 133 w

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Brown above and chestnut below with scalloped wings and white bars on a black belly.

Habitat: grassy wetlands and meadows with vegetation.

Range: Breeds in the Russian Far East, Korea and northeastern China; winters from Vietnam to Java.

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



**SOLITARY SNIPE, *Gallinago solitaria*** Scolapacidae  
 North Korea, 2010, not yet cataloged, 125 w

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Vermiculated brown above with a gingery brown breast and a long bill.

Habitat: breeds in wetlands above the tree line; winters at lower altitudes.

Range: Breeds in the high mountains of central Asia; winters from central Asia to Japan, Pakistan and Burma.

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



**LONG-BILLED MURRELET *Brachyramphus perdix*** Alcidae  
 North Korea, 2010, not yet cataloged, 30 w

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dusky brown above and mottled brown below with a streaky upper back.

Habitat: breeds in coniferous forests; winters in sheltered coastal waters.

Range: Breeds in Kamchatka and coasts of the Sea of Okhotsk, winters to southeast Asia.



**MINUTE HERMIT, *Phaethornis idaliae*** Trochilidae  
 Portugal, 2010, not yet cataloged, 0.80 euro

Length: 3 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is iridescent green above with a dark brown throat and crown and a pointed tail; the female has an orange-ochraceous throat and breast.

Habitat: understory of primary littoral forest.

Range: Southeastern Brazil.

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

**RUFIOUS-TAILED SHRIKE, *Lanius isabellinus*** Laniidae. Two distinct forms of this species are represented on stamps.



**RED-TAILED SHRIKE, *Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides*** See BP52 # 3, page 141.

Turkmenistan, 2002, 81b, 3000m, 50 d

Length: 7 to 8 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray-brown above and whitish-cream below with a rufous crown, rump and tail and a black mask; the female is duller with faint barring on the breast and flanks.

Habitat: breeds in semi-desert; winters in open dry savanna, parks and cultivated areas.

Range: Breeds from Iran to western China; winters mainly in Africa.

Reference: Harris, T and K. Franklin. Shrikes and Bush-Shrikes.



**ISABELLINE SHRIKE, *Lanius isabellinus isabellinus***

Qatar, 2009, not yet cataloged, 50 d

Length: 7 to 8 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is pale buff-brown to sandy-gray above with a black mask; the female is duller with faint barring on the breast and flanks. The color isabel (brownish-yellow or gray) derives from Isabella, 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Royalty, who vowed not to

change her underwear until the Spanish army completed the siege of Ostend. The siege lasted much longer than expected and the cloth became discolored. The color was called isabel and became very fashionable. In any event, Isabella did not fulfil her vow as the siege lasted for three years.

Habitat: breeds in semi-desert; winters in open dry savanna, parks and cultivated areas.

Reference: Jaramillo, A. and P. Burke. New World Blackbirds.

Reference: Harris, T and K. Franklin. Shrikes and Bush-Shrikes.



**CINEREOUS BUNTING, *Emberiza cineracea*** Embirizidae

Syria, 2009, not yet cataloged, 20 pounds

Length: 7 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is grayish-brown with varying amounts of yellow below and on the head; the female is duller with streaks on the breast.

Habitat: breeds on high rocky slopes; winters in the desert.

Range: Breeds in Turkey and southwestern Iran; winters to Yemen, Sudan and Eritrea.

Reference: Heinzel, R. Fitter and J. Parslow. The Birds of Britain and Europe.



**SMALL GROUND-FINCH, *Geospiza fuliginosa*** Embirizidae  
 Gambia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 25D The bird on the lower right.

Length: 4.5 inches, resident. The male is all black except for whitish undertail; the female (shown on the stamp) is dark gray above and dark streaks below.  
 Habitat: arid areas.  
 Range: Galapagos Islands.  
 Reference: Harris, M. A Field Guide to the Birds of Galapagos.

**LARGE CACTUS-FINCH, *Geospiza conirostris*** Embirizidae  
 Gambia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 25D The bird on the lower left.

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is all black except for some white in the undertail; the female is dull black or gray.  
 Habitat: arid areas.  
 Range: Galapagos Islands.  
 Reference: Harris, M. A Field Guide to the Birds of Galapagos.

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