

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections BP 59 (3)

The correct scientific name for the Pink-eared Duck is *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*.

The correct scientific name for the White-winged Flufftail is *Sarothura ayresi*.

The correct value for the Indian Skimmer stamp is 14500 d.

The illustrations for Macgregor's Bowerbird and Archbold's Bowerbird are reversed.

New Birds

In the interest of timely reporting, published illustrations are used that may not reflect the actual size of the stamp.



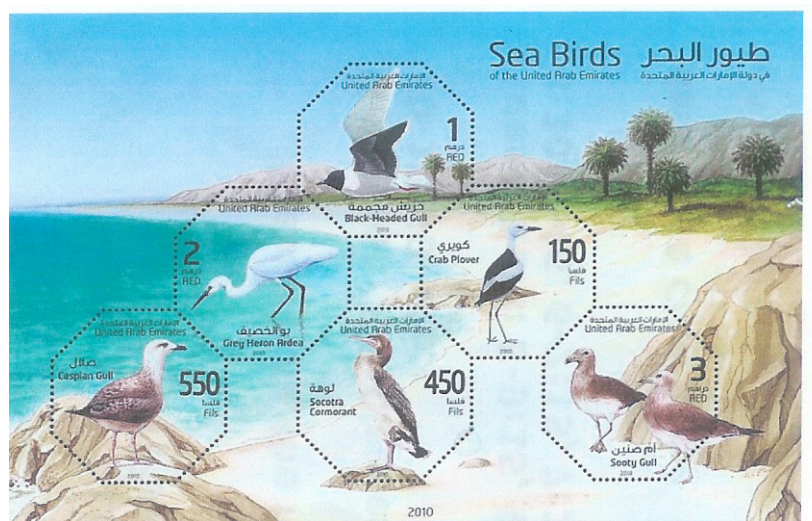
CASPIAN SNOWCOCK, *Tetraogallus caspius* Phasianidae
Georgia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 0.5 l

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller and lacks spurs, resident. Gray with rufous streaks and a pale head with black neck patches.

Habitat: mountain slopes.

Range: Eastern Turkey, Armenia and western Iran.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



SOOTY GULL, *Ichthyaeetus hemprichii* Laridae

United Arab Emirates, 2010, not yet cataloged, 3 d Thee bird on the lower right.

Length: 17 to 19 inches, sexes alike, disperses. Dark brown with a white hind neck and belly and a yellowish bill with a red and yellow tip.

Habitat: maritime.

Range: Breeds along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf; disperses to Mozambique and Pakistan.

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

**POLYNESIAN IMPERIAL-PIGEON *Ducula aurorae*** Columbidae

French Polynesia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 100 f

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Silvery gray with a dark iridescent green and blue back.

Habitat: dense forest.

Range: Makatea (Tuamotu Archipelago) and Tahiti.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.

**GUIRA CUCKOO, *Guira guira*** Cuculidae

Uruguay, 2010, not yet cataloged, 12 pesos

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. White-streaked brown above and whitish below with a short orange-rufous crest.

Habitat: scrub, pampas and coastal dunes. Range: The mouth of the Amazon to Central Argentina.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



SOUTHERN BOOBOOK, *Ninox boobook* Strigidae

Australia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 60 cents This species was shown on an Australian lettercard. The stamp shows the pale subspecies *N. b. ocellata*

Length: 10 to 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Gray-brown above, paler below with a darkish facial disc and white brows. Habitat: forest, woodlands and semi-deserts.

Range: Australia except Tasmania.

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



LESSER NIGHTHAWK, *Chordeiles acutipennis* Caprimulgidae

Guatemala, 2008, 20 q The bird in the surrounds on the lower right

Length: 8 to 9 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is speckled brown above and bared below with a white (buffy in the female) collar, wing patches and tail band.

Habitat: open country.

Range: Breeds from the southwestern United States to northern Chile and Brazil; U.S. birds winter in central and southern Mexico.

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



PALLID SWIFT, *Apus pallidus* Apodidae This bird was identified on Libya, 1982, 1023b, 15 d, but the illustration is poor; it was listed as an unidentified swift in Handbook 106-1, page 29. Gibraltar, 2010, not yet cataloged, 2 pounds

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown with a white throat patch and a forked tail.

Habitat: mainly coastal.

Range: Breeds in southern Europe and Morocco to Pakistan; winters in central Africa and Pakistan.

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



BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD, *Polyrerata amabilis* Trochilidae

Costa Rica, 1998, not yet cataloged, postcard rate Barbara Herbert obtained a series of nine postcards issued by Costa Rica for tourists that included overseas postage. One showed a (misidentified bird.

Length: 3 to 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the card) is green with a violet-blue chest patch and bronzy rump and upper tail; the female lacks the chest patch and has a spotted white throat.

Habitat: open areas, forest edges and thickets.

Range: Nicaragua to western Ecuador.

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



RED-BACKED KINGFISHER, *Todiramphus pyrrhopygius* Alcedinidae

Australia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 60 cents

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark green mantle and blue wings above and white below with a white collar and eyebrow, black eyestripe and rufous lower back and rump.

Habitat: arid and semi-arid areas.

Range: Australia except Tasmania.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



YELLOW-BILLED KINGFISHER, *Syma torotoro* Alcedinidae

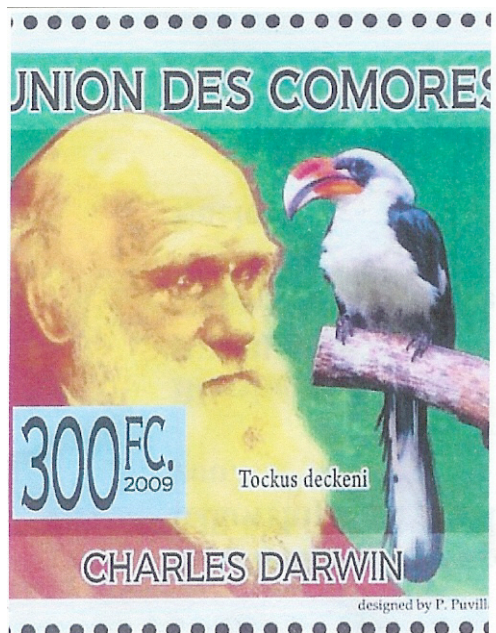
Australia, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$3

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male is pale rufous with a green mantle to rump, a black patch on the back of the neck and a yellow bill; the female (shown on the stamp) also has a black crown patch.

Habitat: forest.

Range: New Guinea lowlands and Cape York, Australia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL, *Tockus deckeni*

Bucerotidae

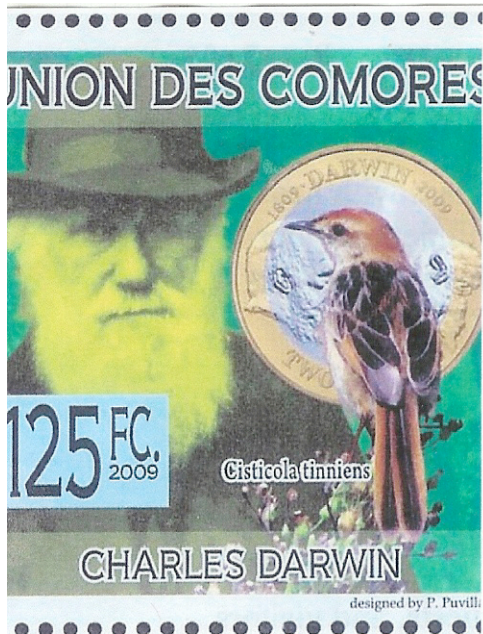
Comoros, 2009, not yet cataloged, 300 francs This bird was on an issue from Grunay.

Length: 19 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and white head and below with white wing-patches and a red bill with a yellow tip; the female has an all-black bill.

Habitat: dry open savanna, bush and thorn scrub.

Range: Ethiopia to Tanzania.

Reference: Sinclair, I and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



TINKLING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola tinniens* Cisticolidae
Comoros, not yet cataloged, 125 francs

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Boldly streaked back and rump and creamy below with a rufous crown and white throat.

Habitat: grassland, sedges, reed beds and bamboo.

Range: Congo to the Cape of Good Hope.

Reference: Sinclair, I and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



MIOMBO WREN-WARBLER *Calamonastes undosus* Cisticolidae

Angola, 2020, not yet cataloged, 60 k

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and streaky buff below.

Habitat: broadleaved woodland.

Range: Congo to Zambia and west-central Angola.

Reference: Sinclair, I and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.



AFRICAN THRUSH *Turdus pelios* Turdidae

Angola 2010, not yet cataloged, 150 k The bird on the left

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and rufous below with a yellow bill; the female is grayish brown with rufous sides and a white belly.

Habitat: woodland, forest edge and gardens.

Range: Senegal to Sudan, Zambia and northeastern Angola.

Reference: Sinclair, I and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.

**WALLACE'S STANDARDWING *Semioptera wallacei***

Paradidaeidae

Indonesia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 2500 r

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and green from the chin to breast with a tuft above the bill and two elongated white wing feathers (the standard); the female is pale brown and lacks the "standard".

Habitat: rainforest.

Range: Halmahera, Kasiruta and Bacan, Indonesia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 14.

**NIAS MYNA, *Gracula robusta* Sturnidae**

Indonesia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 1500 r

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with white wing patches and yellow wattles on the nape and below the eye.

Habitat: forest on hills away from the coast.

Range: small islands off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia.

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

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