

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Taxonomic Update

The 2010 update to our Clements taxonomy was released in late December. Changes ranged from minor typos to a reshuffling of orders and families. Changes that affect stamps are summarized below:

Five orders are new: Phaethontiformes (tropicbirds), Suliformes (frigatebirds, gannets & boobies, cormorants, pelicans and anhingas) Accipitriformes (hawks & eagles, Secretarybird and Osprey), Eurypygiformes (Sunbittern and Kagu) and Otidiformes (bustards). A new family, Calcaridae, includes the longspurs and McKay's Bunting and Snow Bunting, and an old family, Zosteropidae, is resuscitated.

Green Pygmy-goose becomes Green Pygmy-Goose

Cotton Pygmy-goose becomes Cotton Pygmy-Goose

African Pygmy-goose becomes African Pygmy-Goose

Common Scoter (Antigua & Barbuda, Jersey and Zaire) has been split from Black Scoter (2002-3 Federal Duck Stamp and Gambia)

Dove Prion becomes Antarctic Prion

Greater Shearwater becomes Great Shearwater

Abbot's Booby, *Papasula abbotti*

Darter is split into three species: Australasian Darter, *Anhinga novaehollandiae* is on a stamp from Nicaragua; all the African issues are African Darter, *Anhinga rufa*.

Eurasian Buzzard becomes Common Buzzard

Rufous-bellied Eagle, *Lophotrichus kienerii*

Beach Thick-knee, *Esacus magnirostris*

Crested Pigeon, *Ocyphaps lophotes*

Pink Cockatoo, *Lophochroa leadbeateri*

Adelaide Rosella is lumped with Crimson rosella and becomes *Platycercus elegans adalaidae*

Alexandra's Parrot becomes Princess Parrot

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, *Hierococcyx nicicolor*

Greater Sooty-owl becomes Sooty Owl

Morepork is lumped with Southern Boobook and becomes *Ninox boobook novaseelandiae*

Violaceous Trogon is split into three species, only one of which is on stamps: Gartered Trogon, *Trogon caligatus*, is on stamps from Bequia and Guatemala. The species on Paraguay, 1983, 8352, 2g (Handbook 106-1, page 30) is a Green-backed Trogon, *Trogon viridis*; stamps labeled White-tailed Trogon (Colombia, Guyana, Peru and Netherlands Antilles) are also this species.

Blue-crowned Motmot has been split into five species, all of which are on stamps:

Blue crowned Motmot, *Momotus coeruliceps* on stamps from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Liberia and Nicaragua (1991 and 2000)

Whooping Motmot, *Momotus subrufescens* on stamps from Mali (1995, 100 francs) and Nicaragua (1992).

Andean Motmot, *Momotus aequitorialis* on stamps from Ecuador (1966) and Peru.

Amazonian Motmot, *Momotus momota* on stamps from Bhutan, Bolivia, Congo, Ecuador (2010) and Mali (1995, 50 francs).

Trinidad Motmot, *Momotus bahamensis* on a stamp from Trinidad and Tobago.

Azure Kingfisher, *Ceyx azurea*

Little Kingfisher, *Ceyx pusilla*
Malachite Kingfisher, *Corythornis cristatus*
Malagasy Kingfisher, *Corythornis vintsioides*
White-bellied Kingfisher, *Corythornis leucogaster*
Black-browed Barbet becomes Taiwan Barbet (split)
White-shouldered Triller becomes White-winged Triller
Elepaio becomes Hawaii Elepaio
Spectacled Monarch, *Symposiachrus trivirgatus*
Trumpet Manucode, *Phonygammus keraudrenii*
Pacific Robin, *Petroica multicolor* (all non-Australian issues) has been split from Scarlet Robin, *Petroica boodang* (Australian issues)
Yellow Robin becomes Eastern Yellow Robin
Plain-tailed Wren, *Pheugopedius euophrys*
Speckled-breasted Wren, *Pheugopedius sclateri*
Winter Wren is split into three species: Winter Wren, *Troglodytes hiemalis* (not on stamps), Pacific Wren, *Troglodytes pacificus* on US, 2000, Pacific Coast Rain Forest issue and Eurasian Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes* (all other issues)
Forest Thrush, *Turdus lherminieri*
Hwamei becomes Chinese Hwamei
Bridled White-eye becomes Rota White-eye, *Zosterops rotensis*
Bonin Honeyeater becomes Bonin White-eye, *Apalopteron familiar*
Charles Mockingbird becomes Floreana Mockingbird
Blue-winged Warbler, *Vermivora cyanoptera*
Golden-winged Warbler, *Oreothlypis chrysopterus*
Nashville Warbler, *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*
Louisiana Waterthrush, *Parkesia motacilla*
Common Bush-Tanager is moved to Family Emberizidae
Bachman's Sparrow, *Pucasea aestivalis*
Bahama Oriole is now a full species, *Icterus northropi* (BP 59 #1)
Chestnut-eared Finch is lumped with Zebra Finch and becomes *Temniopygia guttata castanotis*
Goudian Finch, *Erythrura gouldiae*
Java Sparrow, *Lonchura fuscata*

New Species

To facilitate timely reporting, published illustrations are used that do not reflect the actual size of the stamps.

Some subspecies have been identified:

NORTH ISLAND KOKAKO, *Callaeas cinereus wilsoni*

New Zealand, 1985, 931, \$1

NORTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philasternus carunculatus rufusater*

New Zealand, 1986, 962, \$4

SOUTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philasturnus carunculatus carunculatus*

New Zealand, 1962, 387, 3d



GIANT FIJI MEGAPODE, *Megavitiornis altirostris* Megapodiidae
Fiji, 2006, 1103 First Day Cover

The rendition of this extinct megapode is by George Bennett.

Habitat: near volcanoes.

Range: Formerly Viti Levu, Fiji.

Reference: Worthy, T. J.. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, **30**, Issue 4, 2000.



PIN-TAILED SNIPE, *Gallinago stenura* Scolopacidae
Misidentified on the stamp.
Comoros, 2010, not yet cataloged, 350 francs

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above with striped head, spotted breast and sides and pale belly.

Habitat: breeds in bare wetlands; winters in wetlands.

Range: Breeds in Siberia; winters from India to Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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



BONIN PIGEON, *Columba versicolor* Columbidae
Japan, 2011, not yet cataloged, 50 yen

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, extinct since 1889. Metallic golden purple above, paler below.
Habitat: forest.
Range: Formerly Bonin Islands, Japan.
Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.



RAMERON PIGEON, *Columba arquatrix* Columbidae
Mozambique, 2010, not yet cataloged, 20 mt
Length: 15 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Purplish with a speckled breast and bright yellow feet and bill.
Habitat: canopy in evergreen forest.
Range: Ethiopia to Cape of Good Hope and Angola.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



GARTERED TROGON, *Trogon caligatus* Trogonidae
Bequia, 2003, 325, \$1

Length: 9 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and yellow below with a violet-blue head to mid-breast and gray wings; the female is gray with a yellow belly.
Habitat: second-growth woodlands and clearings.
Range: Northeastern Panama to western Venezuela.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT, *Momotus coereliceps* Momotidae
Belize, 1977, 389, 25 cents

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull tawny back and below with an all blue crown.

Habitat: forest and clearings.

Range: Northeastern Mexico to northwestern Colombia.

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



WHOOPIING MOTMOT, *Momotus subrufescens*

Momotidae

Colombia, 1985, C752, 55 pesos

Length; 15 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and rufous below and nape with a black-centered turquoise crown.

Habitat: forest and clearings.

Range: Caribbean coast of Colombia and Venezuela.

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



ANDEAN MOTMOT, *Momotus aequatorialis*

Momotidae

Ecuador, 1966, 749, 50 centavos

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grass-green above and olive-green below with a black centered turquoise crown and gray legs and feet.

Habitat: montane forest.

Range: Western Colombia to northern Bolivia.

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



AMAZONIAN MOTMOT, *Momotus momota* Momotidae

Mali, 1995, 716b, 50 francs

Length: 16 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and light olive-green below with a black crown surrounded by turquoise in front and violet-blue behind.

Habitat: forest and clearings.

Range: Southern Venezuela to northeastern Argentina.

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



TRINIDAD MOTMOT, *Momotus bahamensis*

Momotidae

Trinidad & Tobago, 2003, 677b, \$1

Length: 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and rufous below with a short black breast streak.

Habitat: heavily shaded forest on Trinidad; open areas on Tobago.

Range: Trinidad and Tobago.

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



ASH-BREASTED TIT-TYRANT, *Anairetes alpinus* Tyrannidae
Bolivia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 3.50 bolivars

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a bifurcated crest and two white wingbars.

Habitat: semi-humid montane woodlands.

Range: Northwestern Peru, southeastern Peru and northwestern Bolivia.

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



PIED WATER TYRANT, *Fluvicola pica* Tyrannidae
Colombia, 2010, 1236d, 2000 pesos

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar resident. White with black wings, nape, upper back and tail.

Habitat: freshwater marshes, ponds and lakes.

Range: Eastern Panama to Trinidad and northern Brazil.

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



PACIFIC WREN, *Troglodytes pacificus* Troglodytidae
United States, 2000. 3378a, 33 cents

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, mostly resident but some Canadian birds move south for the winter. Warm brown above and buff brown below with flank stripes.

Habitat: coniferous forests.

Range: Aleutians to California and western Montana.

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