

Mid:	<i>Strategus rhinoceros</i> ,	SCA	Dynastinae
UR:	<i>Chauliognathus lecontei</i> Champion,	Cantharidae	hauliognathinae
<b>UKRAINE</b>	2010, December 28 (National Nature Park Sviati Hory)		
1h	<i>Zerynthia polyxena</i> Denis & Schiffermuller,		
	SOUTHERN FESTOON	PAP	Parnassiinae
<b>UNITED NATIONS-KOSOVO</b>	2010, Novmeber 8 (Gastronomy)		
162	70c <i>Apis mellifera</i> L.,		
	WESTERN HONEYBEE, honey, hive, comb	API	Apinae
<b>WALLIS &amp; FUTUNA</b>	2011, January 17.		
55fr	CICADA on a leaf		Cicadidae

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It is time for the annual report on insect new issues. In calendar 2010 we had a slight increase in the number of new insect stamps but still the third lowest in the past 15 years.. I measure the number of new issues by the height of the stack of 3x5 index cards, one per stamp, that I accumulate each year. (20mm = about 100 cards). Local and known illegal issues are not included.

In spite of the lower numbers of insect stamps, increasing postal rates seem to be driving up the cost of obtaining such stamps faster than the number of stamps goes down.

1996	80mm = ~400 stamps	2004	54mm = ~270 stamps
1997	119mm = ~595 stamps	2005	68mm = ~340 stamps
1998	125mm = ~625 stamps	2006	63mm = ~315 stamps
1999	133mm = ~665 stamps	2007	62mm = ~310 stamps
2000	165mm = ~825 stamps	2008	37mm = ~185 stamps
2001	191mm = ~955 stamps	2009	47mm = ~235 stamps
2002	122mm = ~610 stamps	2010	53mm = ~265 stamps
2003	91mm = ~455 stamps		

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### EYEBROWED THRUSH, *Turdus obscurus*

Turdidae

North Korea, 1966, 733, 10c This was listed as a probable Gray-backed Thrush, *Turdus hortulorum* in Handbook 106, page 147.

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes similar but the female has a browner head, migratory. Olive-brown above and dull orange below with a gray head and white brow.

Habitat: breeds in moist forests; winters in more open areas.

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

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



**JUNGLE MYNA, *Acridotheres tristis*** Sturnidae  
Fiji. 2007, 1132-1135 First Day Cover

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident, Grayish with a hackled forehead, yellow bill and white wing spot.

Habitat: populated areas in Fiji.

Range: Northern Pakistan to Malay Peninsula; introduced in Fiji and Taiwan.

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



**LAVENDER WAXBILL, *Estrilda caerulescens*** Estrildidae  
Liberia, 2011, not yet cataloged, \$80

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Pearly gray with a black streak through the eye and a red rump and upper tail.

Habitat: thickets, thicket edges and rocky hillsides.

Range: Senegal to the northern Central African Republic.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.

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