

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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

## Corrections

The Zaire stamp shows a Black Scoter (see below).

Blue-crowned Motmot appears also on Colombia, 1985, 1657, 55p.

Golden-winged Warbler remains in the genus *Vermivora*.

## Subspecies



WHITE-EARED CONURE  
Weight: 2.3oz (65g)  
Length: 8½in (21cm)

**VENEZUELAN PARAKEET, *Pyrrhura picta emma*** Psittacidae

St. Vincent, 1995, SS 2154, \$5

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a maroon face, white ear coverts, blue hindneck and a red patch on the belly.

Habitat: forest and adjacent clearings.

Range: Coastal northwestern Venezuela.

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

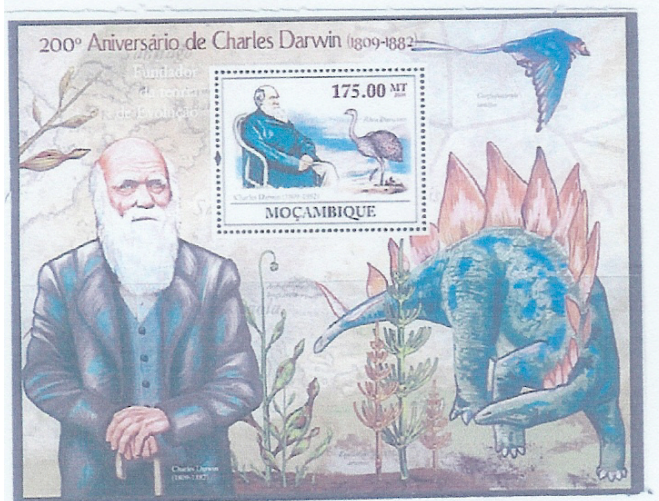
In the latest revision to Clements, the Maroon-faced (White-eared) Parakeet was made monotypic, the *emma* subspecies (recognized as a full species by some authorities) was assigned to the Painted Parakeet, *Pyrrhura picta*. Although both the Handbook of the Birds of the World and Parrots of the World (Forshaw and Cooper) assign this subspecies to the Maroon-faced Parakeet, *Pyrrhura leucotis* must be removed from the aviary.

**TRES MARIAS AMAZON, *Amazonas oratrix tremariae***

Guyana, 1995, 3429c. \$60

**STEJNEGER'S STONECHAT, *Saxicola torquatus stejnegeri***

North Korea, 1988, 2749, 15c

**New Species****CONFUCIUSORNIS, *Confuciusornis sanctus***

Confuciusornithidae

Mozambique, 2009, not yet cataloged, 175m The bird in the surrounds upper right.

Length: 20 inches. An extinct red-brown, gray and black bird from the early cretaceous (120 million years ago) with a 2.3-foot wingspan and long tail streamers.

Range: Formerly China.

Reference: Hou, L., Z. Zhou, Y. Gu and H. Zhang. Chinese Science Bulletin 10 61-63, 1995.

**BLACK SCOTER, *Melanitta nigra* Anatidae**

Zaire, 1994, 1422, 1.50z

Length: 17 to 22 inches, migratory. The male (foreground bird) is black with an orange culmen and no black protuberance at the base of the bill; the female (behind the male) is brown with a whitish neck.

Habitat: breeds in freshwater; winters at sea.

Range: Breeds from eastern Siberia to northern Canada; winters to the northern U.S.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

**BANK CORMORANT, *Phalacrocorax neglectus* Phalacrocoracidae**

Namibia, 2011, not yet cataloged, \$4.60

Length: 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a white rump.

Habitat: strictly marine.

Range: Southern Namibia to the Cape of Good Hope.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

**WHITE-EARED NIGHT HERON, *Gorsachius magnificus* Ardeidae**

Vietnam, 2011, not yet cataloged, 3500đ

Length: 22 inches, sexes alike, resident. Mottled brownish above and white below with long white eye patch.

Habitat: wet areas in heavy forest.

Range: Eastern and southern China; vagrant to northern Vietnam. Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.





**RIVER TERN, *Sterna aurantia*** Laridae  
Comoro Islands, 2010, not yet cataloged, 3000f

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark gray above and white below with a black crown, bright yellow bill, red legs and a deeply forked tail.

Habitat: sandy islands in freshwater lakes and rivers.

Range: Pakistan to Vietnam.

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



**WHITE-CHEEKED TERN, *Sterna repressa*** Laridae  
Comoro Islands, 2010, not yet cataloged, 500f

Length: 13 to 14 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray with black crown, nape and tail and white cheeks.

Habitat: tropical coasts.

Range: Breeds on the Persian Gulf and Red Sea to Kenya; winters from Somalia to Kenya and Arabia and southwestern India.

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

Barbara Herbert reports two additional Fiji first day covers that show new birds (not on the stamps). Art work is some of the last by George Bennett.



**GOLDEN DOVE, *Ptilinopus luteovirens*** Columbidae  
Fiji, 2009, 1210-1213 First Day Cover

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the cover) is golden green with golden streaks; the female is bright green with a yellow undertail.

Habitat: forest and scrub.

Range: Western Fiji.

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



**SWIFT PARROT, *Lathamus discolor*** Psittacidae

Comoros, 2009, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 10 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Green with a red face outlined in yellow and a dark red upper tail.

Habitat: breeds in eucalypt forest; winters in remnant open forest, parks and suburbs.

Range: Breeds in Tasmania; winters in coastal southeastern Australia

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



**BLUE-WINGED MACAW, *Primolius maracana*** Psittacidae

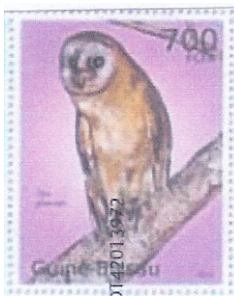
Rumania, 2010, not yet cataloged, 51

Length: 14 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a red forehead, white face, blue wings and yellow undertail.

Habitat: borders of tropical evergreen forest.

Range: Eastern Brazil to Paraguay and northeastern Argentina.

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



**ASHY-FACED OWL, *Tyto glaucops*** Tytonidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2010, not yet cataloged, 700f

Length: 10 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish brown above and tawny below with a silvery-gray facial disc.

Habitat: open woodland, forest, scrub and caves.

Range: Hispaniola and Tortue Island.

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



**PACIFIC SCREECH OWL, *Megascops cooperi*** Strigidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2010, not yet cataloged, 350f

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Tawny-gray above and off-white below with a pale gray facial disc.

Habitat: dry woodlands and semi-open country.

Range: Southern Mexico to northwestern Costa Rica.

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





**BALSAS SCREECH OWL, *Megascops seductus*** Strigidae  
Guinea-Bissau, 2010, not yet cataloged, 900f

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and whitish below with brown eyes and a greenish bill.

Habitat: arid open areas, deciduous woodland, mesquite and thorn forest.

Range: Southwestern Mexico.

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

World, Volume 5.



**CLOUD-FOREST PYGMY OWL, *Glaucidium nubicola***  
Strigidae

Colombia, 2011, not yet cataloged, 6100p

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brown above with a pale brown spotted head and unspotted rufous sides of the breast.

Habitat: wet primary forest on steep slopes.

Range: Colombia and Ecuador.

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



**GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL, *Platyrrinchus coronatus***  
Tyrannidae

Curaçao, 2010, not yet cataloged, 1500c

Length: 3.5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Olive above and olive-washed yellowish below with a bold facial pattern and golden crown.

Habitat: dark understory of humid forest.

Range: Honduras to Peru and Amazonian Brazil.

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



**RED-FACED CISTICOLA, *Cisticola erythrops*** Cisticolidae  
Liberia, 2011, not yet cataloged, \$80

Length: 5 to 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark gray-brown above and buffy below with a rufous face.

Habitat: shrubby and grassy areas.

Range: Senegal to Sudan, Angola and eastern South Africa.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Vol. 11.

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