

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Taxonomic Update

The 2011 update to our Clements taxonomy was released by Cornell in August. Changes ranged from minor typos to a reshuffling of families. The revised order of families is given below. Six new families were added, and one was deleted (Rhabdornithidae–Philippine Creepers). The family Parulidae (New World Warblers) was completely revised.

The 227 families accepted by Clements Checklist are listed below, with the names of newly recognized families in bold, and with an additional extinct family listed in brackets.

Struthionidae	Cathartidae	Alcidae
Rheidae	Pandionidae	Pteroclididae
Casuariidae	Accipitridae	Columbidae
Dromaiidae	Sagitariidae	Strigopidae
Apterygidae	Falconidae	Cacatuidae
Tinamidae	Otididae	Psittacidae
Anhimidae	Mesitornithidae	Musophagidae
Anatidae	Cariamidae	Opisthocomidae
Megapodiidae	Rhynochetidae	Cuculidae
Cracidae	Eurypygidae	Tytonidae
Numididae	Rallidae	Strigidae
Odontophoridae	Heliornithidae	Aegothelidae
Phasianidae	Aramidae	Podargidae
Gaviidae	Psophiidae	Nyctibiidae
Podicipedidae	Gruidae	Caprimulgidae
Phoenicopteridae	Burhinidae	Steatornithidae
Spheniscidae	Chionidae	Apodidae
Diomedidae	Charadriidae	Hemiprocnidae
Procellariidae	Pluvianellidae	Trochilidae
Hydrobatidae	Dromadidae	Coliidae
Pelecanoididae	Haematopodidae	Trogonidae
Phaethontidae	Ibidorhynchidae	Todidae
Sulidae	Recurvirostridae	Momotidae
Pelecanidae	Jacaniidae	Alcedinidae
Phalacrocoracidae	Scolopacidae	Meropidae
Anhingidae	Turnicidae	Coraciidae
Fregatidae	Glareolidae	Brachypteraciidae
Ardeidae	Pedionomidae	Leptosomidae
Threskiornithidae	Thinocoridae	Upupidae
Scopidae	Rostratulidae	Phoeniculidae
Ciconiidae	Laridae	Bucerotidae
Balaenicipitidae	Stercorariidae	Bucconidae

Galbulidae	Malaconotidae	Bernieridae
Lybiidae	Machaerirhynchidae	Cisticolidae
Megalaimidae	Vangidae	Sylviidae
Capitonidae	Artamidae	Zosteropidae
Semnornithidae	Cracticidae	Pellorneidae*
Ramphastidae	Pityriasisidae	Leiothrichidae*
Indicatoridae	Aegithinidae	Timaliidae
Picidae	Campephagidae	Promeropidae
Acanthisittidae	Neosittidae	Irenidae
Calyptomenidae*	Pachycephalidae	Hylotiidae
Eurylaimidae	Laniidae	Muscicapidae
Sapayoidae*	Vireonidae	Turdidae
Philepittidae	Oriolidae	Mimidae
Pittidae	Dicruridae	Sturnidae
Furnariidae	Rhipiduridae	Buphagidae
Thamnophilidae	Monarchidae	Chloropseidae
Formicariidae	Corvidae	Dicaeidae
Grallariidae	Corcoracidae	Nectariniidae
Conopophagidae	Paradisaeidae	Prunellidae
Rhinocryptidae	Petroicidae	Motacillidae
Melanopareidae	Picathartidae	Urocynchramidae
Tyrannidae	Chaetopidae	Bombycillidae
Oxyruncidae	Eupetidae	[Mohoidae—extinct]
Cotingidae	Panuridae	Ptilonotidae
Pipridae	Nicatoridae	Dulidae
Tityridae	Alaudidae	Hylocitridae
Menuridae	Hirundinidae	Hypocoliidae
Atrichornithidae	Stenostiridae	Peucedramidae
Ptilonorhynchidae	Paridae	Calcaridae
Climacteridae	Remizidae	Parulidae
Maluridae	Aegithalidae	Coerebidae
Meliphagidae	Sittidae	Thraupidae
Dasyornithidae	Tichodromidae	Emberizidae
Pardalotidae	Certhiidae	Cardinalidae
Acanthizidae	Troglodytidae	Icteridae
Pomatostomidae	Polioptilidae	Fringillidae
Orthonychidae	Cinclidae	Passeridae
Cnemophilidae	Pycnonotidae	Ploceidae
Melanocharitidae	Regulidae	Estrildidae
Paramythiidae	Pnoepygidae*	Viduidae
Callaeidae	Macrosphenidae*	
Notiomystidae	Cettiidae	* new family
Psophodidae	Phylloscopidae	
Cinclosomatidae	Acrocephalidae	
Platysteiridae	Locustellidae	
Prionopidae	Donacobiidae	

This section summarizes the changes that affect birds on stamps. Lumps and splits result in Aviary gains of four species (see write up below) and the loss of one species: the **Imperial Pheasant** (*Lophura imperialis*), which is a hybrid of **Silver Pheasant** (*Lophura nycthemera*) and **Edwards's Pheasant** (*Lophura edwardsi*). The bird is on Vietnam, 1997, SS2805, 14000d.

The **Red-billed Hornbill** was split into five species, two of which are on stamps. All but two stamps are **Northern Red-billed Hornbill** (*Tockus erythrocerus*). Stamps from Ghana show **Eastern Red-billed Hornbill** (*Tockus kempfi*).

The **Cape Verde Buzzard** (*Buteo bannermani*), split from **Common Buzzard**, is shown on Cape Verde, 2008, 850b, 5e.

Van Hasselt's Sunbird (*Leptocoma brasiliana*), split from **Purple-throated Sunbird** (*Leptocoma sperata*), is shown on Vietnam, 1981, 1137, 60x.

The **Snowy Plover** was split into **Snowy Plover** (*Charadrius nivosus*) on stamps from Barbuda, Anguilla, Jamaica, and Nevis and **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) on all issues from the Old World.

Abbott's Booby (*Papasula abbotti*)

Common Moorhen becomes Common Gallinule

Austral Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium nana*)

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Chordeiles nacunda*)

Firethroat (*Calliope pectardens*)

Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*)

White-tailed Rubythroat (*Calliope pectoralis*)

Spectacled Monarch (*Symposiachus trivirgatus*)

Orange-breasted Rockjumper becomes Drakensberg Rockjumper

Yellow-streaked Bulbul becomes Yellow-streaked Greenbul

Cameroon Scrub-Warbler becomes Evergreen-forest Warbler

African Scrub-Warbler becomes Barratt's Warbler

Black-capped Speirops (*Zosterops lugubris*)

Sao Tome White-eye becomes Principe White-eye

Olivaceous Thrush becomes Sao Tome Thrush

Rufous-tailed Shama (*Copsychus pyrrhopygus*)

Ryukyu Robin (*Larvivora komadori*)

Przewalski's Rosefinch becomes Przevalski's Rosefinch

Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosus*)

Dendroica becomes Setophaga in 18 warbler species

Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*)

Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*)

New Species



CAPE VERDE BUZZARD, *Buteo bannermani* Accipitridae
Cape Verde, 2008, 850b, 5e

Length: 20 to 23 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brown with white under tail and under wings.

Habitat: Edges of woods.

Range: Cape Verde Islands.

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



WAHLBERG'S EAGLE, *Hieraetus wahlbergi* Accipitridae
Burundi, 2011, not yet cataloged, 3000f

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Polymorphic: the dark form (shown on the stamp) is all dark brown with pale yellow feet. The pale form has a white hood and legs.

Habitat: Woodland and tree savanna.

Range: Breeds in Sub-Saharan Africa; winters from Guinea to Somalia.

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



SNOWY PLOVER. *Charadrius nivosus* Charadriidae
Barbuda, 1980, 32, 2c

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish above and white below with black post-ocular stripes and patches on the sides of the breast.

Habitat: Coasts and saline lakes.

Range: Breeds in the USA, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Peru to south-

central Chile. Winters from the coastal USA to Panama and Peru to Chile.

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



YELLOW-AND-GREEN LORIKEET, *Trichoglossus flavoviridis*
Psittacidae
Mozambique, 2011, not yet cataloged, 16 mt

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and green-barred yellow below with a dusky face and orange bill.

Habitat: Montane forest and secondary growth.

Range: Sulawesi and Sula Islands, Indonesia.

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



REGENT PARROT, *Polytelis anthopeplus* Psittacidae

(Previously on an issue from Hutt River)

Tuvalu, 2011, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 16 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and yellow below with a yellow head and median wing coverts; the female is green above and pale green below with a pale green head and whitish wing patch.

Habitat: Woodlands and adjacent scrublands.

Range: Southwestern Australia and interior southeastern Australia.

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



MARVELOUS SPATULETAIL, *Loddigesia mirabilis* Trochilidae

Peru, 2011, not yet cataloged, 10s

Length: 4 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and white below with a central black line and a long tail of two shafts with racquets; the female lacks the long tail and central black line.

Habitat: Forest edges, second growth and montane scrub.

Range: Northern Peru.

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



MANGROVE KINGFISHER, *Halcyon senegaloides* Alcedinidae

Togo, 2011, not yet cataloged, 750f

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bluish above and grayish white below with black wings and a gray-brown crown.

Habitat: Low lying woodlands and wooded rivers.

Range: Coastal eastern Africa from Somalia to South Africa.

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



WESTERN RED-BILLED HORNBILL, *Tockus kempii* Bucerotidae

Ghana, 1991, 1345k, 100c (also Ghana, 2007, 2604a, 7500c)

Length: 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black above and white below with spotted wing coverts and black around the eye.

Habitat: Open savanna and woodland.

Range: Southern Mauritania and Senegambia to the inner Niger delta.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 26.



PUERTO RICAN WOODPECKER, *Melanerpes portoricensis* Picidae
Cuba, 2011, not yet cataloged, 10p

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is glossy blue-black above and bright red below with a white forehead and rump, and buffish-brown sides. The female is smaller, shorter-billed and paler.

Habitat: Wooded areas and plantations.

Range: Puerto Rico and Vieques Island.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 7.



WHITE-BELLIED CINCLODES, *Cinclodes palliatus* Furnariidae
Peru, 2011, not yet cataloged, 10s

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and white below with a grayish crown, white wingband, and black tail.

Habitat: Bogs with short grass.

Range: High Andes of central Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 8.



ICTERINE WARBLER, *Hippolais icteris* Sylviidae
Latvia, 2011, not yet cataloged, 35s

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Greenish-gray above and lemon-yellow below with a yellowish supercilium and gray legs.

Habitat: Tall trees in open forest or dense woods.

Range: Breeds from Scandinavia to west-central Russia and Crimea; winters in southern Africa.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 11.



WHITE-BROWED ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha heuglini* Turdidae
Congo (D.R.), 2011, not yet cataloged, 675fc

Length; 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull gray above, rufous below and hind collar with a black head and white brow.

Habitat: Evergreen forest edge and thickets.

Range: Southern Chad and Sudan to Angola and northern South Africa.

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



GALAPAGOS MOCKINGBIRD, *Mimus parvulus* Mimidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2011, not yet cataloged, 850fcfa

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and whitish below with a black face and white collar.

Habitat: Arid coastal scrub, woodland, and mangroves.

Range: Galapagos Islands.

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



CURVE-BILLED THRASHER, *Toxostoma curvirostris*
Mimidae
Guinea, 2011, not yet cataloged, 5000 FG

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with a brown-spotted white belly and a long moderately curved bill.
Habitat: Open desert and scrubland.

Range: Southwestern U.S. and Mexico.

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



VAN HASSEL'S SUNBIRD, *Leptocoma brasiliana* Nectariniidae
Vietnam, 1981, 1137, 60x

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and maroon-crimson below with a green crown and sooty-brown lower belly. The female is olive above and yellow below with a black tail.

Habitat: Forest, coastal scrub, and gardens.

Range: Northeastern India to Vietnam, Borneo, and western Java.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 13.