

**VANUATU** (continued)**2012 May 2****A\***

A pane of 12 se-tenant stamps, all birds. Designer: Donna McKenna. Offset by Southern Colour Print.

1025	10v	Southern Shrikebill, <i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides</i>	Monarchidae	Vol. 61(3)
1026	20v	Silver-eye, <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Zosteropidae	
1027	40v	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove, <i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Columbidae	
1028	50v	Pacific Imperial-Pigeon, <i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Columbidae	
1029	70v	Long-tailed Triller, <i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Campephagidae	
1030	90v	Vanuatu Scrubfowl, <i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Megapodiidae	Vol. 61(3)
1031	100v	Streaked Fantail, <i>Rhipidura spilodera</i>	Rhipiduridae	Vol. 61(3)
1032	140v	Dark-brown Honeyeater, <i>Lichmera incana</i>	Meliphagidae	Vol. 61(3)
1033	160v	Vanuatu Petrel, <i>Pterodroma occulta</i>	Procellariidae	Vol. 61(3)
1034	400v	Ruddy Turnstone, <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Scolopacidae	
1035	500v	Purple Swamphen, <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Rallidae	
1036	1000v	Striated Heron, <i>Butorides striata solomonensis</i>	Ardeidae	
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**BIRD OF THE YEAR POSTMARK**

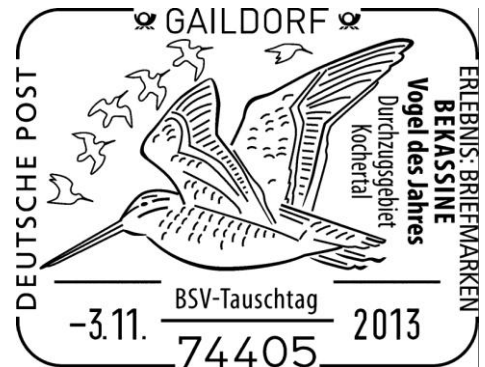
We have been informed of a special postmark created to commemorate the Bird of the Year at a local philatelic exhibition to be held in Gaildorf, Germany on 3 November 2013. The selection for this year's bird is the *Bekassine*, or Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*).

This show is sponsored by BSV Gaildorf. BSV is an acronym that stands for *Briefmarkensammlerverein* (postmark collectors club).

The Common Snipe is a small, stocky wader native to the Old World. The breeding habitat is marshes, bogs, tundra, and wet meadows throughout northern Europe and northern Asia.

Collectors interested in obtaining a copy of this postmark should contact:

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Further information is available on their web site (in German) at: [www.bsv-gaildorf.de](http://www.bsv-gaildorf.de). Their site shows examples of avian postmarks from previous shows, but there is no indication that these are still available.