

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections

Black-bellied Cuckoo was previously on a 100-franc issue from Mali in 1995.

New Birds



ROYAL SPOONBILL, *Platalea regia* Threskiornithidae
Solomon Islands, 2013 August 30, not yet cataloged, \$35 SS (Previously on a local from Rainbow Creek, 1982, \$1)

Length: 30 to 32 inches. Sexes alike, disperses. White with black tail, legs, head and curved spatulate bill.

Habitat: Freshwater wetlands and sheltered marine habitats.

Range: Java to the Solomon Islands, eastern Australia and New Zealand.

Disperses mainly throughout northern and eastern Australia.

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



GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO, *Calyptorhynchus lathami* Cacatuidae
St. Thomas and Prince, 2013 September 10, not yet cataloged, 96000d SS

Length: 18 to 20 inches, resident. The male (shown) is brownish black with a large red patch at the base of the tail. The female has additional yellow patches on the head and neck.

Habitat: Coastal forest and open woodland.

Range: Southeastern Australia and Kangaroo Island.

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

FINSCH'S PYGMY-PARROT, *Micropsitta finschii* Psittacidae
Solomon Islands, 2013, aerogramme (Illustration not yet available)

Length: 3.65 inches, resident. The male is green, paler below with a yellow undertail. The female is pink around the base of the lower mandible.

Habitat: Forest and clearings.

Range: New Hanover to the Solomon Islands.

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



RUSTY-BARRED OWL, *Strix hylophila* Strigidae
Burundi, 2012 December 21, Sc#1225, 7500fr SS (UL margin)

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident, barred brown above and barred white below with a rusty-brown facial disk with concentric rings.

Habitat: Evergreen forest with undergrowth.

Range: Central Paraguay to southeastern Brazil.

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



GOLDEN NIGHTJAR, *Caprimulgus eximius* Caprimulgidae
Niger, 2013 September 30, not yet cataloged, 750fr (left-hand bird)

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes similar, resident. Tawny-buff with black-and-white spots.

Habitat: Open semi-desert areas.

Range: Northern Senegal to central Sudan.

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



RUFOUS-CRESTED COQUETTE, *Lophornis delattrei* Trochilidae
St. Kitts, 2013, not yet cataloged, \$2.50 (Previously on a local from Bernera.)

Length: 2.7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a bushy rufous crest and a narrow white band across the rump. The female lacks the crest and has a spotted neck.

Habitat: Open areas near trees and bushes.

Range: Southwestern Costa Rica to northern Bolivia.

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



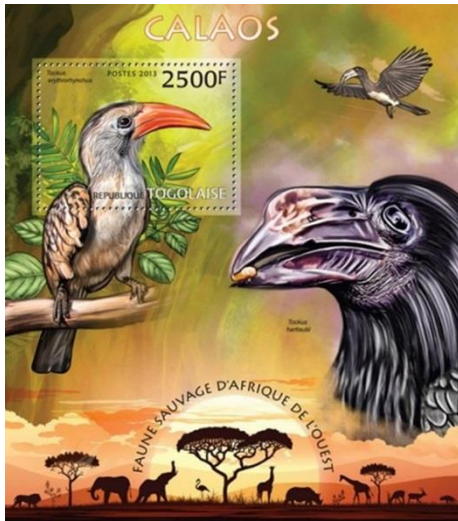
BLACK-CRESTED COQUETTE, *Lophornis helenae* Trochilidae
St. Kitts, 2013, not yet cataloged, \$2.50

Length: 2.7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a black hair-like crest, bronzy-spotted belly, and whitish band on the rump. The female lacks the crest and has a bronzy-spotted throat.

Habitat: Semi-open habitats.

Range: Southern Mexico to eastern Costa Rica.

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



BLACK DWARF HORNBILL, *Tockus hartlaubi* Bucerotidae
Togo, 2013 March 1, not yet cataloged, 2500fr SS (LR margin)

Length: 13 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a white band from the eye to the neck and a black and red casque. The female has no red in the casque.

Habitat: Forest sub-canopy.

Range: Southern Sierra Leone to western Uganda and northwestern Angola.

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



BAR-TAILED LARK. *Ammomanes cinctura* Alaudidae
Niger, 2013 September 30, not yet cataloged, 750fr (right-hand bird)

Length: 5.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray to tawny-rufous above and pale below with a black bar on the tail.

Habitat: Desert and semi-desert.

Range: Cape Verde to southern Pakistan.

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



BLACK LARK, *Melanocoryphus yeltoniensis* Alaudidae
Kazakhstan, 2013 December 25, not yet cataloged, 150t

Length: 8 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is black with a white bill. The female is brownish gray above and whitish below with streaking.

Habitat: Steppe.

Range: Breeds from southwestern Russia to Lake Balkhash in Siberia. Winters from the Black Sea to the Caspian and southern Kazakhstan.

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