

## ORNITHOLOGY

#### **Editor**

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### New I ssues

As I prepared to write this article for April, May, and June 2014, *Linn's Stamp News* laid a bomb on their readers with the notification that they have eliminated the "New Issues" section in their weekly publication.

What this means is that collectors and dealers will not be alerted as to what issues are in the pipeline from the some 180+ countries of the globe by their postal authorities. This also means that, by no longer listing this information that was part of my listing, details such as designer, printing method, or printing entity will no longer appear as part of the stamp listing that I provide for each issue. I still have some of these articles from prior Linn's listings for issues I have not yet reported, but eventually I will no longer be able to provide this information.

Another concern is not knowing when a bird stamp is part of a mixed stamp issue, because Scott Publishing Company does not always list a description of every stamp in a mixed stamp issue as to the subject matter. I have read and seen a number of letters to Linn's, by subscribers regarding the elimination of the "New Issues" section.

Linn's stated reason for elimination, on page 50 of the February 3, 2014 weekly issue, is the time it took to get these listings and that it furthermore was a duplication of the content in the once-a-month "Scott New Issue Update" listing in the *Linn's Stamp News*.

It appears that *Linn's Stamp News* is not aware of how far the new issue updates are behind in listing some countries. A few are six or more years behind and other are about one year. The losers in this decision are the stamp collecting community and maybe the dealers. And they wonder why stamp collecting is waning as a hobby.

Scott# Denom Common Name/Scientific Name

Family/Subfamily

Code

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#### BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERR. 2013 November 27

A set of four stamps (Sc#462–65) for the 70th Anniversary of Bransfield Station in the Antarctic, with one stamp featuring penguins.

462 65p Adelie Penguin, *Pygoscelis adeliae* 

Spheniscidae

## 2013 November 27

**A**\*

A set of eight stamps with four different bird species, two of each, one an adult and the other a juvenile. **Note:** The value for the adult of the species is located at the UR corner and the juvenile at the UL corner of the stamp.

| 466a | 40p   | Gentoo Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis papua</i>          | Spheniscidae |
|------|-------|--|--------------|
| 466b | 40p   | Same bird, juvenile                              |              |
| 467a | 50p   | Adelie Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>        | Spheniscidae |
| 467b | 50p   | Same bird, juvenile                              |              |
| 468a | 75p   | Chinstrap Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i> | Spheniscidae |
| 468b | 75p   | Same bird, juvenile                              |              |
| 469a | £1.20 | Emperor Penguin, Aptenodytes patagonicus         | Spheniscidae |
| 469b | £1.20 | Same bird, juvenile                              | _            |

## **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

I last listed the stamps of this country in Vol.55(4), in December 2006, which were issued in 1999 through July 2001. In fact, Scott Publishing has not updated any issues for this country since the issues of August 2007. The dates for issues with birds that I have listed below are for the period December 2011 through March 2013.

#### 2011, December 20

Α\*

These stamps were all issued on this date and consist of six MS, each with four non-se-tenant stamps, and six SS. No "New Issues" articles ever appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* announcing any of the issues listed in this volume, so no designer or printing method or printer information is available.

| SO HO | designer or p | mitting method of printer information is available.  |              |
|-------|---------------|--|--------------|
|       |               | Parrots  |              |
| N/A   | 650fr         |  | Psittacidae  |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Rüppell's Parrot, <i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>  | Psittacidae  |
| N/A   | 650fr         | **   | Psittacidae  |
| N/A   |               | Senegal Parrot, Poicephalus senegalus  | Psittacidae  |
|       |               | LR: Senegal Parrot, Poicephalus senegalus  | Psittacidae  |
| N/A   | _             | L: Senegal Parrot, <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>  | Psittacidae  |
|       |               | R: Red-fronted Parrot, <i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>   | Psittacidae  |
|       | Margin        | LL: Lesser Vasa, <i>Mascarinus nigra</i> (Cap: <i>Coracopsis nigra</i> ) (previously named Black Parrot) | Psittacidae  |
|       |               | UL & UR: Gray Parrot, <i>Psittacus erithacus</i>   | Psittacidae  |
|       |               | ·  | 1 Sittacidae |
| 3.7/4 | 6506          | Owls   | G. : : 1     |
| N/A   | 650fr         | L: Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus  | Strigidae    |
| 3.7/4 | 6500          | R: Madagascar Long-eared Owl, Asio madagascariensis  | Strigidae    |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Marsh Owl, Asio capensis   | Strigidae    |
| N/A   |               | Spotted Eagle-Owl, Bubo africanus  | Strigidae    |
| N/A   |               | Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus   | Strigidae    |
| N/A   |               | Marsh Owl, Asio capensis   | Strigidae    |
|       | Margin        | LL: African Scops-Owl, Otus senegalensis   | Strigidae    |
|       |               | UL: African Long-eared Owl, Otus abyssinicus   | Strigidae    |
|       |               | UR: Fraser's Eagle-Owl, <i>Bubo poensis</i>  | Strigidae    |
|       |               | Owls   |              |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Pel's Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia peli</i>  | Strigidae    |
| N/A   | 650fr         | African Grass-Owl, Tyto capensis   | Tytonidae    |
| N/A   |               | L: Pel's Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia peli</i>   | Strigidae    |
|       |               | R: Tawny Owl, <i>Strix aluco</i>   | Strigidae    |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Ural Owl, <i>Strix uralensis</i>   | Strigidae    |
|       | Margin        | LR: Pel's Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia peli</i>  | Strigidae    |
| N/A   | SS 2400fr     | L: Pel's Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia peli</i>   | Strigidae    |
|       |               | R: Tawny Owl, <i>Strix aluco</i>   | Strigidae    |
|       | Margin        | LR: Pel's Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia peli</i>  | Strigidae    |
|       |               | Top: Little Owl, Athene noctua   | Strigidae    |
|       |               | Raptors  |              |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Tawny Eagle, <i>Aquila rapax</i>   | Accipitridae |
| N/A   | 650fr         |  | Accipitridae |
| N/A   | 650fr         | Augur Buzzard, <i>Buteo augur</i>  | Accipitridae |
| N/A   | 650fr         | African Fish-Eagle, Haliaeetus vocifer   | Accipitridae |
| N/A   | SS 2400fr     |  | Accipitridae |
|       |               | L: Steppe Eagle, <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>  | Accipitridae |
|       | Margin        | UL & ML: Tawny Eagle, <i>Aquila rapax</i>  | Accipitridae |
|       |               | UR: Steppe Eagle, Aquila nipalensis  | Accipitridae |
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| CENT  | RAL AFRIC       | CAN REPUBLIC Peacock  |             |            |
|-------|-----------------|---|-------------|------------|
| N/A   | 650fr           | Congo Peacock, Afropavo congensis (one facing left, one front)      | Phasianidae |            |
| N/A   | 650fr           | Same bird (two facing left)   |             |            |
| N/A   | 650fr           | Same bird (two facing right)  |             |            |
| N/A   | 650fr           | Same bird (one facing front, one looking right)                     |             |            |
|       | Margin          | LR: Same bird   |             |            |
| N/A   | SS 2400fr       | Same bird (pair) (also three birds in margin)                       |             |            |
|       |                 | Kingfishers/Bee-eater   |             |            |
| N/A   |                 | Pied Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle rudis</i>                                | Alcedinidae |            |
| N/A   |                 | European Bee-eater, <i>Merops apiaster</i>                          | Meropidae   |            |
| N/A   |                 | Giant Kingfisher, Megaceryle maximus                                | Alcedinidae |            |
| N/A   |                 | Pied Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle rudis</i>                                | Alcedinidae |            |
|       |                 | LR: Ringed Kingfisher, <i>Megaceryle torquatus</i>                  | Alcedinidae |            |
| N/A   |                 | Giant Kingfisher, Megaceryle maximus                                | Alcedinidae |            |
|       | Margin          | LL: Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher, <i>Ceyx erithaca</i>             | Alcedinidae |            |
|       |                 | LR: Half-collared Kingfisher, <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>            | Alcedinidae |            |
|       |                 | MR: Blyth's Kingfisher, Alcedo hercules                             | Alcedinidae |            |
|       |                 | 2012 April 25   |             | <b>A</b> * |
| These | three issues of | consist of three MS and three SS, of bee-eaters, parrots, and owls. |             |            |
|       |                 | Bee-eaters  |             |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Southern Carmine Bee-eater, <i>Merops nubicoides</i>                | Meropidae   |            |
| N/A   |                 | European Bee-eater, <i>Merops apiaster</i>                          | Meropidae   |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Same bird   |             |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | White-fronted Bee-eater, <i>Merops bullockoides</i>                 | Meropidae   |            |
| N/A   |                 | European Bee-eater, <i>Merops apiaster</i>                          | Meropidae   |            |
|       | Margin          | UR & LR: European Bee-eater, <i>Merops apiaster</i>                 | Meropidae   |            |
|       |                 | Parrots   |             |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Meyer's Parrot, <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>                           | Psittacidae |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Gray Parrot, Psittacus erithacus                                    | Psittacidae |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Red-fronted Parrot, Poicephalus gulielmi                            | Psittacidae |            |
| N/A   | 900fr           | Rose-ringed Lovebird, Psittacula krameri                            | Psittacidae |            |
| N/A   | SS 3000fr       | Red-headed Lovebird, Agapornis pullarius                            | Psittacidae |            |
|       | Margin          | LL: Niam-niam Parrot, <i>Poicephalus crassus</i>                    | Psittacidae | new        |
|       | _               | LR: Black-collared Lovebird, <i>Agapornis swindernianus</i>         | Psittacidae |            |
|       |                 | Owls  |             |            |
| N/A   | 750fr           | Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus                                      | Strigidae   |            |
| N/A   | 750fr           | Northern Hawk-Owl, <i>Surnia ulula</i>                              | Strigidae   |            |
| N/A   | 750fr           | Barred Owl, <i>Strix varia</i>                                      | Strigidae   |            |
| N/A   | 750fr           | Long-eared Owl, Asio otus   | Strigidae   |            |
| N/A   |                 | Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus                                      | Strigidae   |            |
|       |                 | LL: Barred Owl, <b>S</b> trix varia                                 | Strigidae   |            |
|       | Č               | UR: Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>                                      | Tytonidae   |            |
|       |                 | LR: Eastern Screech-Owl, Megascops asio                             | Strigidae   |            |
|       |                 | MR: Short-eared Owl, Asio flammeus                                  | Strigidae   |            |
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#### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 2013 February 25

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**A**\*

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps for the 200th Anniversary of Alexander Wilson, an American ornithologist and poet, born in Scotland.

| N/A | 750fr     | European Turtle-Dove, Streptopelia turtur          | Columbidae     |
|-----|-----------|--|----------------|
| N/A | 750fr     | Snow Bunting, Plectrophenax nivalis                | Calcariidae    |
| N/A | 750fr     | Northern Bobwhite, Colinus virginianus             | Odontophoridae |
| N/A | 750fr     | L: Eskimo Curlew, <i>Numenius borealis</i>         | Scolopacidae   |
|     |           | R: Passenger Pigeon, <i>Ectopistes migratorius</i> | Columbidae     |
| N/A | SS 2650fr | Long-eared Owl, Asio otus                          | Strigidae      |
|     | Margin    | UL: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Accipiter striatus         | Accipitridae   |

(Cap: Épervier brun)

ML: Common Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago* (Cap: *Bécassine*) Scolopacidae LL: Ruffed Grouse, *Bonasa umbellus* (Cap: *Gélinotte huppée*) Phasianidae

2013 March 25 A\*

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps of s-o-s design, with two of the stamps featuring birds.

N/A 750fr King Penguin, *Aptenodytes patagonicus* Spheniscidae N/A 750fr Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia* Strigidae

COOK ISLANDS 2013 May 31

A set of six stamps (Sc#1453–58) for Global Wildlife, but only one stamp features a bird. No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

1458 \$1.50 Whooping Crane, *Grus americana* Gruidae

CUBA 2012 October 12 A\*

A set of four stamps (Sc#5322–25) for America/Myths and Legends, a UPAEP issue, but only one stamp features a bird. No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

5332 65c Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Larus fuscus* Laridae

(The gull of San Juan River)

2012 November 29 A\*

A set of six stamps (Sc#5332–37) for Second Cuba Philatelic Cup/Flora & Fauna, and a SS, but only one stamp of the six features a bird. No designer information. Offset, but no printer information.

5335 65c Indian Peafowl, *Pavo cristatus* Phasianidae 5338 1p Red-legged Thrush, *Turdus plumbeus* Turdidae

CURACAO 2013 June 1 C\*

A set of two stamps (Sc#128–29) for Ocean Liner *Freewinds*, with one of the stamps featuring birds. No designer information. Offset by Enschede.

129 175c Laughing Gull, *Leucophaeus atricilla* Laridae

CZECH REPUBLIC 2013 September 4 B\*

A sheet of four stamps and four labels (Sc#3579a-d) for Flora & Fauna of the Karlštejn Region, with two stamps featuring birds.

| 3579b | 14k | Northern Wheatear, <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>    | Muscicapidae |
|-------|-----|--|--------------|
| 3579d | 20k | Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>             | Accipitridae |
| Label |     | Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Accipiter nisus          | Accipitridae |
|       |     | European Honey-Buzzard, <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | Accipitridae |

GAMBIA 2013 November 18 A\*

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps, listed as "Birds of Brazil." The sheet has the emblem for the Brasiliana Intl. Philatelic Exhibition held in Rio de Janeiro.

| 3535a | 35d | Turquoise-fronted Parrot, Amazona aestiva                  | Psittacidae       |
|-------|-----|--|-------------------|
|       |     | (Cap: Blue-fronted, but the English name was previously ch | anged)            |
| 3535b | 35d | Toco Toucan, Ramphastos toco                               | Ramphastidae      |
| 3535c | 35d | Hyacinth Macaw, Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus                 | Psittacidae       |
| 3535d | 35d | Scarlet Ibis, <i>Eudocimus ruber</i>                       | Threskiornithidae |

GHANA 2013 August 28 A\*

Two sheets, one with five stamps (Sc#2758a-e) and one with six stamps (Sc#2760a-f) titled "Animals of Africa."

| 2759c | 2.25ce | American Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i> | Phoenicopteridae |
|-------|--------|--|------------------|
| 2760c | 2.25ce | Southern Ground-Hornbill, Bucorvus leadbeateri | Bucorvidae       |
| 27/01 | 2.25   | G 1: 1   |                  |

2760d 2.25ce Same bird

GIBRALTAR 2013 November 2 A\*

Two previously issued stamps (Sc#1115 and Sc#1327) surcharged.

| 1411 | 14p | Little Owl, <i>Athene noctua</i> (surch UK in gray)        | Strigidae |
|------|-----|--|-----------|
| 1412 | 28p | Eurasian Eagle-Owl, <i>Buteo buteo</i> (surch 5p in black) | Strigidae |

## GREAT BRITAIN (I sle of Man) 2013 September 13

В\*

A SS with four stamps (Sc#1602a-d) of paintings of Wildlife by Jeremy Paul, with one stamp featuring egrets.

1602b 75p Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis* Ardeidae

GRENADA 2013 October 21 A\*

A set of 12 stamps, all of parrots. No designer information. Offset, no printer information. **Note:** A \$100 stamp has been reported as part of this issue, but I have not yet seen it to determine the species.

| 3926 | 25c    | Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Ara ararauna           | Psittacidae |
|------|--------|---|-------------|
| 3927 | 35c    | Blue-cheeked Parrot, Amazona dufresniana      | Psittacidae |
| 3928 | 40c    | Scarlet Macaw, Ara macao                      | Psittacidae |
| 3929 | 75c    | Turquoise-fronted Parrot, Amazona aestiva     | Psittacidae |
| 3930 | \$1    | Blue-winged Macaw, Primolius maracana         | Psittacidae |
| 3931 | \$1.25 | Festive Parrot, Amazona festiva               | Psittacidae |
| 3932 | \$1.50 | Golden-capped Parakeet, Aratinga auricapillus | Psittacidae |
|      |        | (Cap: Gold-capped Conure)                     |             |
| 3933 | \$2    | Hyacinth Macaw, Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus    | Psittacidae |
| 3934 | \$4    | Military Macaw, <i>Ara militaris</i>          | Psittacidae |
| 3935 | \$5    | Maroon-faced Parakeet, Pyrrhura leucotis      | Psittacidae |
|      |        | (Cap: White-eared Conure)                     |             |
| 3936 | \$10   | Yellow-headed Parrot, Amazona oratrix         | Psittacidae |
| 3937 | \$50   | Hispaniolan Parakeet, Aratinga chloroptera    | Psittacidae |
|      |        |   |             |

#### GRENADA-GRENADINES 2013 October 16

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Two panes of three stamps each and two SS titled "Birds of the Caribbean." The stamps carry the name of Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique. No designer information. Offset, but no printer information.

| 2846a | \$3.75 | White Ibis, <i>Eudocimus albus</i>                | Threskiornithidae |
|-------|--------|---|-------------------|
| 2846b | \$3.75 | Swallow-tailed Kite, <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>  | Accipitridae      |
| 2646c | \$3.75 | Sora, <i>Porzana carolina</i>                     | Rallidae          |
| 2847a | \$3.75 | White-tailed Tropicbird, <i>Phaethon lepturus</i> | Phaethontidae     |
| 2847b | \$3.75 | Scarlet Ibis, <i>Eudocimus ruber</i>              | Threskiornithidae |
| 2847c | \$3.75 | Stilt Sandpiper, Calidris himantopus              | Scolopacidae      |
| 2848  | SS \$9 | Tree Swallow, <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>          | Hirundinidae      |
| 2849  | SS \$9 | Purple Gallinule, <i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>     | Rallidae          |

GUYANA 1993 July 21

Δ,

This sheet of nine se-tenant stamps (Sc#2675Ab–j) for Jurassic Fauna Living and Prehistoric, with two stamps featuring birds, has finally been recognized by Scott Publishing Company and has been assigned numbers. This issue has never been listed in the Ornithology section of the journal.

| 2675Ab | \$25 | Archaeopteryx, Archaeopteryx lithographica | †Archaeopterygidae |
|--------|------|--|--------------------|
| 2675Ac | \$25 | Ostrich, <b>Struthio camelus</b>           | Struthionidae      |

2013 April 29 A\*

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps in a vertical format and a SS, listed as "Bird of South America." No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| 4230a | \$225    | Black-backed Tanager, <i>Tangara peruviana</i> | Thraupidae | Vol.62(3) |
|-------|----------|--|------------|-----------|
| 4230b | \$225    | Golden-hooded Tanager, Tangara larvata         | Thraupidae |           |
| 4230e | \$225    | Turquoise Tanager, <i>Tangara mexicana</i>     | Thraupidae |           |
| 4230d | \$225    | Burnished-buff Tanager, <i>Tangara cayana</i>  | Thraupidae |           |
| 4231  | SS \$710 | Golden Tanager, <i>Tangara arthus</i>          | Thraupidae | Vol.62(3) |

#### ICELAND 2014 January 16 A\*

A single self-adhesive stamp for Protection of Eagles.

1327 (103k) White-tailed Eagle, *Haliaeetus albicilla* Accipitridae

## INDONESIA 2013 August 2

В\*

A SS with a single stamp for the Thailand 2013 World Stamp Expo. Designer: Teguh Wiyanto. Offset by Perum Printer.

2356 10000r Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise, *Paradisaea raggiana* Paradisaeidae

#### JAPAN 2013 December 13

Α\*

A sheet of five stamps (Sc#3643a–e) for the 60th Anniversary of Kagoshima Local Autonomy Law, with one stamp featuring birds.

3643e 80¥ White-naped Crane, *Grus vipio* Gruidae

## 2013 July 1

Α\*

Five self-adhesive stamps of animals (Sc#3595a–e), but only one stamp has a bird. The sheet has ten stamps (2ea Sc#3595a–e). Two sets of five also appear on the sheet but no birds (Sc#3596a–e). Designer: Hoshiyama Ayaka; Offset, no printer information.

3595d 50¥ Gentoo Penguin, *Pygoscelis papua* Spheniscidae

KAZAKHSTAN 2013 July 2 A\*

First Woman in Space 50th Anniversary. Two stamps (Sc#699–700) with one stamp containing a bird as part of the design. Designers: Kuat Ibayshin and Sergey Marshev. Offset by Kazakhstan Banknote.

699 150t Yellow-legged Gull, Larus michahellis Laridae

## LIBERIA 2013 July 30 A\*

Two sheets of four stamps each and two SS, titled "Birds of the World."

| 2868a | \$85     | Barnacle Goose, <i>Branta leucopsis</i>        | Anatidae          |
|-------|----------|--|-------------------|
| 2868b | \$85     | Brown Pelican, Pelecanus occidentalis          | Pelecanidae       |
| 2868c | \$85     | Long-billed Curlew, <i>Numenius americanus</i> | Scolopacidae      |
| 2868d | \$85     | Eurasian Vulture, <i>Gyps fulvus</i>           | Accipitridae      |
| 2869a | \$85     | Great Egret, Ardea alba                        | Ardeidae          |
| 2869b | \$85     | Red-and-green Macaw, Ara chloropterus          | Psittacidae       |
| 2869c | \$85     | Roseate Spoonbill, <i>Platalea ajaja</i>       | Threskiornithidae |
| 2869d | \$85     | Mute Swan, Cygnus olor                         | Anatidae          |
| 2870  | SS \$280 | Indian Peafowl, <i>Pavo cristatus</i>          | Phasianidae       |
| 2871  | SS \$280 | Black Crowned-Crane, Balearica pavonina        | Gruidae           |

## LITHUANIA 2013 September 7 A\*

Red Book of Lithuania/Endangered Birds. Two stamps of birds designed by Egle Ratkute. Offset by Pasaulis.

| 1010 | 2L Aquatic Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i> | Acrocephalidae     |
|------|--|--------------------|
| 1011 | O OOL TE D' '' Authors a surrentelle               | 3.6 ( '11' 1 3.7 1 |

# 1011 2.90L Tawny Pipit, Anthus campestris Motacillidae Vol.62(4)

## MALAYSIA 2013 May 13 A\*

Two panes of stamps (Sc#1458 & Sc#1460a—e) for "Wonders of the Malaysian Forests," with each containing five stamps. A third pane contains no birds. Designer: World Communication Network Resources. Offset, in self-adhesive format, by Southern Colour Print.

| 1458a | \$1 | Gould's Frogmouth, Batrachostomus stellatus      | Podargidae  | new |
|-------|-----|--|-------------|-----|
| 1458b | \$1 | Helmeted Hornbill, Buceros vigil                 | Bucerotidae |     |
| 1460d | \$1 | Malayan Peacock-Pheasant, Polyplectron malacense | Phasianidae |     |

### MALDIVE ISLANDS 2013 September 30

Α

A pane of four stamps, a strip of four, and a SS with the World Wildlife Fund panda logo emblem. No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| 3021a<br>3021b |        | White-breasted Waterhen, <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> (in flight) Same bird (at water's edge) | Rallidae<br>Rallidae |
|----------------|--------|--|----------------------|
| 3021c          | 22r    | Same bird (two birds)  | Rallidae             |
| 3021d          | 22r    | Same bird (bird and chicks)  | Rallidae             |
| 3021           |        | Horiz strip 4 (Sc#3021a–d) (perf 13×13½)   |                      |
| 3021e          |        | Same bird, SS of 8 (2ea Sc#3021a–d + central label)  |                      |
| 3022a          | 22r    | Same bird (at water's edge)  | Rallidae             |
| 3022b          | 22r    | Same bird (two birds)  | Rallidae             |
| 3022c          | 22r    | Same bird (bird and chicks)  | Rallidae             |
| 3022a          | 22r    | Same bird (in flight)  | Rallidae             |
| 3022           |        | Same bird, MS of 4 (Sc#3022a–d) (perf 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> )                         |                      |
| 3023           | SS 70r | Same bird with flower  | Rallidae             |

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## MALDIVE ISLANDS (continued) 2013 September 30

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps and a SS of "Birds of the Indian Ocean."

| 3029a | 22r    | Brown Booby, Sula leucogaster                               | Sulidae        |
|-------|--------|---|----------------|
| 3029b | 22r    | Lesser Frigatebird, <i>Fregata ariel</i>                    | Fregatidae     |
| 3029c | 22r    | Red-footed Booby, Sula sula                                 | Sulidae        |
| 3029d | 22r    | Flesh-footed Shearwater, <i>Puffinus carneipes</i>          | Procellariidae |
| 3029  |        | MS of 4 (Sc#3029a–d) (perf 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ) |                |
| 3038  | SS 70r | Great White Pelican, Pelecanus onocrotalus                  | Pelecanidae    |
|       | Margin | LR: Masked Booby, Sula dactylatra                           | Sulidae        |
|       |        | UR: White-tailed Tropicbird, <i>Phaethon lepturus</i>       | Phaethontidae  |
|       |        | LL: Lesser Frigatebird, <i>Fregata ariel</i>                | Fregatidae     |

2013 October 25 A\*

Three sheets of four stamps each, in se-tenant format and three SS for "Fauna and Flora of the Maldives," representing birds of prey, owls, and water birds.

| 3044a | 20r    | Great White Pelican, Pelecanus onocrotalus                  | Pelecanidae  |
|-------|--------|---|--------------|
| 3044b | 20r    | Pin-tailed Snipe, Gallinago stenura                         | Scolopacidae |
| 3044c | 20r    | Brown Noddy, <i>Anous stolidus</i>                          | Laridae      |
| 3044d | 20r    | Northern Shoveler, Anas clypeata                            | Anatidae     |
| 3044  |        | MS of 4 (Sc#3044a-d) (perf 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ) |              |
| 3054  | SS 60r | Ruff, <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>                             | Scolopacidae |
|       | Margin | L: Same bird ♂  |              |
|       |        | LR: Same bird ♀   |              |
| 3048a | 22r    | Short-eared Owl, <i>Asio flammeus</i> (flying left)         | Strigidae    |
| 3048b | 22r    | Same bird (flying right)                                    | Strigidae    |
| 3048c | 22r    | Same bird (flying right with vine)                          | Strigidae    |
| 3048d | 22r    | Same bird (flying left over water)                          | Strigidae    |
| 3048  |        | MS of 4 (Sc#3048a-d) (perf 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ) |              |
| 3058  | SS 70r | Same bird   | Strigidae    |
|       | Margin | UL, LL, & Bot: Same bird                                    |              |
| 3049a | 22r    | Shorted-eared Owl, <i>Asio flammeus</i>                     | Strigidae    |
| 3049b | 22r    | Eurasian Hobby, <i>Falco subbuteo</i>                       | Falconidae   |
| 3049c | 22r    | Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>                          | Accipitridae |
| 3049d | 22r    | Eurasian Marsh-Harrier, Circus aeruginosus                  | Accipitridae |
| 3059  | SS 70r | Osprey, <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>                            | Pandionidae  |
|       | Margin | UL: Osprey, <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>                        | Pandionidae  |
|       |        | LR: Eurasian Hobby, <i>Falco subbuteo</i>                   | Falconidae   |
|       |        |   |              |

M AURITIUS 2013 August 30 A

Set of three stamps (Sc#1132–34) for Flora and Fauna, with one featuring a bird. No designer information. Offset by BDT International.

1134 18r Mascarene Martin, *Phedina borbonica* Hirundinidae (Cap: Mascarene Swallow)

MICRONESIA 2013 July 7 A\*

A sheet of eight se-tenant stamps (Sc#1041a-h) and a SS of two stamps (Sc#1042a-b) for "Wildlife of Thailand." The sheet of eight contains four stamps featuring birds and the SS contains one stamp with a bird. Both of these sheets have logos for the Thailand 2013 World Stamp Exhibition that was held in Bangkok.

| 1041a | 75c    | Javan Banded Pitta, <i>Pitta guajana</i>    | Pittidae    |
|-------|--------|---|-------------|
| 1041c | 75c    | Wrinkled Hornbill, Aceros corrugatus        | Bucerotidae |
| 1041d | 75c    | Nicobar Pigeon, Caloenas nicobarica         | Columbidae  |
| 1041h | 75c    | Red-footed Booby, Sula sula                 | Sulidae     |
| 1042b | \$1.75 | Red-breasted Parakeet, Psittacula alexandri | Psittacidae |

PAKISTAN 2013 July 1 A\*

A single stamp of a bird. Designer: Adil Salahuddin. Offset by Pakistan Security Printing.

1198 8r Red-vented Bulbul, *Pycnonotus cafer* Pycnonotidae

## PERU 2013 September 10

Α\*

A SS with a single stamp for Prehistoric Animals with image of an extinct penguin. Designer: Christian Alvarez Mendoza. Offset by Thomas Greg & Sons. **Note:** I have two different last name spellings the designer, Mendoza and Mendosa. Since his name does not appear on any of the stamps, the correct spelling is in question. The "New Issues" article I had for two of the listings from *Linn's Stamp News*, each used a different spelling. *[Ed. Note: A search of the Internet reveals that the correct spelling is "Mendoza."]* 

1820 10s Water King Penguin, *Inkayacu paracasensis* Spheniscidae

#### 2013 October 4

C\*

A single stamp for the 95th Anniversary of the Museum of Natural History in Lima. Designer: Christian Alvarez Mendoza. Offset by Thomas Greg & Sons.

4s Marvelous Spatuletail, *Loddigesia mirabilis* Trochilidae

#### 2013 October 14

Α\*

A SS with four se-tenant stamps. Designer: Christian Alvarez Mendoza. Offset by Thomas Greg & Sons.

| 1830a | 3s Harpy Eagle, <i>Harpia harpyja</i>                 | Accipitridae |
|-------|---|--------------|
| 1830b | 3s Crested Eagle, <i>Morphnus gui anensis</i>         | Accipitridae |
| 1830c | 3s Ornate Hawk-Eagle, <i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>        | Accipitridae |
| 1830d | 3s Black-and-Chestnut Eagle, <i>Spizaetus isidori</i> | Accipitridae |

#### 2013 October 31 A\*

A SS with four se-tenant stamps of hummingbirds. Designer: Christian Alvarez Mendoza. Offset by Thomas Greg & Sons.

| 1832a   | 5s | Royal Sunangel, Heliangelus regalis            | Trochilidae | Vol.62(4) |
|---|----|--|-------------|-----------|
| 1832b   | 5s | Purple-collared Woodstar, Myrtis fanny         | Trochilidae |           |
| 1832c   | 5s | Gray-bellied Comet, Taphrolesbia griseiventris | Trochilidae |           |
| 1832d   | 5s | Oasis Hummingbird, <i>Rhodopis vesper</i>      | Trochilidae |           |
| (This species was previously shown on a 1982 local Staffa issue.) |    |  |             |           |

#### NEW ZEALAND (Ross Dependency) 2013 November 20

Δ\*

A sheet with four se-tenant stamps (Sc#L129–33) for the Antarctic Food Web, with two stamps featuring birds. Designer: Gregory Millen. Offset by Southern Colour Print.

| L130  | \$1.40 | Lesser Snow Petrel, <i>Pagodroma nivea nivea</i>       | Procellariidae |
|-------|--------|--|----------------|
|       |        | (A subspecies of Snow Petrel, <i>Pagodroma nivea</i> ) |                |
| L131  | \$1.90 | Adelie Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>              | Spheniscidae   |
| L133a |        | SS of 5 (Sc#L129–33)                                   |                |

### SOUTH GEORGIA & SANDWICH IS. 2013 December 15

Δ\*

A set of six stamps (Sc#486–91) for "Habitat Restoration," with two stamps featuring birds. Each stamp has emblem of South Georgia Heritage Trust.

490 £1 Yellow-billed Pintail, *Anas georgia* (Cap: South Georgia Pintail) Anatidae 491 £1.20 South Georgia Pipit, *Anthus antarcticus* Motacillidae

## UNITED NATIONS (Vienna) 2013 October 10

Α\*

A pane of four se-tenant stamps (Sc#534–37) of endangered species type of 1993 for offices in Vienna, Austria. Designer: Emily S. Damstra. Lithography by Enschede & Sons.

535 70c Pharaoh Eagle-Owl, *Bubo ascalaphus* Strigidae

## UZBEKISTAN 2011 August 29

C\*

A set of 55 stamps (Sc#655a-b to Sc#680a-b) to mark the 20th Anniversary of Uzbekistan's Independence. Eleven triptychs of 800s, 900s, and 1200s value stamps, each with a central label, with two stamps featuring birds. Offset, no printer information.

675a 900s White Stork, *Ciconia ciconia* Ciconiidae 675b 1200s Short-toed Eagle, *Circaetus gallicus* Accipitridae

#### 2012 December 28

Α\*

A set of four stamps (Sc#718–21) for the Flora and Fauna of the Chatkal Biosphere Reserve, with one stamp featuring a bird species. Designer: A. Zuev. Offset, no printer information.

720 1000s Eurasian Eagle-Owl, *Bubo bubo* Strigidae

## VIETNAM 2013 June 1

A set of four stamps for birds in Xuan Thuy National Park and a SS. No designer information. Offset, no printer information. Each stamp and the SS has an emblem of a bird and the name Xuan Thuy National Park.

| 3477 | 2000d     | Black-faced Spoonbill, <i>Platalea minor</i>       | Threskiornithidae      |
|------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| 3478 | 3500d     | Asian Dowitcher, Limnodromus semipalmatus          | Scolopacidae           |
| 3479 | 6500d     | Northern Shoveler, <i>Anas clypeata</i>            | Anatidae               |
| 3480 | 10500d    | Gray-headed Lapwing, Vanellus cinereus             | Charadriidae Vol.62(3) |
| 3481 | SS 15000d | Spot-billed Pelican, <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> | Pelecanidae            |

#### 2013 September 12

Α\*

Two stamps in a joint issue with Singapore for the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the two countries. Designer: Ming Trang and Eng Siak Loy; Offset by Postal Stamp Printing Co.

| 3485 | 2000d  | Red Junglefowl, <i>Gallus gallus</i>             | Phasianidae |
|------|--------|--|-------------|
| 3486 | 10500d | Gray Peacock-Pheasant, Polyplectron bicalcaratum | Phasianidae |

#### **VIRGINISLANDS**

## 2014 January 30

Α

A set of four stamps and a SS of hummingbirds. The four stamps were issued with and without white frames. The stamps are a "Worldwide Fund for Nature" issue and all have the WWF panda emblem.

| 1151  | 35c    | Antillean Crested Hummingbird, Orthorhyncus cristatus | Trochilidae |
|-------|--------|---|-------------|
| 1155a | 35c    | Same bird, without white frame                        |             |
| 1152  | 40c    | Same bird, female on nest                             |             |
| 1155b | 40c    | Same bird, without white frame                        |             |
| 1153  | 75c    | Same bird, sipping at flower                          |             |
| 1155c | 75c    | Same bird, without white frame                        |             |
| 1154  | \$1.50 | Same bird, head only                                  |             |
| 1155d | \$1.50 | Same bird, head only, without white frame             |             |
| 1156  | SS \$5 | Same bird   |             |

On April 9, 2014, I forwarded an e-mail to Martin J. Frankevicz, New Issues Editor for Scott Publishing Company, regarding the status of Scott numbering for the following "countries:" Canouan, Mayreau, Mustique, and Bequia, which are essentially just islands of St. Vincent. Herein is the reply I received to my e-mail;

"Mr. Mertz:

"We have not listed stamps for any of the St. Vincent islands for a number of years, and may never list them again. A number of years ago, Bob Lamb, the ex-director of the APS, went to St. Vincent on vacation and visited a number of these islands. He had purchased a number of island issues at the philatelic bureau on St. Vincent. When he tried to post mail bearing the island stamps at that island's post office, the clerks told him that they could not accept mail franked with those stamps. When we alerted the postmaster general about this we were told that, despite the numerous attempts Mr. Lamb made to mail items franked with these island stamps, the island stamps were valid for postage. Scott Publishing does not believe the postmaster general because we know that the philatelic bureau became an operation separate from the St. Vincent Postal Service a number of years ago. Scott Publishing is willing to reconsider the matter if anyone shows them a commercial cover from the islands that is franked with the stamps created for the island. So far, none have been shown to Scott Publishing. Mr. Lamb wrote an article about this in the Scott Stamp Monthly not long after his vacation there which featured the rejected covers and his story of what happened.

"The stamps created for Palm Island, Young Island, and Tobago Cays have never been and will never be listed because they are either uninhabited or are inhabited but do not have a post office. There is no need for separate postage stamps for such places. If you read the Scott Catalogue listing policy, Scott Publishing is pretty blunt—we don't list stamps that are not valid for postage and they don't list stamps created for uninhabited places or places lacking a post office. Scott publishes a postage stamp catalogue, not a postage stamp and all sorts of other things masquerading as a postage stamp catalogue."

I understand where Scott Publishing Company is coming from and agree with their stance regarding items created that will never do postal duty as stamps were intended. Realizing that collectors have a right to determine what will be purchased for their collecting interest, I have listed these below, but with no Scott numbers. Collectors of these "countries/islands" should not expect any numbers to be assigned to these listings any time in the future, based on Scott Publishing's reply to my question of status for these listings. I will continue to list future "countries/islands" when I am aware of them. As they say in the business world, "Let the buyer beware."

BEQUIA 2011 August 29 A'

A MS of four se-tenant stamps titled "Birds of the World" showing birds and eggs with feathers in the margin. A SS of three egg-shaped stamps showing eggs of three different birds with a bird in the margin. A SS of a bird egg with a bird and four different bird eggs in the margin. A SS of a bird and egg with five different eggs in the margin. Designer: IGPC Art Dept. Offset, C&C Security Printing.

| N/A | \$2.75 | Corn Crake, Crex crex (with egg)                              | Rallidae          |
|-----|--------|---|-------------------|
| N/A | \$2.75 | Golden Eagle, <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> (with egg)             | Accipitridae      |
| N/A | \$2.75 | L: Carrion Crow, <i>Corvus corone</i> (with egg)              | Corvidae          |
|     |        | R: Hooded Crow, <i>Corvus cornix</i>                          | Corvidae          |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Willow Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>                 | Phylloscopidae    |
|     |        | MS of 4 (above)   | • •               |
| N/A | \$3    | Ruff, Philomachus pugnax (egg)                                | Scolopacidae      |
| N/A | \$3    | Common Murre, <i>Uria aalge</i> (egg)                         | Alcidae           |
| N/A | \$3    | Great Cormorant, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> (egg)             | Phalacrocoracidae |
|     |        | SS of 3 (above)   |                   |
|     | Margin | L: Ruff, <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> (bird)                     | Scolopacidae      |
| N/A | SS \$6 | Great Crested Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i> (egg)     | Tyrannidae        |
|     | Margin | L: Great Crested Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i> (bird) | Tyrannidae        |
|     |        | UR: Raven, Corvus corax (egg)                                 | Corvidae          |
|     |        | MR: Boat-tailed Grackle, Quiscalus major (egg)                | Icteridae         |
|     |        | LR: California Jay, <i>Aphelocoma californica</i> (egg)       | Corvidae          |
|     |        | LR: Cowbird (egg)   | Icteridae         |

## **BEQUIA** (continued)

N/A SS \$6 Red-rumped Swallow, *Cecropis daurica* (with egg) Hirundinidae

Margin Top: Red-breasted Snipe (egg)

UR: Great Snipe (egg)
MR: Woodcock (egg)
Bot: Greenshank (egg)
LR: Jack Snipe (egg)

CANOUAN 2011 February 28 A\*

A sheet of four se-tenant stamps and a SS with two se-tenant stamps. No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| N/A | \$2.50 | Great Blue Heron, Ardea herodias              | Ardeidae      |
|-----|--------|---|---------------|
| N/A | \$2.50 | Masked Booby, <i>Sula dactylatra</i>          | Sulidae       |
| N/A | \$2.50 | Wilson's Storm Petrel, Oceanites oceanicus    | Hydrobatidae  |
| N/A | \$2.50 | Pied-billed Grebe, <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> | Podicipedidae |
| N/A | \$3    | Green-winged Teal, Anas crecca                | Anatidae      |
| N/A | \$3    | Osprey, Pandion haliaetus                     | Pandionidae   |

MAYREAU 2011 October 26 A\*

Two panes of four stamps each and two SS titled "Birds of Paradise." No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| N/A | \$2.75 | Painted Parakeet, <i>Pyrrhura picta</i>               | Psittacidae    |           |
|-----|--------|---|----------------|-----------|
| N/A | \$2.75 | Common Scale-backed Antbird, Willisornis poecilinotus | Thamnophilidae | Vol.61(1) |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Guianan Toucanet, Selenidera culik                    | Ramphastidae   |           |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Festive Parrot, Amazona festiva                       | Psittacidae    |           |
|     |        |   |                |           |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Crimson-bellied Parakeet, <i>Pyrrhura perlata</i>     | Psittacidae    | Vol.61(1) |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Crimson-breasted Finch, <i>Phodospingus cruentus</i>  | Emberizidae    | Vol.61(1) |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, Rupicola rupicola           | Cotingidae     |           |
| N/A | \$2.75 | Swift Parrot, Lathamus discolor                       | Psittacidae    |           |
|     |        |   |                |           |
| N/A | SS \$6 | Northern Royal Flycatcher, Onychorhynchus mexicanus   | Tyrannidae     |           |
|     |        | (Now a subspecies of Royal Flycatcher)                |                |           |
| N/A | SS \$6 | Blue Dacnis, <i>Dacnis cayana</i>                     | Thraupidae     | Vol.61(1) |

MUSTIQUE 2011 August 1 A\*

A pane of six se-tenant stamps and a SS titled "Birds of the Caribbean." No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| N/A | \$2    | Tropical Mockingbird, <i>Mimus gilvus</i>   | Mimidae          |
|-----|--------|---|------------------|
| N/A | \$2    | American Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>  | Phoenicopteridae |
| N/A | \$2    | American White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>                              | Pelecanidae      |
| N/A | \$2    | Brown-throated Parakeet, Aratinga pertinax  | Psittacidae      |
| N/A | \$2    | Bananaquit, Coereba flaveola  | Thraupidae       |
| N/A | \$2    | Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Ara ararauna   | Psittacidae      |
| N/A | SS \$6 | Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Ara severus   | Psittacidae      |
|     |        | (Cap: <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> for Gray Parrot, which is not the bird on the stamp) |                  |

#### **MUSTIQUE** (continued)

## 2011 August 1

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A pane of four se-tenant stamps and a SS titled "Birds of the Caribbean." No designer information. Offset, no printer information.

| N/A | \$2.50 | Great Egret, <i>Ardea alba</i>                     | Ardeidae         |
|-----|--------|--|------------------|
| N/A | \$2.50 | Pin-tailed Whydah, Vidua macroura                  | Viduidae         |
| N/A | \$2.50 | Yellow-crowned Parrot, Amazona ochrocephala        | Psittacidae      |
| N/A | \$2.50 | American Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>     | Phoenicopteridae |
| N/A | SS \$6 | Fulvous Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | Anatidae         |

#### **SONGBIRDS BOOKLET**



On 5 April 2014, the United States Postal Service issued a doubled-sided pane of 20 non-denominated (49c) stamps depicting ten songbirds. The USPS calls this format a convertible booklet. The self-adhesive stamps reproduce paintings by artist Robert Giusti. Each shows a bird perched on a tree branch, or among flowering blossoms with its common name at the bottom. The artist chose colorful subjects and in my opinion the results are quite beautiful.

The featured birds are the Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*), Mountain Bluebird (*Salia currucoides*), Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*), Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*), Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*), Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*), Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus Iudovicianus*), American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*) and White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*).

Ashton Potter printed the stamps using the offset process with an initial print run of 400 million. The designer and art director was Derry Noyes.