

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections

The bird identified as a Variable Goshawk on the Solomon Islands 2012 \$27 stamp [Vol. 62(1), p.41] is indeed a Gray Goshawk, *Accipiter novaehollandiae* as indicated on the stamp. This species, split from the Variable Goshawk, occurs in northern and eastern Australia and Tasmania, not in the Solomon Islands or New Guinea (indicated in the species name).

The bird identified [Vol. 62(3)] as a Samoan Triller, *Lalage sharpei* (following the identification on the stamp) is a Polynesian Triller, Samoan subspecies, *Lalage maculosa maculosa*, which occurs on the islands of Upolu and Savai'i in Western Samoa.

Slender-billed Curlew has appeared on Morocco, 1994, Sc#786, 1.70d.

Evening Grosbeak has appeared on three issues, first on Nevis, 1985, Sc#420, 60c.

New Birds



BLUE-FACED RAIL, *Gymnocrex rosenbergii* Rallidae
Indonesia, 15 July 2014, not yet cataloged, 5000r

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Reddish-brown above and black below with cobalt blue bare skin around the eyes.

Habitat: Forest and abandoned rice fields.

Range: Northern and north-central Sulawesi and Peleng, Indonesia.

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



JAVAN PLOVER, *Charadrius javanicus* Charadriidae
Indonesia, 15 July 2014, not yet cataloged, 5000r

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and white below with a rufous-cinnamon neck patch and a black eyestripe and shoulder streak (brown in the female).

Habitat: Coastal lowlands.

Range: Java and neighboring islands.

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



VINACEOUS DOVE, *Streptopelia vinacea* Columbidae
Togo, 15 November 2013, not yet cataloged, 2500fr, R margin

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish above and pinkish crown and below with a black hindcollar.

Habitat: Dry woodland.

Range: Senegal to Eritrea and Uganda.

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



DARK-BILLED CUCKOO, *Coccyzus melacoryphus* Cuculidae

St. Martin, 18 June 2014 not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and buff below with a black mask and bill, gray crown and nape and white-spotted black undertail.

Habitat: Forest, plantations, thickets and mangroves.

Range: Colombia to central Argentina.

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



WHITE-BELLIED MOUNTAINGEM, *Lampornis hemileucus* Trochilidae

Montserrat, 22 April 2014, not yet cataloged, \$3

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and white below with dark wings and tail, blue-violet throat and white postocular streaks; the female has a green-spotted throat.

Habitat: Cool wet subtropical forest.

Range: Southern Nicaragua to western Panama.

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



COMMON SCIMITARBILL,

Rhinopomastus cyanomelas Phoeniculidae

Burundi, 19 May 2014, not yet cataloged, 3690r, R margin

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. All iridescent blue-black with a dark curved bill. Some have white spots in the wings and tail.

Habitat: Dry thornbush and wooded savanna.
Range: Western Uganda to Namibia and Transvaal.

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



GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER, *Veniliornis cassini* Picidae

St. Martin, 18 June 2014, not yet cataloged, 650c

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellowish-green above and heavily barred dark brown and white below with a red crown and golden-yellow hindcollar; the female has a green-tinged brown crown.

Habitat: Rainforest and shrubbery.

Range: Eastern Venezuela, the Guianas, and adjacent Brazil.

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

**GRAY KESTREL, *Falco ardosiaceus* Falconidae**

Burundi, 19 May 2014, not yet cataloged, 3090fr

Length: 12 to 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. All dark gray.

Habitat: Dense woodland and savanna.

Range: Senegal to Eritrea and northern Namibia.

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

The Banded Pitta has been split into three species, all of which are on stamps.

**MALAYAN BANDED PITTA, *Pitta irena* Pittidae**

Malaysia, 14 May 2005, Sc#1030, \$2

Length: 8 to 9 inches, resident. The male (shown) is chestnut-brown above and blue below with a black head, deep yellow supercilium, blue tail, and white collar. The female is finely streaked below.

Habitat: Primary forest, often near limestone cliffs.

Range: Malay Peninsula and Sumatra.

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

**BORNEAN BANDED PITTA, *Pitta schwaneri* Pittidae**

Malaysia, 9 September 1965, Sc#27, \$10

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Chestnut-brown above finely streaked black and yellow below with a yellow supercilium, blue tail and white throat.

Habitat: Primary forest, often near limestone cliffs.

Range: Borneo.

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

**JAVA BANDED PITTA, *Pitta guajana* Pittidae**

Micronesia, 7 July 2013, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 8 to 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and finely streaked black and yellow below with an orange crown, black mask, white throat and blue tail; the female has a black crown and mask and a yellow and white supercilium.

Habitat: Primary forest, often near limestone cliffs.

Range: Java and Bali.

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



BLACK-TAILED ORIOLE, *Oreolus percivali* Oriolidae

Burundi, 19 May 2014, not yet cataloged,
3690r, LR margin

Length: 8 inches. Sexes alike, resident. Yellow with black head, neck, wings, and tail.

Habitat: Montane woodlands.

Range: Northwestern Burundi to eastern Congo and western Tanzania.

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