

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Birds



MANED DUCK, *Chenonetta jubata* Anatidae
Nevis, 2014 September 4, not yet cataloged, \$3.25

Length: 18 to 22 inches, resident. The male (shown) is gray with a brown head and neck and a spotted breast. The female is all spotted below and has two white stripes on the face.

Habitat: Wetlands and grassy areas.

Range: Southwestern and eastern Australia and Tasmania.

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



PUNA TEAL, *Anas puna* Anatidae
Nevis, 2014 September 4, not yet cataloged, \$3.25

Length: 19 to 20 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown above and speckled gray below with a black crown and nape and a blue bill.

Habitat: Montane wetlands with vegetation.

Range: Central Peru to northwestern Argentina.

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



ROSY-BILLED POCHARD, *Netta peposaca* Anatidae
Nevis, 2014 September 4, not yet cataloged, \$3.25

Length: 22 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is brown with a gray lower breast and belly and a red bill. The female is rufous below with a grayish bill.

Habitat: Shallow wetlands with abundant vegetation.

Range: Breeds from central Chile to southern Brazil. Winters in northern Argentina and southern Brazil.

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



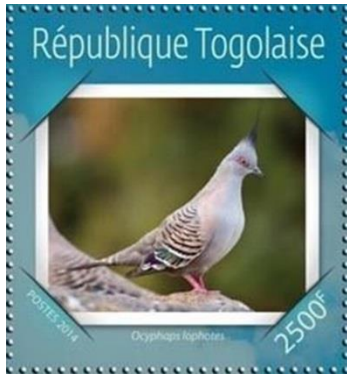
AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN, *Botaurus poiciloptilus* Ardeidae
New Zealand, 2013, \$10 Fish & Game stamp

Length: 26 to 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. Mottled brown and golden-buff above and streaked buff and brown below.

Habitat: Wetlands with tall, dense vegetation.

Range: Southwestern and southeastern Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia.

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



CRESTED PIGEON, *Ocyphaps lophotes* Columbidae
Togo, 2014 October 30, not yet cataloged, 2500fr

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brownish-gray above and gray below with boldly barred wings and a long gray-black crest.

Habitat: Moist woodland and evergreen thickets.

Range: Australia.

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



KLAAS'S CUCKOO, *Chrysococcyx klaas* Cuculidae
Ivory Coast, 2014 March 10, not yet cataloged, 500fr

Length: 7 inches, seasonal migrant at higher altitudes. The male (shown) is green above and white below with green bars on the flanks and a white streak behind the eye. The female has a gray-brown head neck and tail and fine brown bars below.

Habitat: Open woodlands, forest edges, and thickets.

Range: Senegal to Sudan and South Africa.

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



ARABIAN SCOPS-OWL, *Otus pamela* Strigidae
Oman, 2014 December 14, not yet cataloged, 200b

Length: 6.5 to 7.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale brownish gray and whitish with a rufous tinge on the wing coverts and broad white eyebrows on a gray facial disc.

Habitat: Wooded savanna, open woodland, acacia scrub, and large gardens with tall trees.

Range: Southern Saudi Arabia.

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



BLACK-CAPPED SCREECH-OWL, *Megascops atricapilla* Strigidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 300c

Length: 9.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray, brown or rufous above and boldly streaked paler below with a blackish crown.

Habitat: Humid forest and forest edge.

Range: Southeastern Brazil and neighboring Paraguay and Argentina.

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



ASIAN BARRED OWLET, *Glaucidium cuculoides* Strigidae
Mozambique, 2014 August 20, not yet cataloged, 175m SS

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Buff-barred brown above and brown-barred white below with a buff-barred gray-brown head.

Habitat: Open forest, evergreen jungle, and scrub.

Range: Northeastern Pakistan and eastern China to Vietnam and southern Myanmar.

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



RUFOUS NIGHTJAR, *Antrostomus rufus* Caprimulgidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 60c

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Rufescent-brown with broad blackish-brown streaks above and cinnamon speckles and spots below.

Habitat: Forest, scrub, and savanna thickets.

Range: Southern Costa Rica to northern Argentina.

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

the World, Volume 5.



BLACKISH NIGHTJAR, *Nyctipolis nigrescens* Caprimulgidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 90c

Length: 7.5 to 8.5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is mottled black above and buff-barred dark brown below with white spots on the wings and tail. The female lacks the white spots.

Habitat: Sparsely vegetated stony areas, rainforest, and open savanna.

Range: Eastern Colombia to central Brazil and eastern Bolivia.

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



LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR, *Hydropsalis climacocerca* Caprimulgidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 250c

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is brownish with blackish streaks and buff-barred and spotted brown below with white wing patches. The female lacks the wing patches.

Habitat: Forest, grassland, and sandbars.

Range: Eastern Colombia to north-central Brazil and eastern Bolivia.

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



BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD, *Amazilia yucatanensis* Trochilidae
Antigua, 2015 January 2, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 4 inches, partially migratory. The male (shown) is green with a chestnut belly and tail. The female has a paler belly and tail.

Habitat: Forest, thickets, and coastal shrubs.

Range: Breeds from extreme southern Texas to northwestern Guatemala. Some winter along the Gulf coast to northwestern Florida.

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

of the World, Volume 5.



BLUE-BANDED KINGFISHER, *Alcedo euryzona* Alcedinidae
Guinea, 2014 October 20, not yet cataloged, 1500fr

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is blue above and white below with a broad blue band on the breast and rufous and white neck patches. The female has a rufous belly.

Habitat: Slow flowing rivers and streams.

Range: Western Thailand to Java and Borneo.

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



KOFIAU PARADISE-KINGFISHER, *Tanyisptera ellioti* Alcedinidae
Central African Republic, 2014 December 15, not yet cataloged, 900fr

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale blue crown and nape, dark blue back, white below, rump and tail.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Kofiau Island, western New Guinea.

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



SOMALI BEE-EATER, *Merops revoillii* Meropidae
Central African Republic, 2014 December 15, not yet cataloged, 750fr

Length: 5 to 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and fawn below with a greenish crown, buffy nape, white throat, and blue rump and undertail.

Habitat: Thorn-scrub, bushy grasslands, coastal dunes, and clearings in dense forest.

Range: Somalia to eastern Kenya.

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



BROWN JACAMAR, *Brachygalba lugubris* Galbulidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 30c

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Sooty-brown with a pale throat and a white or buffy belly.

Habitat: Forest edges and shrubs.

Range: Central Colombia to Bolivia and Brazil.

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

the World, Volume 7.



CAMPO FLICKER, *Colaptes campestris* Picidae
St. Martin, 2015 January 14, not yet cataloged, 150c

Length: 11 to 12 inches, resident. The male (shown) is barred dark brown above and barred or spotted whitish below with golden-buff ears to upper breast and a black malar area. The female has a black-and-white malar area.

Habitat: Forest clearings, savanna, and grassland,

Range: Eastern Brazil to northeastern Argentina.

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



YELLOW-STREAKED LORY, *Chalcopsitta scintillata* Psittaculidae
St. Thomas and Prince, 2014 October 15, not yet cataloged, 96000d SS

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with red forehead and thighs and underwings, and faint yellow streaks on the mantle, breast, and belly.

Habitat: Flowering trees and mangroves.

Range: Aru Islands and southern New Guinea.

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



GROUND PARROT, *Pezoporus wallicus* Psittaculidae
St. Thomas and Prince, 2014 October 15, not yet cataloged, 25000d

Length: 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black-spotted green above and black-barred yellowish below with a red front, green face and breast, and black-streaked crown.

Habitat: Coastal heathlands.

Range: Southwestern and southeastern Australia and Tasmania.

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



MINDORO RACQUET-TAIL *Prioniturus mindorensis* Psittaculidae
Djibouti, 2014, not yet cataloged, 300fr

Length: 11 inches, sexes similar, resident. Apple green above and yellowish green below with a blue crown and a green forehead.

Habitat: Forest and plantations.

Range: Mindoro Island, north-central Philippines.

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



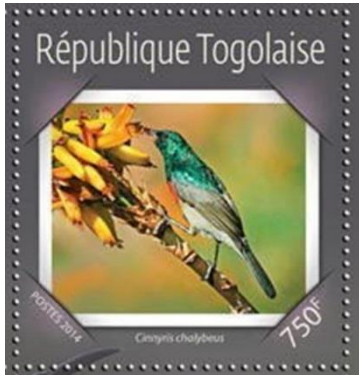
CHATHAM ISLAND BELLBIRD, †*Anthornis melanopephala* Meliphagidae
Central African Republic, 2014 June 20, not yet cataloged, MS of 4 @ 750fr (UR margin)

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark green above and pale green below with a steel-blue head.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Formerly Chatham Island, New Zealand. Extinct around 1906.

Reference: Day, D. *Vanished Species*.



SOUTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris chalybeus*

Nectariniidae

Togo, 2014 October 30, not yet cataloged, 750fr

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is metallic green with bluish violet and scarlet breast-bands and a gray belly. The female is gray-brown above and pale gray below.

Habitat: Woodland, scrub, gardens, and plantations.

Range: Eastern Namibia and South Africa.

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

JAPAN DEFINITIVE SET INCLUDES A BIRD

On 2 February 2015, Japan issued a set of 12 definitive stamps with the theme of nature in Japan containing values from one to 1000 yen. Together with 11 new denomination stamps issued on 3 March 2014, 23 definitive stamps are now available. These represent the first major design change since 1998.

The 10¥ stamp depicts a Crested Ibis (*Nipponia nippon*). Other zoological subjects in the set include: a chipmunk (3¥), Japanese macaque (5¥), Japanese deer (20¥), Ezo red fox (30¥), and Japanese serow (50¥).

Botanical subject include: Primrose (100¥), Japanese wisteria (120¥), and *Kerria japonica* (140¥).

The stamps were produced using the gravure printing method by the National Printing Bureau. The designers were Rika Hoshiyama and Junko Kaifuchi, who designed the two yen stamp in the 2014 set.

In 2014 the Japanese government enacted a sales tax hike causing the cost of mailing a letter to increase. As a result, they had to issue a new two yen stamp to fill the price hike, and in an effort to quell public anger, Japan Post put a picture of a cute fluffy bunny on it.

In Japan, cuteness is a rock-solid commodity and the bunny stamp was a huge success. It was so popular that people came out to buy some even though they had no mail to send. And so, Japan Post set a mandate to make all of their stamps pretty before fiscal 2015.

