

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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### New Birds



#### SOMALI OSTRICH, *Struthio molybdophanes* Struthionidae

Georgia, 2003 August 25, Sc#314, 40t

[Ed. note: The first appearance of this species was on a 1932 stamp of Italian Somaliland (Sc#151). That depiction is poor, so we decided to break tradition and use the much nicer looking latest issue.]

Length: 83 to 108 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a gray neck and white in the wings and tail. The female is brown.

Habitat: Open semi-arid plains and open woodland.

Range: Somalia to Kenya.

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



#### OLIVE IBIS, *Bostrychia olivacea* Threskiornithidae

Tanzania, 2015, not yet cataloged, 2000sh

Length: 28 to 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a bushy crest, buffy neck, greenish wings and black face.

Habitat: Wetlands in dense forest.

Range: Sierra Leone to Gabon and mountains of Kenya and Tanzania.

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



#### AFRICAN SWAMPHEN, *Porphyrio madagascariensis* Rallidae

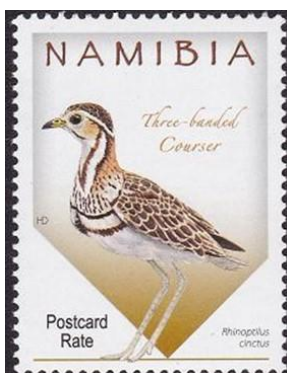
Burundi, 1979 May 30, Sc#553, 10fr

Length: 15 to 20 inches, sexes similar, resident. Bronzy-green or blue-green back and scapulars and purplish below with a turquoise neck and breast and red bill, shield, and legs.

Habitat: Reed beds, marshes, and flooded grasslands.

Range: Egypt, sub-Saharan Africa, and Madagascar.

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



#### BURCHELL'S COURSER, *Cursorius rufus* Glareolidae

Namibia, 2015, not yet cataloged, postcard rate

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale rufous-brown above and light rufous-brown below with a blue-gray hindcrown, white superciliary, and black stripes behind the eye.

Habitat: Open plains with short grass.

Range: Southwestern Angola to South Africa.

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



**DOUBLE-BANDED COURSER, *Smutornis africanus*** Glareolidae

Namibia, 2015, not yet cataloged, Zone B

[Ed. note: We use Clements as our authority for taxonomy and naming. However, other authorities note *Smutornis* as a junior synonym of *Rhinoptilus*.]

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Scaly Buff-brown above and crown and cinnamon below with two black breast bands.

Habitat: Stony and gravelly semi-desert.

Range: Ethiopia to South Africa

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



**THREE-BANDED COURSER, *Rhinoptilus cinctus*** Glareolidae

Namibia, 2015, not yet cataloged, Zone C

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Scaly dark brown above and breast and white below with chestnut and black bands.

Habitat: Open sandy clearings, scrubby grassland, and woodlands with bare ground.

Range: Sudan to Zambia.

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



**BRONZE-WINGED COURSER, *Rhinoptilus chalconotus*** Glareolidae

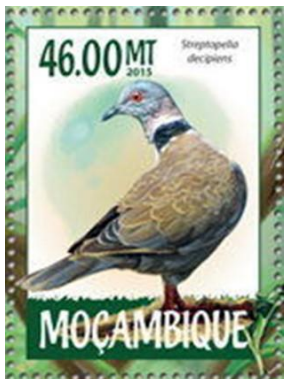
Namibia, 2015, not yet cataloged, Zone A

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes alike, inter-African migrant. Grayish-bronze above and white below with a pale brown neck and a dark band on the lower breast.

Habitat: Dry savanna, woodland, and thick bush.

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 3*.



**MOURNING COLLARED DOVE, *Streptopelia decipiens*** Columbidae

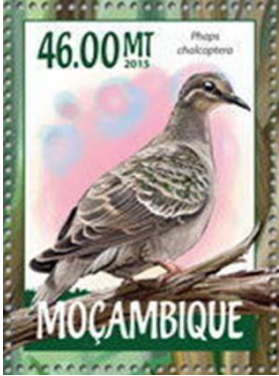
Mozambique, 2015 June 15, not yet cataloged, 46m

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and rosy gray below with a gray head and a white-margined black hindcollar.

Habitat: Thorny acacia, woods, thickets, and arid savanna.

Range: Senegal to Somalia, Zambia, and Angola.

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



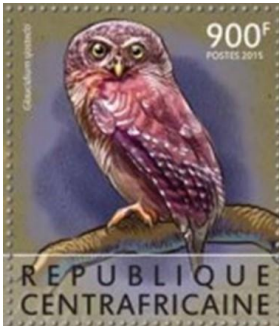
**COMMON BRONZEWING, *Phaps chalcoptera*** Columbidae  
Mozambique, 2015 June 15, not yet cataloged, 46m

Length: 11 to 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Scaly olive-brown above and brownish pink below with a yellow forehead and iridescent wing spots.

Habitat: Woodlands.

Range: Australia and Tasmania.

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



**SJOSTEDT'S OWLET, *Glaucidium sjoestedti*** Strigidae

Central African Republic, 2015 October 21, not yet cataloged, 900fr

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Deep chestnut above and barred cinnamon below with barred head, wings, and tail and white chin and brows.

Habitat: Primary lowland forest.

Range: Cameroun to Gabon, Southern Central African Republic, and central Zaire.

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



**BUFF-FRONTED OWL, *Aegolius harrisii*** Strigidae

Uruguay. 2015 September 30, not yet cataloged, \$15

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. White-spotted chocolate-brown above and yellowish-buff below with a buff forehead.

Habitat: Open humid forest.

Range: Northwestern Venezuela to north-central Peru, and eastern Bolivia to eastern Brazil and Uruguay.

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



**DIMORPHIC DWARF-KINGFISHER, *Ceyx margarethae*** Alcedinidae

Philippines, 2007 November 15, Sc#3128b, 20p

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale blue (pale morph) or dark blue (dark morph) above and rich orange below with a white chin and ear patch and red bill.

Habitat: Rainforest, monsoon forest, and thick vegetation along streams.

Range: Central and southern Philippines.

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



**NORTH SOLOMONS DWARF-KINGFISHER, *Ceyx meeki*** Alcedinidae

Solomon Islands, 2001 February 1, Sc#910, \$4

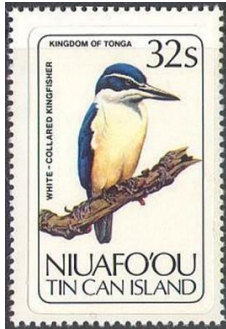
Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark blue above, paler in the center, and yellowish below with a white chin and black bill.

Habitat: Rainforest and thick vegetation along streams.

Range: Western and central Solomon Islands.

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





**PACIFIC KINGFISHER, *Todiramphus sacer*** Alcedinidae  
Niufo'ou, 1983 November 15, Sc#38, 32c

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue-green above and white or rufous below with a rufous superciliary and black eye-stripe.

Habitat: Mainly coastal.

Range: Polynesia.

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



**MELANESIAN KINGFISHER, *Todiramphus tristrami*** Alcedinidae  
Solomon Islands, 2004 November 15, Sc#985b. \$7.50

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue and green above and rufous below with a rufous front and a white throat.

Habitat: Coasts and lowland forests.

Range: New Britain to the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

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



**SPOT-BILLED TOUCANET, *Selenidera maculirostris*** Ramphastidae  
Argentina, 2015 September 22, not yet cataloged, \$7

Length: 13 to 14 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green above (and eye patch) and black below (and neck and crown) with gold-yellow ear tufts, rusty thighs, and red undertail. The female is red with green back, wings, and eye patch and a blue undertail.

Habitat: Subtropical forest.

Range: Southeastern Brazil to eastern Paraguay.

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



**ROCK KESTREL, *Falco rupicolus*** Falconidae  
Namibia, 1999 May 18, Sc#937, \$1.60

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown, paler and streaked below with a gray head and black-barred tail.

Habitat: Grassland, scrub, and open woodland.

Range: Northern Angola to southern Tanzania and South Africa.

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



**NORTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philesturnus rufusater*** Callaeidae  
New Zealand, 1986 April 23, Sc#770A, \$4

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Glossy black with a dark orange or red-brown saddle.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Small islands off the North Island, New Zealand.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 14*.



**SOUTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philesturnus carunculatus*** Callaeidae  
New Zealand, 1962 October 3, Sc#B64, 3p

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Glossy black with a dark orange or red-brown saddle.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Islands off northeastern and southwestern South Island, New Zealand.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 14.*



**SOOTY MYZOMELA, *Myzomela tristrami*** Meliphagidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. All black.

Habitat: Forests, plantations, and gardens.

Range: Eastern Solomon Islands.

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



**YELLOW-VENTED MYZOMELA, *Myzomela eichhorni*** Meliphagidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark olive-gray above and yellow-olive below with a scarlet rump and throat.

Habitat: Forest, forest edges, plantations, and gardens.

Range: West-central Solomon Islands.

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



**NOISY MINER, *Manorina melanoccephala*** Meliphagidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a white belly and patterned head.

Habitat: Dry open forests and woodlands.

Range: Eastern Australia and Tasmania.

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



**ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER, *Terpsiphone paradisi*** Monarchidae  
Russia, 1981 August 20, Sc#4973, 10k

Length: 7 inches plus a 4- to 7-inch tail streamer, sexes similar but the female lacks the tail streamer, migratory. Deep rufous above and white or pale gray below with a black head and crest.

Habitat: Forest, shrubs, and plantations.

Range: Afghanistan to Sri Lanka, peninsular Malaysia and Myanmar. Winters from Pakistan to Sri Lanka and the Malay Peninsula.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.*



**BLYTH'S PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, *Terpsiphone affinis*** Monarchidae  
Malaysia, 1965 September 9, Sc#26, \$5

Length: 7 inches plus a 4- to 7-inch tail streamer, sexes similar but the female lacks the tail streamer, resident. Deep rufous above and gray below with a black head and crest. The bird on the right is a white morph.

Habitat: Forests, shrubs, and plantations.

Range: Southern China to the Lesser Sundas.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11*.



**ISLAND MONARCH, *Monarcha cinerascens*** Monarchidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 6.5 to 7.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull gray with a rufous belly.

Habitat: Forests and coastal scrub.

Range: Lesser Sundas and Sulawesi to the Solomon Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11*.



**BLACK-WINGED MONARCH, *Monarcha frater*** Monarchidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 6 to 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Pale gray with a black face, wings, back and tail and orange-rufous belly.

Habitat: Forests and mangroves.

Range: New Guinea, northern Australia, and the northern Solomon Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11*.



**WHITE-CAPPED MONARCH, *Monarcha richardsii*** Monarchidae  
Solomon Islands, 2015 September 3, SS not yet cataloged, \$40

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Glossy bluish-black with a chestnut belly and white nape.

Habitat: Semi-evergreen forests.

Range: New Georgia Islands and the western Solomon Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11*.