

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Family in the Philatelic Aviary

Melanopareiidae: Crescent-chests

The four species of crescent-chests were found to be significantly different from tapaculos such that they comprise a new family, placed between Typical Antbirds and Gnateaters. Little is known about their breeding. They are found in arid scrub between Ecuador and northern Argentina.

New Birds



FRECKLED DUCK, *Stictonetta naevosa* Anatidae

St. Vincent, 2015 December 31, not yet cataloged, \$3.25

Length: 20 to 22 inches, resident. Brownish-black with whitish freckles. The male's bill has a crimson base.

Habitat: Heavily vegetated freshwater swamps.

Range: Southeastern and southwestern Australia.

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



NUBIAN BUSTARD, *Neotis nuba* Otididae

Niger, 2015 December 28, not yet cataloged, 750fr

Length: Male 28 inches, female 20 inches, sexes similar, resident. Pale tawny buff above and whitish below with a gray neck and black eye stripes and chin.

Habitat: Arid scrub and savanna.

Range: Western Mauritania to eastern Sudan.

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



LITTLE CURLEW, *Numenius minutus* Scolopacidae

Cocos Islands, 2015 March 24, Sc#381, 70c

Length: 11 to 13 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and white below with buff eye stripes and small spots on the breast.

Habitat: Breeds near water in montane taiga.

Range: Breeds in Siberia. Winters in New Guinea and Australia.

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



LITTLE CUCKOO-DOVE, *Macropygia ruficeps* Columbidae

Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, SS 24000le

Length: 11 to 12 inches, sexes similar, but the female is duller, resident. Reddish brown, paler head and below with blue eyes.

Habitat: Forest and woodlands.

Range: South-central China to Bali.

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



PINK-HEADED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus porphyreus* Columbidae

Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, 6000le

Length: 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green above, paler below with a purplish-pink head and neck and a black breast band.

Habitat: Forests.

Range: Sumatra to Bali.

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



ROSE-CROWNED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus regina* Columbidae

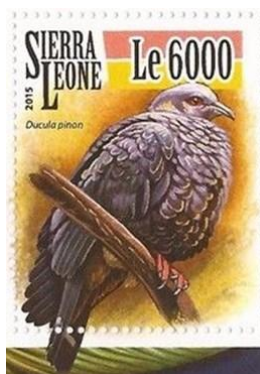
Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, 6000le

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green above and gray and yellow below with a gray head and rose crown.

Habitat: Forests and mangroves.

Range: Lesser Sundas to northern and eastern Australia.

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



PINON IMPERIAL-PIGEON, *Ducula pinon* Columbidae

Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, 6000le

Length: 18 to 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Mauve to gray with dark wings and tail with a white tail band and bare red skin around the eyes.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: New Guinea.

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



BANDED GROUND-CUCKOO, *Neomorphus radiolosus* Cuculidae

Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, 25c

Length: 29 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black, finely banded white below with chestnut wings and blue skin around the eyes.

Habitat: Tropical lowland evergreen forest.

Range: Southwestern Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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

[Ed. note: These booklet stamps from Ecuador all appear to have soiled edges. Apparently they were printed that way.]



KOEPCKE'S SCREECH-OWL, *Megascops koepckeae* Strigidae
St. Thomas & Prince, 2015 November 18, not yet cataloged, 31000d

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Warm brown above and vermiculated white below with an ochre-brown wash on the neck and breast.

Habitat: Wooded areas and forest patches.

Range: Northwestern Peru to west-central Bolivia.

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



MOTTLED WOOD-OWL, *Strix ocellata* Strigidae
Niger, 2015 December 28, not yet cataloged, 750fr

Length: 16 to 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Mottled gray above and finely barred white below with a black-barred white facial disc.

Habitat: Wooded plains and groves of fruit trees.

Range: India to western Myanmar.

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



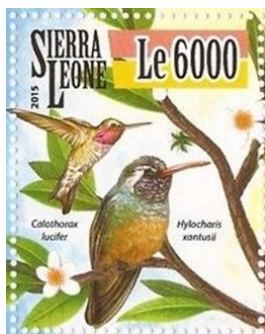
MOTTLED SPINETAIL, *Telecanthura ussheri* Apodidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2015 October 26, not yet cataloged, 750fr

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with a mottled throat and a white rump and vent.

Habitat: Dry forest and clearings.

Range: Senegal to Tanzania and western Angola.

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



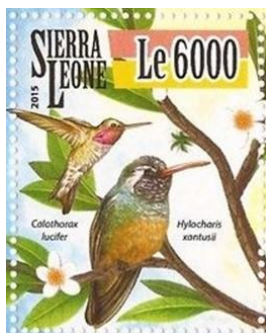
XANTUS'S HUMMINGBIRD, *Basilinna xantusii* Trochilidae
Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, 6000le (Cap: *Hylocharis xantusii*)

Length: 3.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on right) is green above and cinnamon-rufous below with a blue-black head and throat and white neck stripes. The female has a cinnamon-rufous throat.

Habitat: Forest and thorny scrub.

Range: Baja California, Mexico.

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

**LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD, *Calothorax lucifer*** Trochilidae

Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, 6000le

Length: 4 inches, migratory. The male (shown on left) is green above and green-spotted white below with a magenta throat and white breast. The female is pale buffy cinnamon below.

Habitat: Arid scrub.

Range: Breeds from Arizona and western Texas to central Mexico. Winters in western Mexico.

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

**BUFFY HELMETCREST, *Oxypogon stuebelii*** Trochilidae'

Colombia, 2015 December 14, not yet cataloged, 100p

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is bronzy, paler below with a dark brown face edged on buff and a tan crest and beard. The female lacks the crest and beard.

Habitat: Humid open areas.

Range: Western Andes of central Colombia.

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

**YELLOW-THROATED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus subsulphureus***

Lybiidae

Togo, 2015 December 18, not yet cataloged, 950fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and yellow below with white facial stripes.

Habitat: Streamside forest and forest borders.

Range: Sierra Leone to central Congo.

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

**RED-RUMPED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus atroflavus*** Lybiidae

Togo, 2015 December 18, not yet cataloged, 950fr

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and yellow below with a yellow facial stripe and red rump.

Habitat: Forests extending into flood plains.

Range: Senegal to western Uganda and the Republic of Congo.

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

**VIELLOT'S BARBET, *Lybius vieilloti*** Lybiidae

Togo, 2015, not yet cataloged, SS 3000fr

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blackish above and yellow below with a red head and yellow rump.

Habitat: Wooded grasslands, forest edges, and plantations.

Range: Southern Mauritania to Sudan and northeastern Congo.

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



YELLOW-CAPPED PYGMY-PARROT, *Micropsitta keiensis chloroxantha*

Psittaculidae

Congo Republic, 2015, not yet cataloged, 2000fr

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, paler below with a dusky yellow face and yellow undertail.

Habitat: Forest, coconut plantations, and mangroves.

Range: Western New Guinea and islands off the west coast.

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



DERBYAN PARAKEET, *Psittacula derbiana*

Psittaculidae

Guinea, 2015 November 25, not yet cataloged, SS 40000fr

Length: 18 to 20 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a purple face and breast, black throat, and red bill. The female has a black bill.

Habitat: Forests and alpine thickets.

Range: Southeastern Tibet and neighboring China.

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



ROSE-FACED PARROT, *Pyrilia pulchra*

Psittacidae

Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and dull olive-yellow below with a pinky rose face.

Habitat: Wet forest, plantations, and clearings with trees.

Range: Western Colombia to northwestern Ecuador.

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



ELEGANT CRESCENT-CHEST, *Melanopareia elegans*

Melanopareiidae

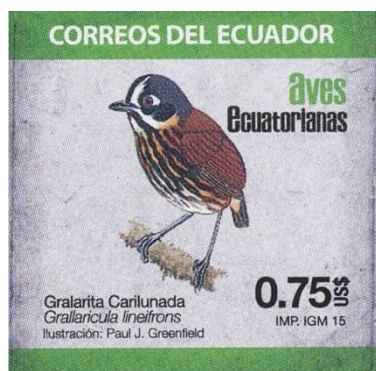
Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive-brown above and rufous below with a chestnut breast band, black crown, and cream-buff supercilium. The female lacks the breast band and has a brown crown.

Habitat: Dense dry scrub and undergrowth.

Range: Western Ecuador to northwestern Peru.

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



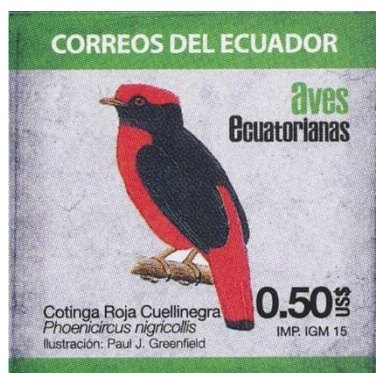
CRESCENT-FACED ANTPITTA, *Grallaricula lineifrons* Grallariidae
Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive-brown above and black-streaked buff and white below with a white facial crescent.

Habitat: Undergrowth of humid montane forest.

Range: Andes of southern Colombia and Ecuador.

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



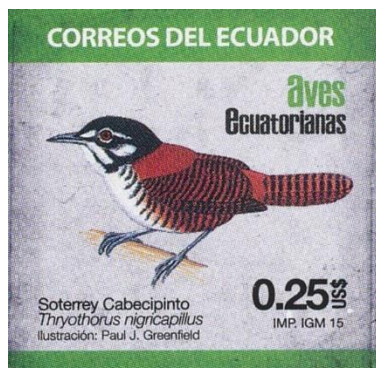
BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA, *Phoenicircus nigricollis* Cotingidae
Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a red crown underparts, rump, and tail. The female is olive above and red below.

Habitat: Humid forest.

Range: Extreme southern Venezuela to northeastern Peru and central Brazil.

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



BAY WREN, *Thryothorus nigricapillus nigricapillus* Troglodytidae
Ecuador, 2015 October 20, not yet cataloged, 25c

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. The stamp shows the nominate subspecies that is chestnut-brown above and white below with a black head and flank streaks.

Habitat: Humid second growth and forest edges.

Range: Southeastern Nicaragua to western Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



MENETRIES'S WARBLER, *Sylvia mystacea* Sylviidae
Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged. 6000le

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is gray above and whitish below with a black head. The female has a gray head.

Habitat: Scrub and bushes.

Range: Breeds from northeastern Turkey to Iran. Winters in northeastern Africa.

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



ELFIN WOODS WARBLER, *Setophaga angelae* Parulidae
Sierra Leone, 2015 October 23, not yet cataloged, MS/4 LL Margin

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and black-streaked white below with white wing-bars and a broken white eye-ring.

Habitat: Montane elfin forest.

Range: Puerto Rico

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.

AUDUBON BIRDS

The World Stamp Show-NY 2016 is fortunate to have a publicist who is obtaining major print, digital, internet, TV, and radio exposure to promote the show and invite the general public to visit. They have asked the Biology Unit through the ATA to help.

There are several Audubon publications that want to feature WSS-NY 2016 while promoting birds-on-stamps. The publicist wanted us to help by providing a few high resolution scans of stamps featuring Audubon birds from various countries.

There are hundreds of such stamps.

On 23 September 2015, Stamperija, a Lithuanian printing firm, on behalf of Saint Thomas and Prince, issued a miniature sheet of four 31,000d stamps and a souvenir sheet of one stamp commemorating the 230th birth anniversary of John James Audubon.



The MS features two portraits of Audubon and images of several different bird species from his most famous work, *The Birds of America*. In 2012, a complete first edition of this work sold for \$7.9 million.

The left-most stamp depicts a self-portrait ca. 1822–23. The third stamp shows a portrait by his son John W. Audubon painted in 1843. The second stamp together with the background of the first and the lower margin has an image taken from Plate 76 sometimes mistakenly called “Virginia Partridge,” but actually featuring the Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) and Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*).

The fourth stamp and LR margin depicts an image from Plate 201 of New York Historical Society edition showing a Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*).