

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Birds



CONFUCIUSORNIS, *Confuciusornis* sp. Confuciusornithidae
St. Thomas & Prince, 2016 December 9, not yet cataloged, 31000d

Length: 20 inches, resident. An extinct species from 125 to 120 million years BCE. A red, brown, gray, and white bird with a long double tail and a toothless beak. Six species are known.

Habitat: Near water.

Range: Liaoning Province, China.

References: Wikipedia and Encyclopedia Britannica 2009.



AUSTRALIAN KITE, *Elanus axillaris* Accipitridae
St. Thomas and Prince, 2016 December 9, not yet cataloged, 31000d

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes similar, but the female is larger, resident. Gray above and white below with black shoulders, white head, and black eye-patch.

Habitat: Grasslands and sparsely wooded areas.

Range: Australia.

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



HANDSOME FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus nobilis* Phasianidae (Cap: *Pternistis nobilis*)
Sierra Leone, 2016 May 27, not yet cataloged, 6000Le

Length: 14 inches, sexes similar, but the female is smaller and duller, resident. Dark above and dark rufous below with a bare red patch around the eyes.

Habitat: Montane forest, alpine heath, and bamboo.

Range: Southwestern Uganda to eastern Zaire.

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



WILSON'S SNIPE, *Gallinago delicata* Scolopacidae
Caribbean Netherlands, 2016 September 15, not yet cataloged, 88c

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and barred white below with a striped head.

Habitat: Open fresh or brackish marshland and grassy areas near water.

Range: Breeds in Alaska, Canada, and the United States. Winters from the southern United States to the West Indies and Colombia.

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



PACIFIC GULL *Larus pacificus* Laridae
Solomon Islands, 2016 May 13, not yet cataloged, \$7

Length: 23 to 26 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below with a white head and neck and a red-tipped yellow bill.

Habitat: Coasts.

Range: Western and southern Australia and Tasmania.

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



PACIFIC EMERALD DOVE, *Chalcophaps longirostris* Columbidae
Vanuatu, 1981 February 18, Sc#301, 20f

Length: 9 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green above and purplish below with a purplish head and neck, blackish rump, and a blue-gray crown and nape. The female is duller and has a brown rump.

Habitat: Forest, thickets, and plantations.

Range: Northern Australia, New Caledonia, and Vanuatu.

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



PURPLE-CAPPED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus ponapensis* Columbidae
Marshall Islands, 1999 September 16, Sc#710, \$1.20

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark green above and greenish gray below and head and neck with a purple forehead.

Habitat: Forest, scrub, and farms

Range: Chuuk and Pohnpei, Caroline Islands.

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



ASIAN EMERALD CUCKOO, *Chrysococcyx maculatus* Cuculidae
Sierra Leone, 2016 January 28, not yet cataloged, 6000Le (Cap: *C. cupreus*)

Length: 7 inches, migratory. The male is green with a green-barred white belly; the female (shown) is green with a light rufous crown and nape and barred pale throat.

Habitat: Dense forest.

Range: Breeds from central China to the Andaman Islands and central Vietnam.

Winters from southern China to Malaysia.

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

This set also includes a stamp labeled *Cacomantis merulinus*, Plaintive Cuckoo, which would be a new species, but the illustration shows a different bird, unidentified, but definitely not a cuckoo.



COPPERY-HEADED EMERALD, *Elvira cupreiceps* Trochilidae
Guinea, 2015 March 20, not yet cataloged, MS/4 LL margin

Length: 3 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a coppery-bronze crown and tail and white outer tail. The female has a green crown.

Habitat: Highlands.

Range: Northern and central Costa Rica.

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



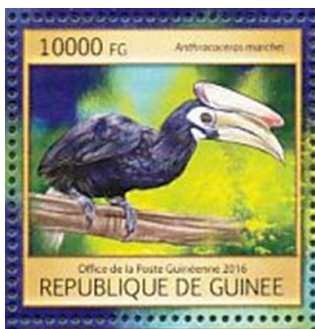
WHITE-THROATED MOUNTAIN-GEM, *Lampornis castaneoventris* Trochilidae
Guinea, 2015 March 20, not yet cataloged, 15000fr

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a white throat and stripe behind the eye. The female is cinnamon below.

Habitat: Wet subtropical forest.

Range: Extreme western Panama.

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



PALAWAN HORNBILL, *Anthracoceros marchei* Bucerotidae
Guinea, 2016 July 18, not yet cataloged, 10000fr

Length: 22 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a white throat and tail and a yellow casque. The female is smaller and gray in place of black.

Habitat: Evergreen forest and mangroves.

Range; Palawan, Balabac, and Calamian Islands, Philippines.

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



BROWN-CAPPED PARADISE KINGFISHER, *Tanysiptera danae* Alcedinidae
Guinea, 2016 July 18, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 11 to 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Rufous-brown above and deep pink below with blue wings and tail and a bright pink rump.

Habitat: Dense primary forest.

Range: New Guinea.

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



PURPLE-HEADED BEE-EATER, *Meropogon ni* Meropidae

Togo, 2016 May 20, not yet cataloged, SS 3000fr R margin

(Cap: *Meropogon forsteni*)

Length: 10 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green above and purple below with a purple head and a dull russet undertail.

Habitat: Humid forest.

Range: Sulawesi, Indonesia

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



ANDAMAN WOODPECKER, *Dryocopus hodgei* Picidae

India, 2016 October 17, not yet cataloged, 15r

Length; 15 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a red forehead, crest and malar area. The female has only a red hindcrown and crest.

Habitat: Lowland tall evergreen forest.

Range: Andaman Islands, India.

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



BROWN LORY, *Chalcopsitta duivenbodei* Psittaculidae

St. Thomas & Prince, 2014 October 15, Sc#2762d, 25000d

(Cap: *Pseudeos fuscata*)

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Warm brown with a black bill and a yellow face.

Habitat: Lowland tall secondary forest.

Range: Northern New Guinea.

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



PILEATED PARROT, *Pionopsitta pileata* Psittacidae

St. Martin, 2016 January 6, not yet cataloged, 500c

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with a red crown, forehead, lores, and upper ear coverts. The female lacks the red and has a bluish wash behind the eye.

Habitat: Humid foothill forest.

Range: Southeastern Brazil and adjacent Argentina and Paraguay.

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



CATTLE TYRANT, *Machetornis rixosa* Tyrannidae
Guyana, 2016 February 20, not yet cataloged, \$250

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown above band yellow below with a grayish crown and black eye-stripe.

Habitat: Drier open areas.

Range: Eastern Panama to northern Argentina,

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



BLACK-AND RUFOUS FLYCATCHER, *Ficedula nigrorufa* Muscicapidae
India, 2016 October 17, not yet cataloged, 25r

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, but the female is duller, resident. Orange-rufous with a black head and wings.

Habitat: Forest undergrowth and thickets.

Range: Southwestern Ghats in southwestern India.

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



NILGIRI FLYCATCHER, *Eumyias albicaudatus* Muscicapidae
India, 2016 October 17, not yet cataloged, 10r

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is deep indigo blue, paler below and over the eye. The female is dull brown above and pale gray below.

Habitat: Evergreen forest and woodlands, clearings, and vegetation along streams.

Range: Southwestern Ghats in southwestern India.

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



JAPANESE ROBIN, *Larvivora akahige* Turdidae
Japan, 2016 September 23, not yet cataloged, 82¥

Length: 6 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is olive-tinged fulvous-brown above and whitish below with an orange-rufous face and throat, black breast band, and grayish sides. The female is duller and lacks the breast band.

Habitat: Damp, dense, shady undergrowth along forest streams.

Range: Breeds on Sakhalin and in Japan. Winters in southeastern China and Taiwan.

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



WATER PIPIT, *Anthus spinoletta* Motacillidae
Romania, 2016 September 1, not yet cataloged, 1.70L

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish brown above and pale pinkish-buff below with a whitish supercilium and belly.

Habitat: Breeds in alpine pastures and mountain meadows. Winters around lakes, coasts, rivers, and rice fields.

Range: Breeds in mountains from southern Europe to central China. Winters from Morocco to southern China.

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



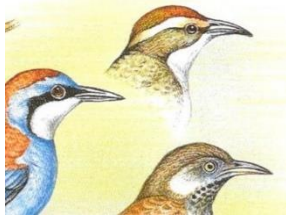
CHESTNUT-THROATED FLYCATCHER, *Myiagra castaneigularis* Monarchidae
Aitutaki, 1982 February 15, Sc#246A, \$1 (Cap: *Myiagra azureocapilla*)

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark slaty-blue above and white below with a chestnut throat, azure crest and black eye-stripe. The female is rich brownish-gray above with a blackish patch around the eye, two wing-bars, and a whitish malar stripe.

Habitat: Dense native mature forest.

Range; Vita Levu and Vanua Levu, Fiji.

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



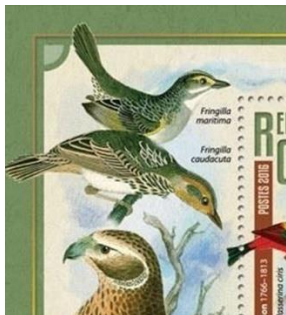
PUFF-THROATED BABBLER, *Pellorneum ruficeps* Pellorneidae
Guinea, 1999, Sc#1587, SS 2500fr UR margin

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Pale brown above and streaked buffy white below with a dull rufescent crown and whitish superciliary.

Habitat: Forest floor, understory, and thickets.

Range; India to Vietnam and Malaysia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.



SALTMARSH SHARP-TAILED SPARROW, *Ammodramus caudacutus*
Emberizidae
Central African Republic, 2016 June 20, not yet cataloged, SS 2650fr UL margin

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish above and black-streaked white below with a gray face with a yellow-orange border and a black stripe behind the eye.

Habitat: Saltmarshes and wet meadows.

Range: Breeds from southern Maine to coastal Virginia. Winters from Massachusetts to Florida.

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

World, Volume 16.



JAMESON'S FIREFINCH, *Lagonosticta rhodopareia* Estrildidae
Chad, 2014, not yet cataloged, 300fr UL margin

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, but female is paler, resident. Brown above and red below with a black belly and tail.

Habitat: Lowland bushy and grassy areas,

Range: Ethiopia to South Africa and Namibia.

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