

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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### Corrections

In Vol. 65(4), p.303, the correct name of the Guinea bird is **BROWN-HEADED PARADISE-KINGFISHER**, and on p.306, the correct name is **SALTMARSH SPARROW**.

In Vol. 64(3), p.103, the bird on Bolivia, 2011, 5.50b has been identified as a Giant Coot. Horned Coot is removed from the Aviary.

### New Birds



**BARE-FACED IBIS, *Phimosus infuscatus*** Threskiornithidae  
St. Martin, 2017 January 20, not yet cataloged, 125c

Length: 18 to 22 inches. Sexes alike, resident. Black with a red face, bill, and legs.

Habitat: Open wet areas.

Range: Eastern Colombia to eastern Bolivia and Uruguay.

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



**GRAY HAWK, *Buteo plagiatus*** Accipitridae

St. Thomas & Prince, 2016 September 12, not yet cataloged, 31000d  
(Surinam, 2015, Sc#14831, \$7.55 shows a Gray-lined Hawk, *Buteo nitidus*)

Length; 15 to 17 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray above and whitish below with a white-barred black tail.

Habitat: Tropical and subtropical zones.

Range: Breeds from southern Texas and New Mexico to northwestern Costa Rica.

Winters from Mexico to northwestern Costa Rica,

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



**LARGE-BILLED TERN, *Phaetusa simplex*** Laridae

St. Martin, 2017 January 20, not yet cataloged, 100c

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray above and white below with a black crown, ear coverts, and tail and a yellow bill.

Habitat: Inland lakes and rivers. Winters on the coast.

Range: Eastern Colombia to Trinidad and north-central Argentina and coastal Ecuador. Winters along the Atlantic coast.

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

of the World, Volume 3.



**WHITE-WINGED COLLARED-DOVE, *Streptopelia reichenowi*** Columbidae.

Mozambique, 2015 June 15, not yet cataloged, MS/4 LR margin

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is brown above and creamy white below with a dark bluish-gray head and a black hind collar. The female is grayish-brown above.

Habitat: Broad-leaved trees and fan palms.

Range: Southeastern Ethiopia and southwestern Somalia.

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



**PAPUAN MOUNTAIN-PIGEON, *Gymnophaps albertsii*** Columbidae

Djibouti, 2016 September 26, not yet cataloged, 260fr

Length: 13 to 14 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark gray above and pinkish cream below with red eyes. The female is gray below.

Habitat: Primary forest.

Range: New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, and Bacan (Moluccas).

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



**WHITE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD, *Leucochloris albicollis*** Trochilidae

Mozambique, 2016 July 10, not yet cataloged, 100m

Length: 4 to 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Golden to bronze-green above and white below with a green breast.

Habitat: Forest edges, scrub, and marshes.

Range: Eastern Bolivia to southeastern Brazil and northern Argentina.

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



**GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO, *Calyptorhynchus lathami*** Cacatuidae

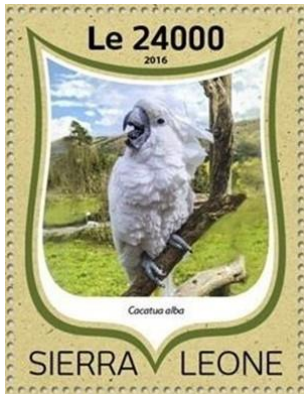
Guinea, 2014 May 15, not yet cataloged, 15000fr

Length: 18 to 20 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a red panel across the tail. The female has yellow patches on the head.

Habitat: Coastal forest and woodland.

Range: Eastern Australia

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



**WHITE COCKATOO, *Cacatua alba*** Cacatuidae  
Sierra Leone, 2016 August 29, not yet cataloged, SS 24000Le

Length: 19 inches, resident. The male (shown) is white with a gray-black bill, gray feet and a black eyes. The female has red-brown eyes.

Habitat: Primary and logged lowland forest.

Range: Southern Moluccas, Indonesia.

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



**WREN-LIKE RUSHBIRD, *Phleocryptes melanops*** Furnariidae  
Uruguay, 2016 December 1, not yet cataloged, 20p

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, mainly resident. Brown-streaked black above and whitish buff below with a dark-brown head and white superciliary, and throat.

Habitat: Marshes and lake edges.

Range: Western Peru to southern Chile and southeastern Brazil

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



**SOUTHERN MARQUESAN REED-WARBLER, *Acrocephalus mandanae***  
Acrocephalidae

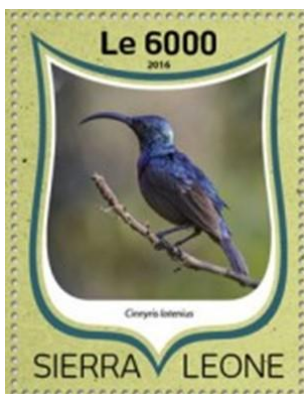
French Polynesia, 2016 December 9, not yet cataloged, 100fr

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Yellowish-olive and greenish-olive above and bright yellow below with a yellow supercilium.

Habitat: Plantations, bushy hillsides, and wet upland forest.

Range: Marquesas, French Polynesia.

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



**LONG-BILLED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris lotenius***  
Sierra Leone. 2016 August 29, not yet cataloged, 6000Le

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark glossed blue-green and purple above and metallic purple below. The female is brownish-olive above and yellow below.

Habitat: Deciduous woodland, farms, and gardens.

Range: Southwestern and southern India and Sri Lanka.

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



**PUERTO RICAN SPINDALIS, *Spindalis portoricensis*** Thraupidae  
Togo, 2016 November 16, not yet cataloged, 900fr

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive green above and yellow below with a white-striped black head and an orange collar. The female is olive-brown above and pale sandy buff below with a whitish supercilium and a yellowish collar.

Habitat: Woodland and forest.

Range: Puerto Rico.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 16.

## BARN SWALLOW

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a new postal stationery item on Friday, 3 March 2017, at the American Philatelic Society (APS) AmeriStamp Expo at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada.

The first day ceremony will take place at 11:00 AM on the show floor.

The design shows a Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) perched on a branch with another swallow in flight behind it.

The format is still to be determined. However, the new stamped envelope continues a series depicting wild birds that began in 2012 with the Purple Martin envelope (Sc#U677–78) and continued in 2013 with the Bank Swallow envelope (Sc#U680–81). So, it is likely that the envelopes will be issued in two standard sizes. Art director William J. Gicker designed the stamp based on original art by Matthew Frey.

The USPS previously issued a non-profit embossed envelope in 1991 depicting silhouettes of barn swallows perched on lines (Sc#U620).

The Barn Swallow is the most widespread swallow species in the world. They breed across the Northern Hemisphere and winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

These birds originally nested in caves or on cliff faces, but adapted to using man-made structures by building their mud nests under the eaves of barns, houses, and bridges.

Barn swallows are acrobatic flyers, and a single bird can catch and consume thousands of insects in one day.

