

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections

Several “New Birds” have turned out to be “old birds.” One of the Pakistan postal stationery issue is labeled Rufous-tailed Lark (*Ammomanes phoenicura*), but shows a Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas galactotes*).

A Solomon Islands issue is labeled Red-breasted Pygmy-Parrot (*Micropsitta bruijini*), but shows a Red-necked Parrot (*Amazona arausiaca*).

Four birds-of-prey in the Papua New Guinea Rare Birds issue are mislabeled. The Slaty-backed Goshawk (*Accipiter luteoschistaceus*) is probably a Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*). Black Honey-Buzzard (*Henicopernis infuscatus*) is an Oriental Honey-Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*). New Britain Goshawk (*Accipiter princeps*) is a Gray Goshawk (*Accipiter novaehollandiae*). The Pygmy Eagle (*Hieraetus weiskei*) is a Little Eagle (*Hieraetus morphnoides*), a “New Bird,” see below.

New Birds



HEINROTH'S SHEARWATER, *Puffinus heinrothi* Procellariidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, SS \$40

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, probably sedentary. Brown with whitish belly and in the wings.

Habitat: Marine, presumably pelagic.

Range: Solomon Islands and New Britain.

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



BLACK-BILLED BRUSH TURKEY, *Talegalla fuscirostris* Megapodiidae
Papua New Guinea, 2017 August 24, not yet cataloged, 1.50k

Length: 20 to 21 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with grayish-black bare skin on the sides of the head and pale greenish-yellow legs and feet.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Aru Island and southern New Guinea.

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



BROWN-COLLARED BRUSH TURKEY, *Talegalla jobiensis* Megapodiidae
Papua New Guinea, 2017 August 24, not yet cataloged, 3.40k

Length: 21 to 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with dark reddish bare skin on the face and neck and orange to dull red legs and feet.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Northern New Guinea.

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



HEN HARRIER, *Circus cyaneus* Accipitridae
Isle of Man, 1986 April 10, Sc#306b, 12p

Length: 17 to 21 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is gray above and white below with a gray breast and white rump. The female is brown above and brown-streaked white below.

Habitat: Open country with grass or shrub cover.

Range: Breeds from Europe to Kamchatka. Winters from southern Europe and northwestern Africa to southeastern China and Japan.

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



COLLARED SPARROWHAWK, *Accipiter cirrocephalus* Accipitridae
Papua New Guinea, 2017 August 24, not yet cataloged, 6.80k

Length: 12 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and finely rufous-barred white below with a rufous collar.

Habitat: Forest, woodland, and scrub.

Range: New Guinea to Tasmania.

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



NEW CALEDONIA GOSHAWK, *Accipiter haplochrous* Accipitridae
New Caledonia, 2017 October 17, not yet cataloged, 110fr

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below with a black throat.

Habitat: Tropical rain forest and forest edges.

Range: New Caledonia.

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



WHITE-EYED BUZZARD, *Butastur teesa* Accipitridae
Sierra Leone, 2017 August 30, not yet cataloged, SS 40000le (L margin)

Length: 14 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and brown-barred white below with white throat and eyes and a pale rufous upper tail.

Habitat: Dry open country.

Range: Southeastern Iran to southeastern Myanmar and southern India.

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



LITTLE EAGLE, *Hieraetus morphnoides* Accipitridae
Papua New Guinea, 2017 August 24, not yet cataloged, 75t

Length: 18 to 22 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown, paler below with mottled wings.
Habitat: Open forest, scrub, and savanna.

Range: Australia.

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



NILGIRI WOOD-PIGEON, *Columba elphinstonii* Columbidae
India, 2017 September 18, not yet cataloged, 5r

Length: 14 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brownish purple above and gray below with a black-and-white checkered hindcollar and a bluish-gray head.

Habitat: Moist evergreen forest.

Range: Western India.

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



YELLOW-LEGGED PIGEON, *Columba pallidiceps* Columbidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 14 to 15 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark with multicolored iridescences, white head, and yellow legs.

Habitat: Primary forest and forest edges.

Range: Bismarck Archipelago and Solomon Islands

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



BRONZE GROUND-DOVE, *Gallicolumba beccarii* Columbidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 7 to 8 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark olive-green above and pale gray below with a blue-gray head and blackish-purple lower breast and belly. The female is gray below with a yellowish-brown belly.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: New Guinea to the Solomon Islands.

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



WHITE-HEADED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus eugeniae* Columbidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 7 to 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and pale green below with a white head, purplish-crimson throat and breast, and whitish shoulder patches.

Habitat: Forest and adjacent areas.

Range: Eastern Solomon Islands.

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



ISLAND IMPERIAL-PIGEON, *Ducula pistrinaria* Columbidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, SS \$40 (R margin)

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and pinkish below with a creamy-white head and bronzy-green tail.

Habitat: Primary and secondary forests.

Range: Bismarck Archipelago, islands off New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

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

CHESTNUT-BELLIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON, *Ducula brenchleyi* Columbidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Iridescent blackish gray above and dark purplish pink below with a silvery gray head and dark chestnut belly.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Solomon Islands.

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



STAR-SPOTTED NIGHTJAR, *Caprimulgus stellatus* Caprimulgidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, 240fr

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark grayish brown above and buff-spotted brown below with small white patches near the wing tip and on the sides of the lower throat.

Habitat: Dry open bush and grassland.

Range: Northwestern Somalia to central Kenya.

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



EMPRESS BRILLIANT, *Heliodoxa imperatrix* Trochilidae
Niger, 2017 September 11, not yet cataloged, SS 3300fr (LR margin)

Length: 5 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is glittering dark green with a pale violet patch on the throat and a glittering golden-green belly. The female is bronzy-green with a green-flecked grayish throat and breast and a golden-green belly.

Habitat: Wet forest and adjacent areas.

Range: West-central Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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



BLACK-BILLED WOODHOPOE, *Phoeniculus somaliensis*, Phoeniculidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, 240fr

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Iridescent blackish or greenish with a black bill and white spots on the wings and outer tail.

Habitat: Open dry thornbush and riparian woodland.

Range: Eritrea to northeastern Kenya.

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



HEMPRICH'S HORNBILL, *Lophoceros hemprichii* Bucerotidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, SS 950fr (UR margin)

Length: 20 to 23 inches, resident. The male (shown) is creamy-edged dark brown above and white below with a red bill and brown head and throat. The female is smaller with a black base to the lower mandible and a pale green throat.

Habitat: Wooded watercourses.

Range: Eritrea to Djibouti, northeastern Uganda, and northwestern Kenya

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



BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER, *Nyctyornis athertoni* Meropidae
Guinea, 2017 August 25, not yet cataloged, 12500fr

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and streaked buff below with a blue forehead and throat.

Habitat: Moist forest, forest clearings, and gardens.

Range: India to Vietnam and Hainan

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



D'ARNAUD'S BARBET, *Trachyphonus darnaudii* Lybiidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, 240fr

Length: 6 to 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. White-spotted brown above, white or yellow below with a black forehead and throat and a black-spotted face and collar.

Habitat: Open woodlands, bushlands and grasslands

Range: Southeastern Sudan to northern Tanzania.

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



BLACK-THROATED BARBET, *Tricholaema melanocephala* Lybiidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, SS 950fr

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Yellow streaked and spotted black above and whitish below with a yellow or white superciliary and black chin and throat.

Habitat: Very dry woodland, brushland, and scrubland.

Range: Northern and central Ethiopia to north-central Tanzania.

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



BEARDED WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos namaquus* Picidae
Djibouti, 2017 July 28, not yet cataloged, 240fr

Length: 10 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown) is white barred yellowish brown with a white-spotted black forehead, red hindcrown, and a black-and-white striped head. The female lacks the red hindcrown.

Habitat: Woodland and dry savanna.

Range: Western Central African Republic and Sudan to South Africa.

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



RED-BREASTED PYGMY-PARROT, *Micropsitta bruijnii* Psittaculidae
Solomon Islands, 2017 August 21, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 3.5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green with an orange-red breast, blue-bordered yellow face, and rusty crown. The female is green above and yellow below with a whitish-buff forehead and blue crown.

Habitat: Forest and forest edges.

Range: New Guinea to the Solomon Islands.

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



SAMOAN MYZOMELA, *Myzomela nigriventris* Meliphagidae
Samoa, 1988 August 17, Sc#731, 50s

Length: 4 to 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a red head, breast, and back. The female is dull olive above and gray below with a red lower back and rump.

Habitat: Lowland forest and fringe vegetation.

Range: Samoa and western American Samoa.

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



BROAD-TAILED GRASSBIRD, *Schoenicola platyurus* Locustellidae
India, 2017 September 18, not yet cataloged. 5r

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Reddish-brown above and whitish below with warm buff breast and flanks.

Habitat: Grassy and bracken-covered highlands,

Range: Southwestern India,

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



NILGIRI PIPIT, *Anthus nilghiriensis* Motacillidae
India, 2017 September 18, not yet cataloged, 5r

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Streaked brown above and streaked buff below with a buff supercilium.

Habitat: Upland grasslands.

Range: Extreme southwestern India.

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



†**KAUAI AKIALOA, *Akialoa stejnegeri*** Fringillidae
Extinct (last recorded in 1967)
Togo, 2017 July 31, not yet cataloged, 800fr

Length: 7.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish with a long curved bill.
Habitat: Alaka'i Swamp.

Range: Kauai, Hawaii

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