

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Birds



AUSTRALIAN SHOVELER, *Anas rhynchotis* Anatidae

Djibouti, 2017 January 30, Sc#1142, SS 950fr (previously on a New Zealand duck stamp)

Length: 18 to 22 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is blackish above and spotted rufous below with a bluish head and a speckled brownish breast. The female is light brown, heavily speckled below.

Habitat: Vegetated wetlands.

Range: Breeds in New Zealand, southeastern and southwestern Australia, and Tasmania. Winters in New Zealand and southwestern and eastern Australia.

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



ORANGE-FOOTED SCRUBFOWL, *Megapodius reinwardt* Megapodiidae

Tonga, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 14 to 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a brown crest and orange to pinkish-red legs and feet.

Habitat: Wooded areas.

Range: Lesser Sundas and Moluccas to northern Australia.

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



COQUI FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus coqui* Phasianidae

Namibia, 2018 May 18, not yet cataloged, "Zone B" (previously on a Local from Bernera)

Length: 8 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is brown above and densely barred white below with an ochre head. The female has a patterned head.

Habitat: Savanna and wooded grassland.

Range: West Africa and Ethiopia to central South Africa.

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



ORANGE RIVER FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus levallantoides* Phasianidae

Namibia, 2018 May 18, not yet cataloged, "Inland Registered Mail"

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and spotted white or rufous below with a white throat.

Habitat: Grassland and woodland.

Range: Sudan to Uganda and Angola to South Africa.

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



SWAINSON'S FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus swainsonii* Phasianidae
Namibia, 2018 May 18, not yet cataloged, "Postcard Rate"

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes similar, but the female is darker and more heavily patterned, resident. Black-streaked brown, paler below with a red face and throat.
Habitat: Savanna and bush, near water.

Range: Angola to Mozambique and South Africa.

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



NEW ZEALAND QUAIL, *Coturnix novaezelandiae* Phasianidae
Central African Republic, 2016 November 21, not yet cataloged (Mi#6554), SS 2650fr (UR margin)

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Streaky dark brown with a rufous face.
Habitat: Scrubland.

Range: Formerly New Zealand. Extinct since 1875.

Reference: Day, D., *Vanished Species*.



TITICACA GREBE, *Rollandia microptera* Podicipedidae
Central African Republic, 2018 January 16, not yet cataloged (Mi#7582), 850fr

Length: 10 to 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Gray above and speckled below with a white chin and throat and rufous breast.

Habitat: Large open montane lakes.

Range: Southeastern Peru and western Bolivia.

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



HAWAIIAN PETREL, *Pterodroma sandwichensis* Procellariidae
Aitutaki, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 17 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. Very dark above and white below with a black axillary patch.

Habitat: Breeds on thickly vegetated high ground; otherwise marine, well away from land.

Range: Hawaiian Islands.

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



SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER, *Puffinus tenuirostris* Procellariidae
Cook Islands, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 16 to 18 inches, sexes alike, marine. Brown, paler below with grayish underwings.

Habitat: Breeds in grassland, vegetated areas, and on cliffs, otherwise marine.

Range: Breeds off Tasmania and southern Australia. Ranges to the north, central, and western Pacific.

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



TROPICAL SHEARWATER, *Puffinus bailloni* Procellariidae
Cook Islands, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 11 to 13 inches, sexes alike, marine. Brown above and white below with brown edges on the underwings and pink legs.

Habitat: Breeds on oceanic islands and coral atolls, otherwise marine.

Range: Breeds on the Mascarene Island and ranges in the western Indian Ocean.

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



RED RAIL, *Aphanapteryx bonasia* Rallidae
Sierra Leone, 2018 February 27, not yet cataloged, 9800le

Length: 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. All brownish red.

Habitat: Wetlands.

Range: Formerly Mauritius. Extinct around 1680

Reference: Day, D., *Vanished Species.*



RED-CAPPED PLOVER, *Charadrius ruficapilla* Charadriidae
Tonga (Niufo'ou), 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown above and white below with a red cap, white forehead and supercilium, and dark neck patch.

Habitat: Beaches and wetlands.

Range: Australia.

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



MARBLED GODWIT, *Limosa fedoa* Scolopacidae
Penrhyn, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 17 to 19 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Brown-streaked and black-spotted cinnamon-buff above and brown-streaked cinnamon below with a pale face and dark eyestripe.

Habitat: Breeds in wet meadows and grasslands. Winters in coastal wetlands and savannas.

Range: Breeds from Alaska to Montana and Minnesota. Winters from Washington to Venezuela and along the east coast from North Carolina to Florida and Central America.

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



COMMON SANDPIPER, *Actitis hypoleucos* Scolopacidae
Penrhyn, 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Streaked greenish-brown above and white below with streaked tan breast patches.

Habitat: Edges of water bodies.

Range: Breeds throughout Eurasia. Winters from southern Spain to southern China, South Africa, and Australia.

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



SRI LANKA BAY-OWL, *Phodilus assimilis* Tytonidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$14

Length: 9 to 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark-brown-speckled chestnut-bay above and black-spotted pinkish-buff below with a squarish pale grayish-pink facial disc.

Habitat: Wet lowland and lower hills.

Range: Central and southern Sri Lanka.

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



CONGO BAY-OWL, *Phodilus prigoginei* Tytonidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$20

Length: 8 to 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Deep rufous-brown above with small black-edged white spots and finely dark-brown spotted pale rufous below with a light rufous-buff facial disc.

Habitat: Montane forest interspersed with bamboo thicket and grassland.

Range: Extreme eastern Zaire.

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



ANDAMAN SCOPS-OWL, *Otus balli* Strigidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$11

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown or rufous above with black and whitish spots and finely vermiculated paler below, with a whitish facial disc and ear tufts.

Habitat: Semi-open areas.

Range: Andaman Islands, India.

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



AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL, *Glaucidium hardyi* Strigidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$9

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish rufous-brown above and cinnamon-brown-streaked white below with a white-spotted brownish-gray head.

Habitat: Humid evergreen rainforest.

Range: Southeastern Venezuela and the Guianas to south-central Brazil and eastern Bolivia.

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



ALBERTINE OWLET, *Glaucidium albertinum* Strigidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$6

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Maroon-brown above and maroon-brown spotted white below with a barred upper chest and a cream-spotted head.

Habitat: Montane forest.

Range: Eastern Zaire and northern Rwanda.

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



ANDAMAN BOOBOOK, *Ninox affinis* Strigidae
Surinam, 2018 January 3, not yet cataloged, \$10

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark brown above and brown-barred white below with a round brown head, tan-gray facial disc and white eyebrows.

Habitat: Forest, mangroves, and rubber plantations.

Range: Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India.

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



BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN, *Andigena nigricollis* Ramphastidae
Central African Republic, 2017 December 20, not yet cataloged (Mi#7486), 900fr

Length: 19 to 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bronzy above and pale blue below with a black cap and tail, white throat and yellow rump and around the eyes.

Habitat: Forest, thickets and areas with scattered trees.

Range: Western Venezuela to northern Peru.

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



FIERY-BILLED ARACARI, *Pteroglossus frantzii* Ramphastidae
Central African Republic, 2017 December 20, not yet cataloged (Mi#7485), 900fr

Length: 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue-green above and yellow below with a red rump and belly band, black head, and green wings.

Habitat: Forest and forest edges.

Range: Western Costa Rica and Panama.

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



CURL-CRESTED ARACARI, *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*

Ramphastidae

Central African Republic, 2017 December 20, not yet cataloged (Mi#7489), SS 3600fr (R margin)

Length: 17 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark green above and yellow below with a red nape, rump, and belly band and a black curly cap and a speckled white throat.

Habitat: Lowland forest and forest edges.

Range: Northwestern Peru and Bolivia to central Brazil.

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



CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON, *Micrastur mintoni* Falconidae

Central African Republic, 2016 November 21, not yet cataloged (Mi#6604), SS 2650fr (UR margin)

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Slate-gray above and finely-barred gray below with a red face and one white tail band.

Habitat: Lowland forest.

Range: Northeastern Amazonian Brazil to northeastern Bolivia.

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



ANTIPODES PARAKEET, *Cyanoramphus unicolor* Psittaculidae

Tonga (Niuafu'ou), 2018, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with purplish-blue in the wings.

Habitat: Coastal slopes and along water.

Range: Antipodes, off New Zealand

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



BRONZE-WINGED PARROT, *Pionus chalcopterus* Psittacidae

Sierra Leone, 2018 February 27, not yet cataloged, SS 40000le (R margin)

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark navy blue with a yellow bill, bronze wings, and a red undertail.

Habitat: Humid foothills and highland forest and woodland.

Range: Western Venezuela to Peru.

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

**BLACK MAMO, *Drepanis funerea*** Fringillidae

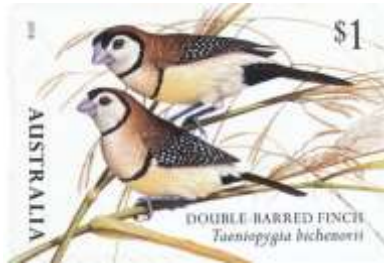
Central African Republic, 2016 November 21, not yet cataloged (Mi#6554), SS 2650fr (LL margin).

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with white primaries and a long decurved bill.

Habitat: Understory.

Range: Formerly Molokai, Hawaii. Extinct in 1907.

Reference: Day, D., *Vanished Species*.

**DOUBLE-BARRED FINCH, *Taeniopygia bichenovii*** Estrildidae

Australia, 2018 March 16, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and creamy-white below with a black-bordered white face and a thin black band across the lower breast.

Habitat: Woodland and scrubland.

Range: Northern and eastern Australia.

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

of the World, Volume 15.

NETHERLANDS SUMMER STAMPS

(*Linn's Stamp News*) Netherlands will issue a pane of ten stamps on 4 June 2018. The stamps represent the season of summer in their Experience Nature series.

This series began on 2 January with a pane of ten stamps depicting reptiles and amphibians and representing the winter season. A second pane of ten was issued on 9 April featuring wildflowers representing spring. The set will conclude on 17 September with a pane showing mushrooms (autumn).

Frank Janse designed the stamps using nature photographs from Pixfactory. The stamps were printed by Royal Joh. Enschedé using offset.

From upper left the stamps show a Garden Tiger Moth caterpillar (*Arctia caja*), Minstrel Bug (*Graphosoma lineatum*), Cockchafer (*Melolontha melolontha*), Black Garden Ant (*Lasius niger*), Elephant Hawkmoth caterpillar (*Deilephila elpenor*), 22-spot Ladybird (*Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata*), Emerald Damselfly (*Lestes sponsa*), Diadem Spider (*Araneus diadematus*), Small Copper butterfly (*Lycaena phlaeas*), and Marsh Grasshopper (*Stethophyma grossum*).

Silhouette drawings of additional insects, including the Red Asparagus Beetle (*Crioceris duodecimpunctata*), Musk Beetle (*Aromia moschata*), Dark Whiteface Dragonfly (*Leucorrhinia albifrons*), Small Emperor Moth (*Saturnia pavonia*), and Colorado Potato Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*), also are pictured on the stamps.

All stamps pay the basic domestic rate for letters up to 20 grams.

