

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Birds



BLACK-BREASTED KITE, *Hamirostra melanosternon* Accipitridae
Aitutaki, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, 40c

Length: 20 to 24 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dark with reddish-brown nape and thighs.

Habitat: Woodland, savanna, plains, and desert.

Range: Breeds in northern and central Australia. Winters throughout Australia except the southern coasts.

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



LETTER-WINGED KITE, *Elanus scriptus* Accipitridae
Cook Islands, 2018 December 20, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 14 to 15 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray above and white below with black wing patches, tail, and around the eyes.

Habitat: Dry grasslands and plains.

Range: Breeds in central Australia. Winters in central and coastal Australia.

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

the World, Volume 2.



HENST'S GOSHAWK, *Accipiter henstii* Accipitridae
Aitutaki, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 21 to 25 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and grayish-brown-barred white below with a pale stripe above the eye.

Habitat: Forest and woodland.

Range: Madagascar.

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

the World, Volume 2.



AFRICAN MARSH-HARRIER, *Circus ranivorus* Accipitridae
Aitutaki, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 48 to 50 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with rufous thighs, white face, and a streaked white nape.

Habitat: Marshes and adjacent areas.

Range: Somalia to South Africa.

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



MADAGASCAR HARRIER-HAWK, *Polyboroides radiatus* Accipitridae
Cook Islands, 2018 December 20, not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 27 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale gray above and banded white below with black wings and a black tail with a broad white band.

Habitat: Forests and woodlands.

Range: Madagascar.

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

the World, Volume 2.



SEE-SEE PARTRIDGE, *Ammoperdix griseogularis* Phasianidae
Tajikistan, 2018 December, not yet cataloged, 3s

Length: 9 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is sandy brown with brown and white flank stripes and a gray throat. The female lacks the flank stripes.
Habitat: Lightly vegetated dry and stony foothills.

Range: Southeastern Turkey to Pakistan.

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

of the World, Volume 2.



AFRICAN CUCKOO, *Cuculus gularis* Cuculidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, Sc#1557, 1200k SS (R margin)

Length: 13 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is dark ashy-gray above and barred whitish below with a pale gray throat. The female has a rufous throat.

Habitat: Open woodland and acacia savanna.

Range: Breeds from Senegal to Eritrea and eastern South Africa. Winters from Senegal to Tanzania.

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



CRESTED OWL *Lophotrix cristata* Strigidae
Maldives, 2018 January 4, not yet cataloged, 20r

Length: 14 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown, paler below with white eyebrows and ear tufts.

Habitat: Woodland and forest.

Range: Southern Mexico to eastern Peru and northern Brazil.

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



COSTA RICAN PYGMY-OWL, *Glaucidium costaricanum* Strigidae
Cook Islands (Rarotonga), 2018 December 20, not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brown above and black-streaked white below with a white-spotted brown head and rich brown sides of the breast.

Habitat: Upland forest and adjacent areas.

Range: Central Costa Rica to western Panama.

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

the World, Volume 5.



CHESTNUT-BACKED OWLET, *Glaucidium castanonotum* Strigidae
Sri Lanka, 2017 December 16, not yet cataloged, 10r

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Barred chestnut and blackish above and white below with dark bars on the breast and flanks and olive-brown streaks on the belly.

Habitat: Dense wet forest.

Range: Sri Lanka.

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



GREATER ANTILLEAN NIGHTJAR, *Antrostomus cubanensis* Caprimulgidae
Cuba, 2018 November 4, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 10 to 12 inches, resident. The male (shown) is speckled blackish-brown above and speckled buffish-white below with a pale buff band around the lower throat and white tips on the tail. The female has buff tips on the tail.

Habitat: Open woodland, swamps, and rivers.

Range: Cuba.

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



LESSER VIOLETEAR, *Colibri cyanotus* Trochilidae
Sierra Leone, 2018 November 30, not yet cataloged, 9800le

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bluish green with a broad violet ear patch and a speckled throat.

Habitat: Highland scrub, forest edges, and plantations.

Range: Venezuela to Ecuador.

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



BLUE-THROATED HILLSTAR, *Oreotrochilus cyanolaemus* Trochilidae
Ecuador, 2018 December 11, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green above and white below with brown wings, a blue tail, a black-bordered blue-throat, and a median line on the belly. The female is tan below and lacks the blue throat and median belly line.

Habitat: Bush-lined creeks in high mountains.

Range: Andes of southwestern Ecuador.

Reference: Sermoza-Medina, Francisco, et al., *Auk*, 135 (4) 2018.

BLUE-MOUSTACHED BEE-EATER, *Merops mentalis* Meropidae
Liberia, 1997, Sc#1284, 15c (also on issues from Togo and Ivory Coast)

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue with deep chestnut back, wings and throat and a black eye-stripe.

Habitat: Lowland rainforest, clearings, and glades.

Range: Sierra Leone to western Cameroon and Fernando Po.

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



RUFOUS-CROWNED BEE-EATER, *Merops americanus* Meropidae
Uganda, 2014 April 1, Sc#2130, 7500sh SS (also on issues from Sierra Leone and Togo)

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with a rich rufous crown and mantle and pale blue cheeks.

Habitat: Lowland scrub, dunes, farms, and gardens.

Range: Philippines.

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

Note: All 28 species of bee-eaters have now appeared on stamps.



GOLDEN-CROWNED WOODPECKER, *Chloropicus xantholophus*

Picidae

Angola, 2018 December 10, Sc#1475, 300k

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive-brown above and white-spotted greenish olive below with a yellow crown and a white face with a black central band. The female lacks the yellow crown.

Habitat: Lowland trees and plantations.

Range: Southwestern Cameroon to northwestern Angola and western Kenya.

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



RUFOUS-FRONTED PARAKEET, *Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons*

Psittacidae

Colombia, 2018 January 23, not yet cataloged (UL margin)

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, paler below and on the rump and rufous around the bill.

Habitat: Humid mountain scrub and elfin forest.

Range: Central Andes of Colombia.

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



SRI LANKA DRONGO, *Drongo lophorinus*

Dicruridae

Sri Lanka, 2017 December 16, not yet cataloged, 35r

Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a deeply forked tail and a frontal crest,

Habitat: Tall, dense humid forest.

Range: Southern Sri Lanka.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 14*.

TAHITI MONARCH, *Pomarea nigra*

Monarchidae

French Polynesia, 2018, not yet cataloged, 80fr

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. All metallic black with a blue bill.

Habitat: Moist forest.

Range: Western Tahiti.

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



SRI LANKA WARBLER, *Elaphrornis palliseri*

Locustellidae

Sri Lanka, 2018, not yet cataloged, 15r

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. Olive-brown above and olive below with a pale supercilium, gray lores, and a peach-buff throat.

Habitat: Grassy areas with bamboo and wet mountain forest.

Range: Southern Sri Lanka.

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



WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART, *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* Muscicapidae
Tajikistan, 2018 December, not yet cataloged, 5s

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Black above and orange-chestnut below and tail with a white cap.

Habitat: Breeds along mountain streams. Winters near rivers and canals.

Range: Breeds from eastern Uzbekistan to eastern China and northern Myanmar. Winters from Tajikistan to central China and northern Thailand.

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

of the World, Volume 10.



SILVER-THROATED TANAGER, *Tangara icterocephala* Thraupidae
Guyana, 2018 November 20, not yet cataloged, \$200 (previously on a Bernera local)

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Yellow with a black-streaked back, silvery greenish-white throat, and a black moustachial stripe.

Habitat: Wet forest and second-growth woodland.

Range: Southern Costa Rica to western Ecuador.

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

SPECKLED TANAGER, *Tangara guttata* Thraupidae
Guyana, 2018 November 20, not yet cataloged, \$500 SS

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green above and white below with black spots on the head, back, and breast and black lores.

Habitat: Humid forest and adjacent areas.

Range: Costa Rica to the Guianas.

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



GUIRA TANAGER, *Hemithraupis guira* Thraupidae
Guyana, 2018 November 20, not yet cataloged, \$200

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive-green above and with a yellow-bordered dark sooty-brown face, rich tawny-rufous breast and a gray-flanked yellow belly. The female is olive-green above and yellow below with gray flanks.

Habitat: Forest canopy and woodland.

Range: Colombia to northwestern Argentina.

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