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

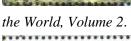
Aitutaki, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 21 to 25 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and grayishbrown-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





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.



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



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

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

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



CRESTED OWL Lophostrix 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.



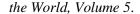
COSTA RICAN PYGMY-OWL, Glaucidium costaricanum Strigidae Cook Islands (Rarotonga), 2018 December 20, not yet cataloged, 50c

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





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.



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 Nature* 11

World, Volume 11.



of the World, Volume 10.

WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART, *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* Muscicapidae Tajikistan, 2918 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*

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.

