

New Birds in the Philatelic Aviary

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New Birds

NORTH ISLAND GIANT MOA, *Dinornis novaezealandiae*, Dinornithidae

Maldives, 2020, not yet cataloged, 20 r

Length: 8 feet (male), 10 feet (female), resident. All shaggy brown. Extinct around 1500 A.D.

Habitat: Lowlands.

Range: North Island, New Zealand.

Reference: Davis, S. J. J. F. "Moas" in Hutchins, M., Ed. Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia, Volume 8.

BLACK-BILLED WOOD-DOVE, *Turtur abyssinicus* Columbidae

Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 3300 f

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Light brown to grayish fawn above and light pinkish mauve below with a gray head and dark blue wing-spots.

Habitat: Arid savanna woodland, forest and plantations.

Range: Southern Mauritania to Eritrea and northwestern Kenya.

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



PALLID CUCKOO, *Cuculus pallidus* Cuculidae

Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 800 f

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray above and pale gray below with a pale supercilium and a dark gray line through the eye.

Habitat: Woodland, forest, scrub and gardens.

Range: Breeds in Australia and Tasmania; winters in northern Australia and Wallacea,

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

SRI LANKA FROGMOUTH, *Batrachostamus monliger* Podargidae

Liberia, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is vermiculated brownish-gray above and spotted brownish-gray below with a narrow white hind-collar; the female is rufous with white spots on the breast and a pale belly.

Habitat: Woodland and forest.

Range: Southwestern India and central and southwestern Sri Lanka. Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

LARGE-TAILED NIGHTJAR, *Caprimulgus macrurus* Caprimulgidae

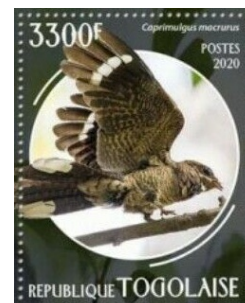
Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 800 f

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Blackish-brown-streaked grayish-brown above and buff-speckled brownish below with white spots near the wingtips.

Habitat: Forest and woodland.

Range: Northeastern Pakistan to the Philippines and northern and eastern Australia.

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





GRAY NIGHTJAR, *Caprimulgus jotaka* Caprimugidae
Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 800 f

Length: 12 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is grayish brown with dark-brown streaks above and grayish-barred below, with white wing spots and throat patches; the female has tawny wing spots and brownish tips to the tail.

Habitat: Forest, woodland and scrub.

Range: Breeds from southeastern Siberia to Japan and eastern China; winters from southern China to the Philippines and Java.

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



AUSTRALIAN OWLET-NIGHTJAR, *Aegotheles cristatus* Aegothelidae
Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 800 f

Length: 8 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is vermiculated dark gray above, paler below with a dark crown and eye-stripe; the female is rufous instead of gray.

Habitat: Open woodland.

Range: Australia and Tasmania.

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

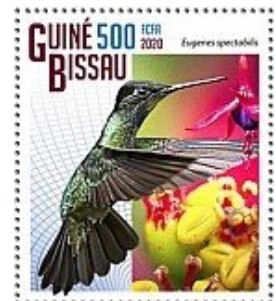
TALAMANCA HUMMINGBIRD, *Eugenes spectabilis* Trochilidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2020, not yet cataloged, 500 f

Length: 5.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark green above and blackish below, with a n iridescent purple crown and a small white spot behind the eye; the female is whitish below and lacks the purple crown.

Habitat: Humid highland cloudforest.

Range: Costa Rica and western Panama.

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



GOLDEN-BELLIED STARFRONTLET, *Coeligena bonapartei* Trochilidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2020, not yet cataloged, 3000 f

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green, with a black head, golden rump and belly and a small white spot behind the eye; the female has a green head.

Habitat: Highland forest and open areas with scattered vegetation.

Range: Eastern Andes of Colombia.

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



BLUE-THROATED STARFRONTLET, *Coeligena helianthea* Trochilidae
Colombia, 2020, not yet cataloged, 500 p

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and dark gray below with a blue-violet throat and rump, rosy belly and a green frontlet; the female is golden-green above and green-spotted rufous below.

Habitat: Cloud forest.

Range: Colombian Andes and western Venezuela.

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



SURUCUA TROGON, *Trogon surrucura surrucura* Trogonidae
Surinam, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$20

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is metallic bronzy-green above and red below with a blackish head and black-tipped white tail; the female is gray, paler on the breast, with a red belly.
Habitat: Forest and woodland.

Range: Eastern Paraguay to southeastern Brazil.

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



RUFOUS-CAPPED MOTMOT, *Baryphthengus ruficapillus*

Momotidae

Surinam, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$6

Length: 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with a rufous crown, black eye-mask and a rufous band across the belly.

Habitat: Forest along watercourses.

Range: Eastern Brazil to eastern Paraguay and northeastern Argentina.

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



GREAT-BILLED KINGFISHER, *Pelargopsis melanorhynchus*,
melanorhynchus Alcedinidae

Niger, 2020, not yet cataloged, 500 f

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. The stamp shows the nominate subspecies. Whitish with a black bill, wings, back and tail.

Habitat: Wetlands and coasts.

Range: Sulawesi and nearby islands, Indonesia.

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

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD, *Nystalus chacuru* Bucconidae
Surinam, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$18

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brown above and white below, with a brown crown, black ear patch and a white eye stripe and collar.

Habitat: Forest, woodland, grassland and open areas.

Range: Eastern Peru and northeastern Brazil to northeastern Argentina,

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



BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD, *Monasa nigrifrons* Bucconidae

Surinam, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$14

Length: 10.5 to 11.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Sooty black, darker around the red bill.

Habitat: Near riverbanks and lakes.

Range: Southeastern Colombia and eastern Bolivia to coastal Brazil.

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



BAUDIN'S BLACK COCKATOO, *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* Cacatuidae
Surinam, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$10

Previously in the surrounds of a 2007, 25.000 f stamp from Guinea. Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dull black with a grayish white ear patches and white patches on the tail.

Habitat: Wet forests.

Range: Southwestern Australia.

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

ORANGE-BILLED LORIKEET, *Neopsittacus pullicauda* Psittaculidae
Grenadines, 2000, 2148f, \$1

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark green above and pale green below with red center of the breast and an orange bill.

Habitat: Highland cloud forest and adjacent areas.

Range: Central New Guinea.

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



BROAD-BILLED PARROT, *Lophopsittacus mauritinius* Psittacidae
Maldives, 2020, not yet cataloged, 60 r

Length: 18 to 22 inches (male), 18 to 22 inches (female), resident. Brightly colored with a broad bill, tufted at the base. Extinct around 1680.

Habitat: Forest floor.

Range: Mauritius, Indian Ocean.

Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.



STRIOLATED MANAKIN, *Machaeropterus striolata* Pipridae
Colombia, 2020, not yet cataloged, 5000 p

Length: 3.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive above and whitish-streaked reddish chestnut below with a red cap and nape; the female is olive above and dingy white below with a brownish-tinged breast.

Habitat: Humid forest and mature secondary woodland.

Range: Northwestern Venezuela and central Colombia to western Brazil and northeastern Peru.

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



SUBTROPICAL DORADITO, *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* Tyrannidae
Colombia, 2020, not yet cataloged, 5000 p

Length: 4.5 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Bright olive-green above and and bright golden-yellow below.

Habitat: Reedbeds, marshes and moist sedge.

Range: Breeds from Colombia to northwestern Argentina and western Paraguay, winters from Bolivia to western Paraguay.

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

of the World, Volume 9.

REGENT HONEYEATER, *Anthochaera phrygia* Meliphagidae

Australia, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$1.10

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale yellow scalloped dark above and pale yellow chevroned below, with a black head and a small gray bare patch around the eye.

Habitat: Eucalyptus woodlands and forests.

Range: Southwestern Australia.

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

**POHNPEI CICADABIRD, *Edolisima tenuirostris inspiratum***

Campephagidae

Micronesia, 1991, 149r, 29 c

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male is dark slaty-gray with black around the bill; the female (shown on the stamp) is gray-brown above and rufous-cinnamon below with a slaty-gray head and black wings and tail.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Pohnpei, Micronesia.

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

PRIRIT BATIS, *Batis pririt* Platysteiridae

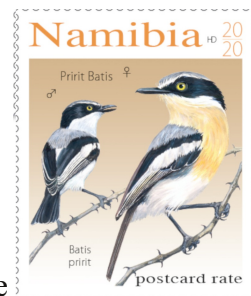
Namibia, 2020, not yet cataloged, *

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray above and white below with a black breast and a white wing stripe; the female has a yellow-ocher chin, throat and breast.

Habitat: Woodland and grassland along watercourses.

Range: Southwestern Angola to central Botswana and western South Africa.

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

**YELLOW-BELLIED GREENBUL, *Chlorocochla flaviventris*** Pycnonotidae

Gambia, 1991, 1092, 1.50 d

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive-brown above and pale yellow below with white eyelids.

Habitat: Forest, dense bush and wooded savanna.

Range: Southern Somalia to northern South Africa and Angola.

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

**EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER, *Idena pallida*** Sylviidae

Benin, 2000, 1281, 270 f

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brownish-gray above and off-white below with a pale white superciliary and eyering.

Habitat: Trees and tall bushes.

Range: Breeds from Hungary to northern Afghanistan and northern Africa; winters in central Africa.

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



LONG-TAILED PARADISE-WHYDAH, *Vidua interjecta* Viduidae
Congo (Brazzaville), 1993, 1030, 120 f

Length: 15 to 16 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and whitish below with a black head and a brownish-red neck and breast; the female (5 inches) is black-streaked light brown above and buff below with a pale superciliary.

Habitat: Woodland, bushes and rocky hillsides.

Range: Senegal to Sudan and northeastern Congo.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.

TOGO Fossil Dragonfly

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2019 November 5. (Stamperija TG-190556a&b) (Fossils)

b, 800fr *Misofaeschnidium densum* Hagen Caption: *Meganeura monyi*

Aeschnidiidae B



Jose Reis questioned the identification on the stamp and contacted Dr. Gunther Bechly, a specialist in this field.

His reply: Indeed the fossil on this stamp is not a *Meganeura* from the Carboniferous, but a female (see ovipositor) specimen of a much more modern dragonfly (Anisoptera) of the extinct family Aeschnidiidae (not to be confused with the living family Aeshnidae). The fossil is not from Jurassic Solnhofen limestone, but most probably from the Lower Cretaceous of China.

Jose: I compared some photos on the Internet and it seems that it is *Sinaeschnidia* (meaning "Chinese Aeschnidium") and is a genus of prehistoric dragonfly, possibly *Sinaeschnidia cancellosa*.

Again from Dr. Bechly: I checked the high resolution photo of this specimen at Wikimedia (https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/25/Mesuropetala_koehler_i_-_Museum_fur_Naturkunde%2C_Berlin_-_DSC09919.JPG).

The dragonfly was incorrectly determined and is definitely NOT a *Mesuropetala muensteri*, but again an Aeschnidiidae cf. *Misofaeschnidium densum* Hagen (http://fossilworks.org/bridge.pl?a=taxonInfo&taxon_no=179601) from the Upper Jurassic Solnhofen limestone in Bavaria (Germany). I attached a photo of this species from another collection for comparison. Unfortunately, fossil dragonflies are very often misdetermined even in museum collections, because the determinations were not made by a specialist on the group.

This is a new Family and genus on stamps.