

New Birds in the Philatelic Aviary

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New Birds



IBEROMESORNIS, *Iberomesornis romorali* Iberomesornithidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2020, not yet cataloged, 500 fr Extinct 120,000,000 BCE

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. A carnivorous bird descendant of Archaeopteryx, the earliest bird. It was the first bird with a perching foot.
Habitat: Dense forest.

Range: Spain.

Reference: Sanz, J. L and J. F. Bonaparte. Unusual Early Cretaceous Bird.

Nature vol 331, pages 433-435 (1988).



STIRTON'S THUNDERBIRD, *Dromornis stirtoni* Dromornithidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2020, not yet cataloged, 750 fr Extinct 30,000 BCE

Length: 5 feet, sexes alike, resident. A huge 1100-pound, 10-foot-tall flightless bird with a long beak. Habitat: Subtropical open woodlands.

Range: Northern Australia.

Reference: Rich, P. The Dromornithidae, Geology and Geophysics, vol 184, pages 1-196.



GIANT TERATOM, *Argentavis magnificens* Teratornithidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2020, not yet cataloged, 100 fr Extinct 6,000,000 BCE

Length: 11 feet, 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. The largest flying bird, with a wingspan of 23 feet.

Habitat: Open country.

Range: Central and northwestern Argentina.

Reference: Alexander, David E. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, vol 104, pages 12233 and 12234.

EMPEROR GOOSE, *Anser canagicus* Anatidae

Marshall Islands, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$1.50 Previously on a US duck stamp.

Length: 26 to 38 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Black, with a white hindneck and tail.

Habitat: Breeds in open Arctic tundra near water; winters along coasts.

Range: Breeds in northeastern Siberia and western Alaska; winters in northern Pacific coasts.

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



WESTERN PLANTAIN-EATER, *Crinifer piscitor* Muscophagidae

Sierra Leone, 2020, not yet cataloged, 14,500 le Previously on a Staffa local.

Length: 20 inches (10-inch tail), sexes alike, resident. Gray above and streaked white below, with a dark brown head and upper breast and a yellow bill.

Habitat: Open wooded savanna and cultivation.

Range: Senegal to the Central African Republic and the Congo River.

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

CROZET SHAG, *Phalacrocorax melanogenis* Phalacrocoracidae

French Antarctic Territory, 2021, not yet cataloged, 1 euro

Length: 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below, with white wing patches.

Habitat: Marine, near coasts.

Range: Crozet Island and Prince Edward Island, southern Indian Ocean.

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

**KNYSNA WOODPECKER, *Campethera notata*** Picidae

South Africa, 2020, not yet cataloged, international small letter

Length: 8 to 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellow-spotted green above and dark-spotted white below, with a red crown and mustache; the female has a red nape and a black mustache.

Habitat: Forest, woodland and scrub.

Range: Southern South Africa.

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

**OLIVE WOODPECKER, *Chloropicus griseocephalus*** Picidae

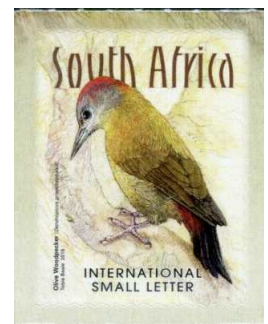
South Africa, 2020, not yet cataloged, international small letter

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dull olive-green above and bronze-olive below, with a red crown and belly patch.; the female has a gray crown.

Habitat: Forest and bushes.

Range: Angola and Namibia to northern Malawi and southern and western South Africa.

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



HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER, *Empidonax hammondi* Tyrannidae

Grenada, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$14

Length: 5 to 6 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish-olive above and grayish below, with two white wingbars and a white eyering.

Range: Breeds from east-central Alaska to north-central New Mexico; winters from southern Arizona to north-central Nicaragua.

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

REUNION CUCKOOSHRIKE, *Lalage newtoni* Campiphagidae

France, 2021, not yet cataloged, 1.08 euros

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is ashy-gray above and pale gray below; the female is rusty-brown above and finely barred whitish below with a narrow white eyebrow.

Habitat: Canopy of closed montane moist forest.

Range: Northwestern Reunion Island, southern Indian Ocean.

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

**VERREAUX'S BATIS, *Batis minima*** Platysteiridae

Central African Republic, 2020, not yet cataloged, 850 f

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and white below, with a white wing stripe and a black breastband; the female has a gray breastband.

Habitat: Forest edge.

Range: Southern Cameroon and Gabon to the Central African Republic.

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

**RUFOUS-BACKED FANTAIL, *Rhipidura rufidorsa*** Rhipiduridae

Solomon Islands, 2020, not yet cataloged, \$9.00



Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Rufous above and mottled gray below, with a gray head and nape and a whitish throat.

Habitat: Forest interior.

Range: New Guinea.

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

BRONZED DRONGO, *Dicrurus aeneus* Dicruridae

Sierra Leone. 2020. not yet cataloged, 14,500 le

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Glossy black, with a deeply forked tail.

Habitat: Forest and woodlands.

Range: India to Taiwan and Borneo.

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



GLOSSY DRONGO, *Dicrurus divaricatus* Dicruridae

Sierra Leone, 2020, not yet cataloged, 14,500 le

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Glossy black, with a forked tail.

Habitat: Forest and woodlands.

Range: Senegal to Eritrea, Somalia, and western Kenya.

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

**CAMBODIAN TAILORBIRD, *Orthotomus chakormuk*** Cisticolidae

Cambodia, 2020, not yet cataloged, 2000 r

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is slate gray above and white below, with an orange crown and patchy black throat: the female lacks the black throat.

Habitat: Dense scrub.

Range: Southeastern Cambodia.

Reference: Mahood, S. J., et al. Forktail. vol 29, pages 1-14.

**PAGAN REED-WARBLER, *Acrocephalus yamashinae*** Acrocephalidae

Central African Republic, 2020, not yet cataloged, 850 fr Extinct around 1970

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Dark rusty brown above and light yellow to cream below, with a yellow supercilium and a black eyestripe.

Habitat: Mangroves and marshes.

Range: Pagan Island, Marianas.

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

**HONEYGUIDE GREENBUL, *Baeopogon indicator*** Pycnonotidae

Togo, 2020, not yet cataloged, 800 fr

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is greenish-olive above and olive gray below, with pale eyes, creamy belly and white outer tail; the female has brown eyes.

Habitat: Forest, forest patches and plantations.

Range: Western Guinea to western Kenya and northern Angola.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 10.

**BOOTED WARBLER, *Iduna caligata*** Sylviidae

Djibouti, 2020, not yet cataloged, 250 fr

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Grayish-brown above and off-white below, with a whitish supercilium.

Habitat: Breeds in low scrub, bushes and weeds; winters in taller vegetation and bushes.

Range: Breeds from western Russia to northwestern China; winters in eastern India.

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





BRONZE-TAILED GLOSSY STARLING, *Lamprotornis chalcurus*
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Sierra Leone, 2020, not yet cataloged, 58,000 le

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Iridescent blue-green above and purple below, with purple ear-patches and epaulets.

Habitat: Woodland, bushes and cultivated areas.

Range: Senegal to western Kenya.

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

FOREST ROBIN, *Stiphornis erythrothorax*

Muscicapidae

Central African Republic, 2020, not yet cataloged, 3300 fr

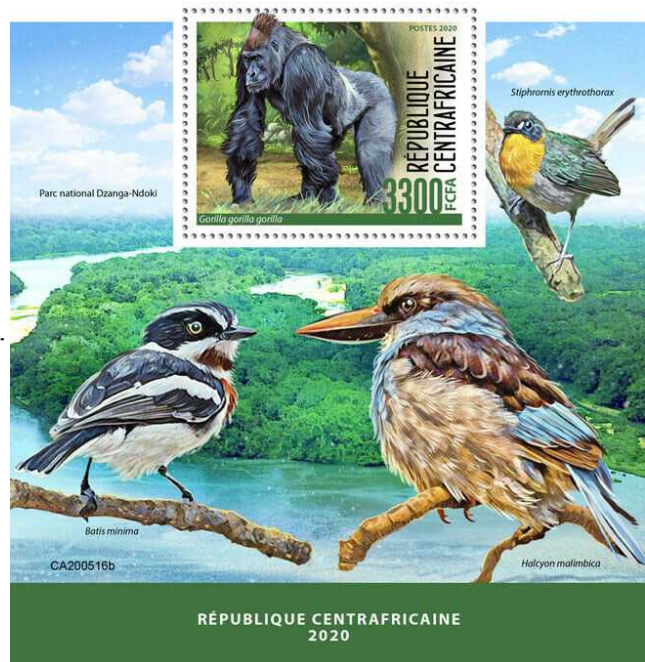
Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Slate gray above and white below, with a bright orange breast and a white spot in front of the eye.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Sierra Leone to northeastern Gabon and southern Uganda.

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

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MARTINIQUE ORIOLE, *Icterus bonana* Icteridae

France, 2021, not yet cataloged, €1.08

Length: 7 to 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black above and orange-tawny below, with a dark chestnut head and breast and orange-tawny epaulets.

Habitat: Dry forest and mangroves.

Range: Martinique, central Antilles.

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