

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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### New Birds



**CAMPBELL ISLAND TEAL**, *Anas nesiotis* Anatidae  
New Zealand, 2017 August 2, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 19 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown, paler below with a green speculum and white flank patches.

Habitat: Tussock grasslands.

Range: Dent Island, New Zealand.

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

*Birds of the World, Volume 1.*



**SCISSOR-TAILED KITE**, *Chelictinia riocourii* Accipitridae  
Guinea-Bissau, 2017 June 15, not yet cataloged, 660fr

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Gray above and white below with a white forehead and collar.

Habitat: Arid steppe and scrub savanna.

Range: Breeds from Senegal to Somalia. In the dry season, moves south to Guinea to Kenya.

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



**INDIAN VULTURE**, *Gyps indicus* Accipitridae  
Djibouti, 2017 January 30, not yet cataloged, SS 960fr

Length: 32 to 40 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with white thighs and neck.

Habitat: Open country.

Range: Southeastern Pakistan to Vietnam, southern India, and the northern Malay Peninsula.

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



**CUBAN BLACK HAWK**, *Buteogallus gundlachi* Accipitridae  
Cuba, 2017 April 1, not yet cataloged, 90c

Length: 17 to 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blackish with a white tail band and malar stripe and brown thighs.

Habitat: Mangroves and tidal flats.

Range: Cuba and Isle of Pines.

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



**SHORT-TAILED HAWK, *Buteo brachyurus*** Accipitridae  
Suriname, 2017 March 15, not yet cataloged, \$1.75

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brown or black above and white below with a white forehead and a banded white-tipped grayish-brown tail.  
Habitat: Woodlands and edges.

Range: Southern Florida and eastern Mexico to northern Argentina.

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



**NKULENGU RAIL, *Himantornis haematopus*** Rallidae  
Sierra Leone, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, SS 40000le

Length: 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Scaly brown above and scaly gray or brown below with a gray crown and pale throat.

Habitat: Lowland forest.

Range: Sierra Leone to western Uganda and coastal Congo.

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



**GUAM RAIL, *Gallirallus owstoni*** Rallidae (previously on a hunting stamp)  
Burundi, 2012 August 31, Sc#1116a, 1070fr

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and finely barred black and white below with a gray neck and superciliary.

Habitat: Forest and grassland.

Range: Extinct on Guam. Captive-bred birds released on Rota Island, Marianas.

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



**RIDGEWAY'S RAIL, *Rallus obsoletus*** Rallidae  
Antigua & Barbuda, 2009 December 8, Sc#3068, \$3

Length: 12 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark-spotted olive or brown above and rusty below with black-and-white barred flanks.

Habitat: Marshes and mangrove swamps.

Range: Central California and Nevada to western Mexico.

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



**LITTLE CRAKE, *Zapornia parva*** Rallidae  
Latvia, 2017 July 14, not yet cataloged, €1.41

Length: 7 to 8 inches, migratory. The male (shown) is brown above and blue-gray below. The female is buff below with a blue-gray supercilium and throat.  
Habitat: Breeds in temperate lowlands. Winters around ponds and lakes and in rice fields and grassland.

Range: Breeds from the Netherlands to northwestern China. Winters in Spain and Senegal to northwestern India

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



**NORTHERN RED-BREASTED DOTTEREL, *Charadrius obscurus* ssp. *aquilonius*** Charadriidae

New Zealand, 2017 August 2, not yet cataloged, \$3.30

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and reddish chestnut on white underparts.

Habitat: Beaches, dunes and short-grass pastures.

Range: North Island, New Zealand.

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



**DELEGORGUE'S PIGEON, *Columba delegorguei*** Columbidae

Mozambique, 2016 November 10, not yet cataloged, 100m

Length: 13 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark reddish purple above and mauve pink below with a slaty-gray head and neck and a white hindcollar. The female is gray below with a coppery brown crown and nape and no white hindcollar.

Habitat: Woodland canopy.

Range: Southeastern Sudan to western South Africa.

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



**BLUE-EYED GROUND-DOVE, *Columbina cyanopsis*** Columbidae

Brazil, 2017, not yet cataloged, 1.25r. The Summer issue of *Living Bird* has a full page photograph of this bird, rediscovered after 74 years.

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. Purplish rufous with a pale brown lower breast and belly.

Habitat: Open savanna and grasslands.

Range: South-central Brazil

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



**PURPLE-WINGED GROUND-DOVE, *Claravis geoffroyi*** Columbidae

Brazil, 2017 June 19, not yet cataloged, 1.25r

Length: 8 to 9 inches, resident. The male (shown) is blue-gray above and paler below with one small bluish purple and two broad deep-purple wing bands. The female is brown with paler wing bands.

Habitat: Woodland, notably bamboo stands.

Range: Southeastern Brazil and nearby Paraguay and Argentina.

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





**PAPUAN MOUNTAIN-PIGEON, *Gymnophaps albertsii*** Columbidae  
Djibouti, 2016 September 26, not yet cataloged, 260fr

Length: 13 to 14 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dark gray with a pinkish cream lower neck and breast and a red eye patch. The female has a gray lower neck and breast.  
Habitat: Primary forest.

Range: Bacan (Moluccas), New Guinea, New Britain, and New Ireland.

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



**FOREST OWLET, *Athene blewitti*** Strigidae  
Djibouti, 2017 January 30, not yet cataloged, SS 960fr UR margin

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark gray-brown above and white below with a white facial disc with fine light brown bars and a narrow dark brown bar across a white throat.

Habitat: Moist lowland deciduous forest.

Range: Central India.

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



**BLACK SPINETAIL, *Telacanthura melanopygia*** Apodidae  
Sierra Leone, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, 9800le

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark black-brown with a mottled throat.  
Habitat: Forest, outcrops, and plantations.

Range: Sierra Leone to southwestern Central African Republic and northeastern Angola.

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

**SABINE'S SPINETAIL, *Rhaphidura sabini*** Apodidae  
Guinea, 2017 June 20, not yet cataloged, 12500fr

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blackish with a broad white band on the rump and upper tail.

Habitat: Rainforest, clearings, grassland, and mangroves.

Range: Southern Guinea to northwestern Gabon and western Kenya.

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



**BRISTLE-NOSED BARBET, *Gymnobucco peli*** Lybiidae  
Sierra Leone, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, 9800le

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown, paler below with a blackish gray face.

Habitat: Forest, swamps, and plantations.

Range: Southern Sierra Leone to northern Angola.

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



**CASSIN'S HONEYGUIDE, *Prodotiscus insignis*** Indicatoridae  
Sierra Leone, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, 9800le

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish gray above and olive-gray below with greenish wings and erectile white patches on the lower back.

Habitat: Forest, forest edges, and plantations.

Range: Sierra Leone to Kenya and northern Angola.

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



**WRITHED-BILLED HORNBILL, *Aceros waldeni*** Bucerotidae  
Mozambique, 2017 February 10, not yet cataloged, 100m

Length: 24 to 26 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a black-tipped white tail, dark brown crown and hindneck, red and orange wrinkled casque, and bare saffron skin around the eye and throat. The female has a black head and bare white skin around the eye and throat.

Habitat: Evergreen forest with closed canopy.

Range: Central Philippines.

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



**ARARIPE MANAKIN, *Antilophia bokermanni*** Pipridae  
Brazil, 2017 June 19, not yet cataloged, 1.25r

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is white with black wings and tail and a bright-red crest, crown and nape. The female is dull olive, paler below, with a short crest.

Habitat: Evergreen secondary forest.

Range: Southern Ceará province, northeastern Brazil.

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



**KASHMIR NUTHATCH, *Sitta cashmirensis*** Sittidae  
Pakistan, 2017 May, not yet cataloged, 5r (postal stationery)

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is dull blue-gray above and rufous below, with a black eye-stripe and a streaked whitish throat. The female has a pale rufous throat.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Northeastern Afghanistan to Kashmir and northwestern Nepal.

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



**CHESTNUT-BACKED JEWEL-BABBLER, *Ptilorhoa castanonota*** Eupetidae  
Ghana, 2017 June 14, not yet cataloged, 4c

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Blue with a chestnut crown and back and a black-bordered white chin and throat.

Habitat: Hill and montane forest.

Range: New Guinea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.*



**AFRICAN SHRIKE-FLYCATCHER, *Megabyas flammulatus*** Platysteiridae  
Guinea, 2017 June 20, not yet cataloged, 12500fr

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown) is glossy blue-black above and white below with a white rump. The female is brown above and brown-streaked white below.

Habitat: Forest, clearings, and plantations.

Range: Gambia to northwestern Zambia and northern Angola.

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



**MARSH TCHAGRA, *Tchagra minutus*** Malaconotidae  
Guinea, 2017 June 20, not yet cataloged, 12500fr

Length: 6 to 8 inches, resident. The male (shown) is brown above and rich ochre below with a black head. The female has a prominent white supercilious stripe.

Habitat: Moist grassy areas, swamps, and plantations.

Range: Sierra Leone to Sudan, Angola, and Mozambique.

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



**LARGE-BILLED PUFFBACK, *Dryoscopus sabini*** Malaconotidae  
Guinea, 2017 June 20, not yet cataloged, SS 50000fr

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black above and white below with a white lower back and rump. The female is brown with a medium gray head and neck.

Habitat: Forest and thick growth.

Range: Sierra Leone to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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





**TURATI'S BOUBOU, *Laniarius turatii*** Malaconotidae  
Guinea, 2017 June 20, not yet cataloged, 12500fr

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below with buff-pink flanks.

Habitat: Bushes and small trees in savanna woodland.

Range: Guinea-Bissau to Sierra Leone.

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



**COMMON GRASSHOPPER WARBLER, *Locustella naevia***

Locustellidae

Tajikistan, 2017 April 30, not yet cataloged, 5.10s (prey of Pallas's Cat)

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. The stamp shows the subspecies *mongolica*, which is gray above and whitish below with a pale gray neck and belly and a whitish eye-stripe.

Habitat: Breeds at edges of open woodlands, beds of nettles and brambles, and scrub. Winters in edges of lakes and marshes, grassy areas, and rice fields.

Range: Breeds from Kazakhstan to western Mongolia. Winters in India.

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



**PURPLE-BANDED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris bifasciatus*** Nectariniidae  
Grenada, 2017, not yet cataloged, \$6 (previously on a 1982 Staffa local)

Length: 4 to 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is metallic green with a metallic purple-blue upper breastband, a purple-red or red-maroon lower breastband, and black wings. The female is grayish-olive above and streaked pale yellow below with dark brown wings.

Habitat: Woodland, grassland, gardens, and coasts.

Range: Southwestern Central African Republic to Angola and Kenya to eastern South Africa.

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



**PALE-FRONTED NIGRITA, *Nigrita luteifrons*** Estrildidae

Togo, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, 800fr

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is gray above and black below with a pale buff forehead and black upper wings. The female is gray below.

Habitat: Forest, forest edges, and plantations.

Range: Eastern Liberia to western Uganda and northwestern Angola.

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



**GRAY-HEADED NIGRITA, *Nigrita canicapillus*** Estrildidae

Togo, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, 800fr

Length: 5.5 inches, resident. The male (shown) is gray above and black below with small white spots on black wings. The female is gray below and slaty-black around the eye.

Habitat: Forests, clearings, and plantations.

Range: Sierra Leone to Gabon and western Tanzania.

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



**TOGO PARADISE-WHYDAH, *Vidua togoensis*** Viduidae

Togo, 2017 June 30, not yet cataloged, SS 3300fr

Length: 5 inches, breeding male 16 to 17 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black above and yellowish below with a rust colored upper breast and yellowish neck. The female is streaked brown above and whitish below with a buff breast and striped head.

Habitat: Open woodland and cultivated areas.

Range: Guinea to Togo.

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



**VARIABLE INDIGOBIRD, *Vidua funerea*** Viduidae

Maldive Islands, 2017 May 17, not yet cataloged, 20r

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with a brown tail and white bill. The female is black-streaked brown above and whitish below with a white supercilium.

Habitat: Moist woodlands, forest edges, and grassy areas.

Range: Western Kenya to Angola and eastern South Africa.

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