

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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New Birds



†**CONFUCIONURNIS**, *Confuciusornis sanctus* Confuciusornithidae
Mozambique, 2019 February 10, not yet cataloged, 300m SS
(extinct 120 million years ago)

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark body and pale wings and a long dark tail and a toothless bill.

Habitat: Treetops.

Range: Central China.

Reference: Ivanov, M., S. Hrdlickov, and R. Gregorova. *The Complete Encyclopedia of Fossils*.

ANDAMAN SERPENT-EAGLE, *Spilornis elgini* Accipitridae
Surinam, 2019 February 13, not yet cataloged, \$14

Length: 20 to 22 inches, sexes alike, resident. All white-spotted dark brown, paler below.

Habitat: Forest clearings and hillsides with scattered trees.

Range: Andaman Islands, India.

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



BESRA, *Accipiter virgatus* Accipitridae
Tonga, 2018 December 18, not yet cataloged, \$4.30

Length: 9 to 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown above and streaked and barred whitish below with a dark throat stripe.

Habitat: Highland forest.

Range: Northern India to Taiwan, the Philippines, and Bali.

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



RED-LEGGED CRAKE, *Rallina fasciata* Rallidae
Palau, 2018 December 19, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and black-barred white below with a cinnamon head, neck, and breast.

Habitat: Low wetlands and open hillsides.

Range: Northeastern India to the Philippines and the Moluccas.

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



DUSKY TURTLE-DOVE, *Streptopelia lugens* Columbidae
Ethiopia, 2018, not yet cataloged, 60c

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark brownish gray above and bluish gray head and below with black neck patches.
Habitat: Montane forest.
Range: Southeastern Sudan to Yemen and northern Malawi.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.*



BAR-SHOULDERED DOVE, *Geopelia humeralis* Columbidae
Togo, 2019 February 25, not yet cataloged, 800fr

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes similar, resident. Scalloped light grayish brown above and pink and bluish gray below.
Habitat: Scrubby woodland.
Range: Southeastern New Guinea and western, northern and eastern Australia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the*

Birds of the World, Volume 3.



WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY-BIRD, *Corythaixoides leucogaster*
Musophagidae
Ethiopia, 2018, not yet cataloged, 40c

Length: 18 inches, resident. The male (shown) is gray with a white belly and a dark bill. The female has a yellow bill.
Habitat: Low-lying acacia steppe and savanna.
Range: Southern Sudan to Tanzania.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds*

of the World, Volume 4.

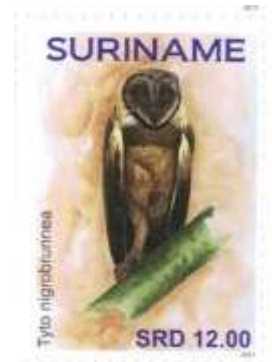


GOLDEN MASKED-OWL, *Tyto aurantia* Tytonidae
Surinam, 2019 April 10, not yet cataloged, \$4.50

Length: 11 to 13 inches, sexes similar, resident. Blackish-brown mottled golden-buff above. Paler below.
Habitat: Rainforest.
Range: New Britain.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.*

TALIABU OWL, *Tyto nigrobrunnea* Tytonidae
Surinam, 2019 April 10, not yet cataloged, \$12

Length: 13 inches, sexes similar, resident. White-spotted dark brown above and vermiculated golden brown below, with a pinkish brown facial disc.
Habitat: Rainforest and lowland forest.
Range: Taliabu Island, Indonesia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. *Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.*



MINHASSA MASKED-OWL, *Tyto inexpectata* Tytonidae
Niuafu'ou, 2018 December 18, not yet cataloged, \$5.20

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black and rusty above and black-spotted rusty below.

Habitat: Rainforest.

Range: Northern and north-central Sulawesi.

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



SULAWESI OWL, *Tyto rosenbergii* Tytonidae
Surinam, 2019 April 10, not yet cataloged, \$18

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes similar, resident. White-spotted and speckled blackish gray above and black-spotted buffy below.

Habitat: Lightly wooded cultivation.

Range: Sulawesi and neighboring islands.

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

RUFIOUS-LEGGED OWL, *Strix rufipes* Strigidae
Marshall Islands, 2018 December 21, not yet cataloged, \$1.25

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark rufous brown above and barred buffy white below with a rusty facial disc.

Habitat: Dense, moist forest.

Range: Southern and central Chile and Argentina.

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



VIOLET-HEADED HUMMINGBIRD, *Klais guimeti* Trochilidae
Guinea-Bissau, 2018 November 12, not yet cataloged, 640fr

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown) is bronzy green with a violet head. The female is pale gray below.

Habitat: Tall humid forest and second growth.

Range: Eastern Honduras to West-central Bolivia'

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



VELVET-PURPLE CORONET, *Boissonneaua jardini* Trochilidae
Mozambique, 2019 February 10, not yet cataloged, 116m

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Bluish green above and purplish blue below with a velvety black head and throat.

Habitat: Wet mossy forest and forest borders,

Range: Andes of western Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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



BLACK-BREASTED PUFFLEG, *Eriocnemis nigrivestis* Trochilidae
Ecuador, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, 75c

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown) is blackish with a violet-blue throat patch. The female is bronze green above and golden green below with a light blue gular patch.

Habitat: Mountain ridges.

Range: Northwestern Ecuador.

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



SCINTILLANT HUMMINGBIRD, *Selasphorus scintilla* Trochilidae
St Thomas and Prince Islands, 2019, not yet cataloged, 31d

Length: 3 inches, resident. The male (shown) is green above with a fiery red gorget and white collar. The female is white below with rufous flanks and has a gray-speckled buff throat.

Habitat: Forest edges, scrub, hedgerows, and plantations.

Range: North-central Costa Rica and western Panama.

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



RED-FRONTED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus pusillus* Lybiidae
Ethiopia, 2018, not yet cataloged, 3b

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Streaky dark above and light olive-grayish below with a red forehead and a yellow throat and rump.

Habitat: Dry woodland and scrub.

Range: Eritrea to eastern South Africa.

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



HAIRY-BREASTED BARBET, *Tricholaema hirsuta* Lybiidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 300k

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Yellow-spotted black above and yellowish or rufous below with “hairy” feathers on the throat and breast.

Habitat: Forest and forest edges.

Range: Sierra Leone to Kenya and northwestern Angola.

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



BLACK-BILLED BARBET, *Lybius guifsobalito* Lybiidae
Ethiopia, 2018, not yet cataloged, 2b

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident, Black with a red forehead, face, and breast.

Habitat: Open woodland,

Range: Southern Uganda to Namibia and eastern South Africa.

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

**GOLDEN-CROWNED WOODPECKER, *Chloropicus xantholophus***

Picidae

Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 300k

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive-brown above and heavily barred whitish below with a black and white head and a yellow crown. The female lacks the yellow crown.

Habitat: Lowland forest and forest edges.

Range: Southwestern Cameroon to western Kenya and northwestern Angola.

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

**WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA, *Elaenia albiceps*** Tyrannidae

Ecuador, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, \$3

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dingy olive-gray above and pale grayish below with a white coronal stripe.

Habitat: Scrub, woodland borders, and gardens.

Range: Breeds from southwestern Colombia to Tierra del Fuego. Winters from Ecuador to northern Argentina.

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

RED-SHOULDERED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Campephaga phoenicea* Campephagidae

Liberia, 2019 March 13, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown) is black with red shoulders. The female is gray-brown above and black-barred white below.

Habitat: Forest, wooded grassland, and thickets in savannas.

Range: Senegal to Eritrea and western Kenya,

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

**GHANA CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Lobotos lobatus*** Campephagidae

Liberia, 2019 March 13, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown) is olive-yellow above and orange-yellow below with a black head and an orange cheek patch. The female is yellow below.

Habitat: Canopy of primary forest or rainforest.

Range: Eastern Sierra Leone to southwestern Ghana.

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

ROCK NUTHATCH, *Sitta neumayer* Sittidae

Greece, 2019 May 9, not yet cataloged, 90c

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Light gray above and creamy below with a black eye stripe.

Habitat: Rocky areas.

Range: Croatia to Iran.

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





CAPE CROMBEC, *Sylvietta rufescens* Macrosphenidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 340k

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike resident. Grayish above and pale cinnamon below with a pale superciliary.

Habitat: Dry savannah with bushes or scrub.

Range: Southern D. R. Congo to South Africa.

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



RED-CAPPED CROMBEC, *Sylvietta ruficapilla* Macrosphenidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 340k

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and whitish below with a chestnut face and collar.

Habitat: Wooded savanna.

Range: Southeastern Gabon to central Angola and Mozambique.

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



GREEN HYLIA, *Hylia prasina* Macrosphenidae
Angola. 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 340k

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark olive-green above and olive-gray below with a pale yellow supercilium.

Habitat: Forest undergrowth.

Range: Southwestern Senegal to western Kenya and northern Angola.

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



LESSER SWAMP-WARBLER, *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
Acrocephalidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 340k

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Warm brown above and buff below with a black eye stripe.

Habitat: Reed beds and grassy and bushy wetlands.

Range: Southern Sudan to Angola and South Africa.

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



YELLOW-BELLIED HYLIA, *Hylia flavigaster* Hyltiotidae
Angola, 2018 December 10, not yet cataloged, 1200k SS

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black above and yellow below with a white wing patch.

Habitat: Wooded moist savanna.

Range: Gambia to Kenya, Namibia, and southern Mozambique.

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



CUBAN ORIOLE, *Icterus melanopsis* Icteridae
Cuba, 2018 November 4, not yet cataloged, 65c

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black with yellow rump, thighs, and shoulders.

Habitat: Woodland, parks, and gardens.

Range: Cuba and Isle of Pines.

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



SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER, *Anisognathus igniventris*

Thraupidae

Ecuador, 2018 December 27, not yet cataloged, 50c

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. Slaty black with orange-red neck patches and belly.

Habitat: Montane forest and elfin woodland.

Range: Southwestern Venezuela to northern Peru.

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

MORE EUROPA BIRDS

On 9 May 2019, Montenegro issued a single stamp and a MS/1 as part of the Europa stamp series depicting a male and female Western Capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*). This bird is also known as the Wood Grouse and is the largest member of the grouse family.

The largest recorded specimen weighed 16 lb (7.2 kg). The species shows extreme sexual dimorphism, with the male twice the size of the female. Found across Eurasia, this ground-living forest bird is renowned for its mating display. Several subspecies have been described.

The stamp was designed by Zoran Popović and printed by Forum – Novi Sad.

