

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Corrections

Because I failed to check adequately, four species of “new birds” were not new:

Marvelous Spatuletail was on Angola 1996, 12000k

Puerto Rican Woodpecker was on Dominica 1999, 90c

White-browed Robin-Chat was on Malawi 1968, 3d

Curve-billed Thrasher was on Syria, 2009, £20

Subspecies



SIRA CURASSOW, *Pauxi unicornis koepckeae* Cracidae

The nominate subspecies is on Bolivia, 2006, 1301, 3.50b

Peru, 2009, 1687b, 7.5p

Length: 34 to 38 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a white belly, tail tips, and backward-tilted crest.

Habitat: Dense, wet, lower montane forest

Range: Eastern Peru

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



NEGROS SCOPS OWL, *Otus megalotis nigrorum* Strigidae

The nominate subspecies is on Philippines, 2010, 24p

Philippines, 2004, 2948, 6p

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and white below with a rusty head and white facial pattern.

Habitat: Dense forest

Range: Negros, Philippines

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

New Species



AYRES'S HAWK-EAGLE, *Hieraetus ayresii* Accipitridae

Guinea, 2009, SG 6421, 5000 francs

Length: 18 to 24 inches, sexes similar but with a darker head, resident.

The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and blotchy white below with a white face; the female is larger and lacks the white face.

Habitat: Dense deciduous woodland, gallery forest, forest edges and plantations

Range: Sierra Leone to Somalia and South Africa

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

**GREEN JUNGLEFOWL, *Gallus varius*** Phasianidae

Malaysia, 2011, not yet cataloged, 90c

Indonesia, 2011, not yet cataloged, 2500r

Length: Male 28 inches, Female 16 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark green with multicolored scaling above; the female is dull buff scaly above.

Habitat: Lowlands

Range: Java and the Lesser Sundas, Indonesia

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

**WHITE-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOO, *Calyptorhynchus baudinii***

Cacatuidae

Guinea, 2007, Michel BL1276, 25000fr (upper-right margin)

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes similar but the female has a dark gray eye-patch, resident. Black with a pinkish eye-patch and a white undertail patch

Habitat: Eucalyptus forests

Range: Extreme southwestern Australia

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

**SWIFT PARROT, *Lathamus discolor*** Psittacidae

Saint Vincent-Grenadines (Mayreau), 2011, not yet cataloged, \$2.75

Length: 10 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Green with a yellow-bordered red forehead and throat, red shoulders, and a reddish brown tail.

Habitat: Eucalypt forest, gardens, and parks

Range: Breeds in Tasmania; winters in coastal southeastern Australia

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

of the World, Volume 4

**PAINTED TIGER-PARROT, *Psittacella picta*** Psittacidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2007, label

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a rufous-brown crown, yellow collar and red upper tail and vent; the female has a dull greenish blue face and a yellow and black barred breast and upper belly.

Habitat: Subalpine shrubbery adjoining open grassland

Range: Central New Guinea

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



RED-BELLIED PARROT, *Poicephalus rufiventris* Psittacidae
Guinea, 2011, not yet cataloged, 20,000 francs

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above with a grayish-brown head, orange red breast and green belly; the female has a grayish-brown breast.

Habitat: Dry country, short-grass savanna and riverine forest, and bush land
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the

Birds of the World, Volume 4



CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET, *Pyrrhura perlata* Psittacidae
St Vincent-Grenadines (Mayreau), 2011, not yet cataloged, \$2.75

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above with a scaled buff neck and breast and red belly.

Habitat: Humid lowland forest

Range: Central Brazil and northern Bolivia

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



WESTERN SCREECH-OWL, *Megascops kennicottii* Strigidae
Guinea, 2007, Yvert 520, margin

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown or rufous-buff above and streaked whitish below with a pale facial disc with a thin dark margin.

Habitat: Open woodland, cactus desert, and parks

Range: Southern Alaska to central Mexico

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



BLACK-AND-WHITE OWL, *Ciccaba nigrolineata* Strigidae
Guinea, 2008, upper-right margin (false color)

Length: 13 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Sooty-brown with finely barred underparts and neck.

Habitat: Forest, forest edges, mangroves and plantations

Range: Central Mexico to northwestern Venezuela and northwestern Peru

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



NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL, *Glaucidium californicum* Strigidae
Sao Tome, 2011, not yet cataloged, 55000d

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray or rufous above and streaky white below with fine white spots on the head and yellow eyes.

Habitat: Forest and forest edges

Range: Southeastern Alaska to northwestern Mexico

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



SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD, *Willisornis poecilinotus* Thamnophilidae
St Vincent-Grenadines (Mayreau), 2011, not yet cataloged, \$2.75

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray above, paler below with a scaly back; the female is yellow-brown above and yellowish or grayish below with a scaly lower back.

Habitat: Understory of lowland humid evergreen forest

Range: Northern Amazonia

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 8



SAN CRISTOBAL MOCKINGBIRD, *Mimus melanotis* Mimidae
Gambia, 2010, 3240, margin

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish brown above and streaky white below with a black ear patch and two whitish wing bars.

Habitat: Dry areas that are not densely forested

Range: San Cristobal Island, Galapagos

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



BASRA REED-WARBLER, *Acrocephalus griseldis* Sylviidae
Iraq, 2011, not yet cataloged, 1000L

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Olivaceous-brown above and whitish below with a white supercilium and gray legs.

Habitat: Reeds

Range: Breeds in eastern Iraq; winters from Somalia to Malawi

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



EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER, *Sylvia crassirostris* Sylviidae
Qatar, 2009, not yet cataloged, 50d

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar but the female is paler, migratory. Pale brownish gray above and creamy buff and whitish below with a black face and white throat.

Habitat: Open woodland with bushy cover

Range; Breeds from Slovenia to Iran; winters from Sudan to Yemen

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

GRAY-FACED LIOCICHLA, *Liocichla omeiensis* Timaliidae



Guinea, 2008, Yvert 3870-75, 5000fr (lower-left margin)

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive above and gray below with a bronzy-olive forehead and orange-red wing panels; the female has a gray forehead and yellowish wing panels.

Habitat: Undergrowth, grass, scrub, and bamboo thickets

Range: South-central China

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



REUNION STONECHAT, *Saxicola tectes* Muscicapidae
France, 2011, not yet cataloged, priority mail

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and white below with a rufous-orange breast and white throat and half-collar; the female is brown above and lacks the white half-collar.

Habitat: Open understory, scrub, and woodland

Range: Reunion Island, Indian Ocean

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



SILVER ORIOLE, *Oriolus mellianus* Oriolidae
Guinea, 2008, Yvert 3870-75, 5000fr (upper-left margin)

Length: 11 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is silvery white with a black head and wings and a maroon tail; the female is streaked below and has a gray mantle.

Habitat: Broadleaf forests

Range: Breeds in south-central China; winters in southeastern Thailand and western Cambodia

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



LONG-TAILED GLOSSY STARLING, *Lamprotornis caudatus*
Sturnidae

Guinea, 2009, SG 6400, 5000fr

Length: 16 to 20 inches, sexes alike but the female is smaller, resident. Glossy blue-green above and glossy blue-violet below, rump and tail with a bronzy head.

Habitat: Savanna woodland, farmland, and thorn-thickets

Range: Senegal to Sudan

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



BLACK BISHOP, *Euplectes gierowii* Ploceidae

Guinea, 2006, Yvert 340, 25000fr (upper-left margin)

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black with an orange mantle, collar, throat, and back; the female is brown above and pale yellow below with a white throat and supercilium and brown streaks on the breast.

Habitat: Tall grass, dry scrub, and sugar cane

Range: Cameroon to Sudan, Tanzania, and northwestern Angola

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



BLUE DACNIS, *Dacnis cayana* Thraupidae

St Vincent-Grenadines (Mayreau), 2011, not yet cataloged, \$6

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (foreground) is bright turquoise or dark blue with a black back, throat and small mask; the female (behind) is green with a pale blue head and a small black mask.

Habitat: Wet forest and semi-open areas

Range: Eastern Honduras to eastern Paraguay and northeastern Argentina

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



CRIMSON-BREASTED FINCH, *Rhodospisingus cruentus* Emberizidae

St Vincent-Grenadines (Mayreau), 2011, not yet cataloged, \$2.75

Length: 4.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and red below with a red coronal patch; the female is pale brownish above and pale yellow below.

Habitat: Understory of dry forest and desert scrub

Range: Southwestern Ecuador and northwestern Peru

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