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| Mid:                         | <i>Strategus rhinoceros</i> ,                        | SCA         | Dynastinae     |
| UR:                          | <i>Chauliognathus lecontei</i> Champion,             | Cantharidae | haulognathinae |
| <b>UKRAINE</b>               | 2010, December 28 (National Nature Park Sviati Hory) |             |                |
| 1h                           | <i>Zerynthia polyxena</i> Denis & Schiffermuller,    | PAP         | Parnassiinae   |
|                              | SOUTHERN FESTOON                                     |             |                |
| <b>UNITED NATIONS-KOSOVO</b> | 2010, Novmeber 8 (Gastronomy)                        |             |                |
| 162                          | 70c <i>Apis mellifera</i> L.,                        | API         | Apinae         |
|                              | WESTERN HONEYBEE, honey, hive, comb                  |             |                |
| <b>WALLIS &amp; FUTUNA</b>   | 2011, January 17.                                    |             |                |
| 55fr                         | CICADA on a leaf                                     |             | Cicadidae      |

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It is time for the annual report on insect new issues. In calendar 2010 we had a slight increase in the number of new insect stamps but still the third lowest in the past 15 years.. I measure the number of new issues by the height of the stack of 3x5 index cards, one per stamp, that I accumulate each year. (20mm = about 100 cards). Local and known illegal issues are not included. In spite of the lower numbers of insect stamps, increasing postal rates seem to be driving up the cost of obtaining such stamps faster than the number of stamps goes down.

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| 1996 | 80mm = ~400 stamps  | 2004 | 54mm = ~270 stamps |
| 1997 | 119mm = ~595 stamps | 2005 | 68mm = ~340 stamps |
| 1998 | 125mm = ~625 stamps | 2006 | 63mm = ~315 stamps |
| 1999 | 133mm = ~665 stamps | 2007 | 62mm = ~310 stamps |
| 2000 | 165mm = ~825 stamps | 2008 | 37mm = ~185 stamps |
| 2001 | 191mm = ~955 stamps | 2009 | 47mm = ~235 stamps |
| 2002 | 122mm = ~610 stamps | 2010 | 53mm = ~265 stamps |
| 2003 | 91mm = ~455 stamps  |      |                    |

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**EYEBROWED THRUSH, *Turdus obscurus***

Turdidae

North Korea, 1966, 733, 10c This was listed as a probable Gray-backed Thrush, *Turdus hortulorum* in Handbook 106, page 147.

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes similar but the female has a browner head, migratory. Olive-brown above and dull orange below with a gray head and white brow.

Habitat: breeds in moist forests; winters in more open areas.

Range: Breeds in eastern Siberia; winters from India to Taiwan, the Philippines and Borneo.

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



**JUNGLE MYNA, *Acridotheres tristis*** Sturnidae  
 Fiji. 2007, 1132-1135 First Day Cover

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident, Grayish with a hackled forehead, yellow bill and white wing spot.

Habitat: populated areas in Fiji.

Range: Northern Pakistan to Malay Peninsula; introduced in Fiji and Taiwan.

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



**LAVENDER WAXBILL, *Estrilda caerulea*** Estrildidae  
 Liberia, 2011, not yet cataloged, \$80

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Pearly gray with a black streak through the eye and a red rump and upper tail.

Habitat: thickets, thicket edges and rocky hillsides.

Range: Senegal to the northern Central African Republic.

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

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