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New Issue Listings

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In prior Biophilately issues, I have reported on stamp issues that, to date, have not yet been assigned numbers by Scott Publishing Company. Some of these issues have been on the marketplace for close to five years or longer. In an effort to determine what the true status is of some of these issues, I forwarded color photo-copies to Martin J. Frankevicz, New Issues Editor at Scott Publishing Company. About a month ago, I received some of these photo-copies back from Martin, expressing or stating the status of the issues.

The photo-copies returned were for the countries of the Republic of Guinea and Guine-Bissau. I'll start with the Republic of Guinea issues. In V56(4), starting at the bottom of page 167 and over to page 168, I listed stamps with an issue date of December 26, 2001. Five sets of four each were listed. Martin has indicated that these five sets are listed in other stamp catalogs, but did not mention which ones by name. He noted that these may be legitimate issues, but Scott Publishing would need more information relative to the issues before they would list them in the Scott Stamp catalogs. He did not go into any detail as to what additional information is needed or as to what effort will be spent in getting the additional information. Since he has stated these five sets are in other stamp catalogs, I believe that eventually, these will be listed by Scott Publishing sometime in the future.

Two other sets listed in V56(4) for Guinea were addressed. The set of raptors with an issued date of 2003, the set with an issued date of 2002, and the set with an issued date of 1998, were not found listed in any of the major stamp catalogs currently in use, i.e. Stanley Gibbons, Yvette or Michel's, and therefore suspected to be illegal or fraudulent issues, and he is doubtful that they will ever be listed by Scott Publishing or any of the other major stamp publishing entities. The listing of 1998 was listed on page 167 and the 2002 and 2003 listings were on page 168 of V56(4).

The issues of Guine-Bissau that Martin returned the photo-copies for are in the same categories as those reported in the paragraph above for Guinea. Two of the listings were in V56(3), page 107, and the other possibly illegal issue was listed on page 66 of V57(2). This issue is the one with only three stamps with birds, the other three being stamps with mushrooms.

CORRECTIONS/UPDATES

LUXEMBOURG

V57(1), PAGE 21

UPDATE: At the time I listed this stamp issue I had no prior advance information from the New Issues section of Linn's. In a subsequent recent issue, information was listed regarding Sc#B455. The designer is Johan de Crem; it was printed Offset by Mechelen Stamp Printing Office.

SURINAME**V57(2), PAGE 73**

CORRECTION: Chuck Braun incorrectly gave me the bird on the label as a Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, which I listed. He subsequently emailed me that the correct bird on the label is a Blood-colored Woodpecker, *Venilornis sanguineus*, which would be new to the Aviary. The Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, which was listed as NEW, will be deleted from the Aviary.

NEW ISSUES**ALDERNEY****2008, MAY 15****A***

Raptors; Type of 2006 issues; in addition to the six stamps, each stamp was also issued as a booklet pane of four and a complete booklet of the six; Des. Andrew Robinson; Offset in sheets of ten by BDT.

319	34p	Eurasian Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>
320	40p	Peregrin Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
321	48p	Eurasian Kestrel, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
322	51p	Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>
323	53p	Northern Long-Eared Owl, <i>Asio otus</i>
324	74p	Eurasian Sparrowhawk, <i>Accipiter nisus</i> (the bird under the Talons is a Rock Pigeon, <i>Columba livia</i>)

ARGENTINA**2008, APR. 26****A***

Mercosur/Birds; Des. Jorge Rodriguez; Offset by Letra Viva

2479	1p	Long-tailed Meadowlark, <i>Sturnella loyca</i>
2480	4p	Saffron-cowled Blackbird, <i>Xanthopsar flavus</i>

ARUBA**2008, JUNE 2****A***

Various views of owls; Des. not reported; Offset by Enschede.

324	100c	Burrowing Owl, <i>Athene cunicularia</i>
325	150c	Same
326	350c	Same

AUSTRIA**2008, JUNE 13****A***

Set of two animal definitives, (Sc#2164-65), both self-adhesives, but only one of the two stamps is a bird; Des. Hannes Margreiter; Gravure by Austrian Government Printing Office; Also in booklet pane of ten, five of each stamp.

2164	\$.75	Eurasian Hoopoe, <i>Upupa epops</i>
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AZORES**2008, MAY 28****A***

Four stamps and two SS's of a bullfinch; Designers, Jose Projecto and Atelier Acacio Santos, Tullio Coelho; Offset by Cartor. The stamps have *Pyrrhula murina*, a subspecies located in the Azores.

513	0,30 euro	Eurasian Bullfinch, <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
514	0,61 euro	Same
515	0,75 euro	Same
516	1.00	Same
517SS	2.45	Same
518SS	2.95	Same

BOLIVIA**2007****A***

Set of fourteen birds, of which I had no Linn's New Issues advance information on them. The birds are all photos by Hermes Justiniano (as listed under each stamp in the margin). Under the stamp image on the left side of each stamp is printed Ind. Lara Bisch S.A., which could be the name of the printer. A department name is printed on each of the stamps. The stamps have various August, 2007 release dates as reported in the Dec, 2008 issue of Scott Stamp Monthly.

1329	3.50bs	Rufous-browed Peppershrike, <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i> (stamp has <i>guyanensis</i>)
1330	4bs	Great Egret, <i>Ardea alba</i> (stamp has <i>Egretta alba</i>)
1331	5.50bs	Toco Toucan, <i>Ramphastos toco</i>
1332	6.50bs	Great Horned Owl, <i>Bubo virginianus</i>
1333	6.50bs	Black-tailed Trogon, <i>Trogon melanurus</i>
1334	6.50bs	American Kestrel, <i>Falco sparverius</i>
1335	6.50bs	Black-necked Stilt, <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
1336	7.50bs	Hoatzin, <i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>
1337	7.50bs	Roseate Spoonbill, <i>Platalea ajaja</i>
1338	8.50bs	King Vulture, <i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>
1339	8.50bs	Blue-crowned Motmot, <i>Momotus momota</i>
1340	9bs	Puna Tinamou, <i>Tinamotis pentlandiki</i>
1341	9bs	Glittering-bellied Emerald, <i>Chlorostilbon aureoventris</i>
1342	10.50bs	Cocoi Heron, <i>Ardea cocoi</i>

BULGARIA**2008, MAY 14****A***

120th Anniversary of the Sophia Zoo; Pane of six se-tenant stamps (Sc#4476a-f). Only one of the stamps contains a bird; Des. Ludmil Chehlarov; Offset.

4476e	60st	Blue-and-yellow Macaw, <i>Ara ararauna</i>
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CHINA (TAIWAN)**2008, JUNE 5****A***

Part #3 of Birds of Taiwan; Designers are Up Creative Design and Advertising Corp; Deep-etch offset by China Color Printing.

3819	\$7Nt	Oriental Turtle-Dove, <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
3820	15Nt	Eurasian Tree Sparrow, <i>Passer montanus</i>
3821	20Nt	Eurasian Magpie, <i>Pica pica</i>
3822	34Nt	Japanese White-Eye, <i>Zosterops japonicus</i>

COOK ISLANDS**2007, MAR-DEC****A***

Various types of wildlife; New Issues section of Linn's reported these upcoming issues but no designer or printer names listed; Offset.

1280	\$.10	Blue Lorikeet, <i>Vini peruviana</i>
1284	.50	Rarotonga Starling, <i>Aplonis cinerascens</i> (stamp has <i>cinerscent</i>)
1285a	.80	Mangaia Kingfisher, <i>Todiramphus ruficollaris</i>
1285b	.80	Cook Islands Reed-Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus kerearako</i>
1285c	.80	Rarotonga Starling, <i>Aplonis cinerascens</i> (stamp has <i>cinerscent</i>)
1285d	.80	Atiu Swiftlet, <i>Aerodramus sawtelli</i> (stamp has Matiu Swiftlet, <i>Collocalia sawtell</i>)
1290	2.00	Blue Lorikeet, <i>Vini peruviana</i>
a-d		a-on palm branch; b-in tree hollow; c-with white flowers; d-with pink flowers
1295	15.00	Portrait of Queen Elizabeth on left side of stamp and Atiu Swiftlet, Cook Islands Reed-Warbler and Blue Lorikeets the right side of the landscape format stamp.

COSTA RICA**2007, AUG. 17****A***

Fauna of Barva National Park; Pane of eight se-setenant stamp with four different designs; Des. not reported, printed not reported. Two of the four different designs contain birds; Sc#609a-d assigned to the set of four.

609c	\$235col	Green-crowned Brilliant, <i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>
609d	235	Spectacled Owl, <i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>

ECUADOR**2008, MAR. 18****A***

Galapagos Island; set of four (Sc#1921-1924); Des. not reported; Offset by National Military Geographic Institute; only one stamp of the four contains a bird.

1921	\$.40	Brown Pelican, <i>Pelcanus occidentali</i>
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FALKLAND ISLANDS **2008, JULY 15** **B***

Set of four stamps of southern elephant seals (Sc#949-952). One stamp contains a bird standing on the beach facing the head of an elephant seal.

952 1.10 Blackish Cinclodes, *Cinclodes antarcticus*

FIJI **2008, MAR. 25** **A***

Set of four parrots; Des. George Bennet; Offset by Secura Print. Kjell Scharnings' website at WWW.Birdtheme.Com lists all four values as the Red-Shinging Parrot. See Chuck Braun's comments for this issue in the New Birds In The Aviary section of this journal.

1183 \$.65 Red-Shining Parrot, *Prosopeia tabuensis*
 1184 .90 Same
 1185 1.50 Same
 1186 2.00 Same

FINLAND **2008, FEB. 27** **A***

Fauna associated with weather forecasting folk beliefs. I had no New Issues advance article from Linn's, so designer not known; Litho per Scott Stamp Monthly listing, printer not known. The issue is a self-adhesive pane of five, but only one stamp contains a bird. Sc# 1310a-e assigned.

1310d 1kl Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*

GUATEMALA **2007, JULY 19** **A***

75th anniversary of Guatemala Philatelic Assoc. Sc#21-25 of 1881 with different values including a SS.

578-581, 582SS Resplendent Quetzal, *Pharomachrus mocinno*

GUERNSEY **2008, FEB. 28** **A***

No New Issues notice in Linn's. Information from Scott Stamp Monthly. Sc#972-977 for addition of Sark to Ramsar Convention Protected Wetlands List. Format is six different value stamps, like two prior issues for Ramsar in 2006, but only one stamp contains a bird.

974 48p Northern Fulmar, *Fulmarus glacialis*

GUINEA-BISSAU **2006** **A***

These issues have not had Scott numbers assigned as of the date of this listing. Theses issues can be seen on WWW.Birdtheme.Com website. These have also not been listed in the New Issues section of Linn's Stamp News. The issues are to celebrate the Centerion of the Boy Scouts. The validity of these issues may be in question, especially how far back (in years) since Scott Publishing has updated Guinea-Bissau in their

yearly catalog. These are beautifully done issues, what is disappointing, the birds that are in the label section of the sheets and the MS are completely within the confines of the labels, but at least half or more of the birds on the postage stamp are outside the confines of the stamp itself. The raptor sheet has two value stamps and two labels in both row #1 and 2.

Row #1

n/a 500fcfa label Long-legged Buzzard, *Buteo rufinus*
Common Black-Hawk, *Buteogallus anthracinus*
n/a 500 label Eurasian Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*
African Fish-Eagle, *Haliaeetus vocifer*

Row #2

label Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura* (left side)
n/a 500 label Eurasian Buzzard, *Buteo buteo*
Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*
n/a 500 Great Philippine Eagle, *Pithechophaga jefferyi* (head only left side of stamp, Baden Powell length of right side of stamp)

In the surrounds No I.D. –Scientific name of *Polyborus lutosus* not in Clements Checklist of Birds of the World—this is the bird down the left side of the MS. I believe this to be an extinct species that needs more research.
African Harrier-Hawk, *Polyborides typus* (Top center of MS)
Brown Goshawk, *Accipiter fasciatus* (Top right of MS—Genus name listed as *Hieraetus*)
Bat Hawk, *Macheiramphus alcinus* (Chasing prey-Genus name misspelled as *Machaerhampus*)

Pigeon Sheet—same format as raptors sheet. Row #1

n/a 500fcfa and label Southern Carmine Bee-eater, *Merops nubicoides* (at scouts hand)
Common Wood-Pigeon, *Columba palumbus*
Topknot Pigeon, *Lopholaimus antarcticus*
n/a 500 label Snow Pigeon, *Columba leuconota* V56(2)
(Head only, most of body in label w/ Topknot Pigeon)
label Rock Pigeons, *Columba livia*

Row #2

label and Green Imperial Pigeon, *Ducula aenea* (left side, bottom of label)
Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura* (right side top of label)
n/a 500 label Laurel Pigeon, *Columba junoniae* V56(2)
Wompoo Fruit-Dove, *Ptilinopus magnificus* NEW
(Two on a branch, both facing left, one completely in the Label and the other back one-third in the last stamp)
n/a 3000 SS Common Wood-Pigeon, *Columba palumbus*
In surrounds Passenger Pigeons (4), *Ectopistes migratorius* (Extinct since 1914)

KAZAKHSTAN**2007, NOV. 15****A***

Bird of the Year issue with four values of a swallow in flight; Des. Danijar Mukhamed Janov; Offset by National Bank.

558	20t	Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rusticaa</i>
559	25t	Same
560	50t	Same
561	100t	Same

KIRIBATI**2008, JULY 12****A***

No New Issue listing in Linn's Stamp News regarding this issue or I missed it. The six stamps of the issue note the Phoenix Island Protected Area. Sc#944-949 is assigned to this set, but only one stamp contains a bird.

947	\$.85	Phoenix Petrel, <i>Pterodroma alba</i>
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KYRGYZSTAN**2007, NOV. 30****A***

Six se-tenant 25-som value stamps of birds of prey; Des. R. Isakov; Offset, printer not reported.

299a	25 som	White-tailed Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
299b	25	Gyrfalcon, <i>Falco rusticolus</i>
299c	25	Golden Eagle, <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> (stamp has <i>chrysaetos</i>)
299d	25	Northern Goshawk, <i>Accipiter gentiles</i>
299e	25	Black Kite, <i>Milvus migrans</i>
299f	25	Peregrine Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus</i>

LIBERIA**2007, DEC. 26****A***

Birds; Set consists of four single different value stamps, two se-tenant panes of four \$45 value stamps and three \$100 value SS's; Designer and printer were not listed on the New Issues listing in Linn's; The stamps were printed offset.

2475	\$20	Pin-tailed Whydah, <i>Vidua macroura</i>	
2476	20	Lesser Honeyguide, <i>Indicator minor</i>	
2477	20	African Jacana, <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	
2478	20	Malachite Sunbird, <i>Nectarinia Formosa</i>	
2479a	\$45	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	
2479b	45	Parasitic Weaver, <i>Anomalospiza imberbis</i>	
2479c	45	Black-winged Oriole, <i>Oriolus nigripennis</i>	V57(3)
2479d	45	Crested Guineafowl, <i>Guttera pucherani</i>	
2480a	\$45	Red-billed Francolin, <i>Francolinus adspersus</i>	V57(2)

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2480b	45	Rufous-crowned Roller, <i>Coracias noevius</i>
2480c	45	African Golden Oriole, <i>Oriolus auratus</i>
2480d	45	Black-crowned Tchagra, <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
2481	100 SS	Kori Bustard, <i>Ardeotis kori</i>
2482	100 SS	Ostrich, <i>Struthio camelus</i>
2483	100 SS	Great White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>

MACEDONIA**2008, MAR. 28****A***

World Wildlife Fund issue; Des. I. Stevkovski; Offset by Skenpoint; Se-tenant sheet of four different values of a hoopoe.

432a	12d	Eurasian Hoopoe, <i>Upupa epops</i>
432b	24	Same
432c	48	Same
432d	60	Same

MARSHALL ISLANDS**2004, AUG. 12****B***

A sheet of fifty different aircraft (Sc#839a-ax). The first stamp of the issue of the fifty stamps has a bird in the upper right portion of the stamp.

839a	\$.23	American Herring Gull, <i>Larus smithsonianus</i>
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MONACO**2008, MAY 16****A***

Stamp issued for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The stamp displays a bird in the upper left corner and a bird in the lower right corner of the stamp.

2503	0,88 euro and	Lammergeier, <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> (Upper left) Bonelli's Eagle, <i>Aquila fasciata</i> (Lower right)
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MONTSERRAT**2008, JULY 3****A***

Endangered Animals; Pane of six se-tenant \$2.25 value stamps (Sc#1202a-f). Only one of the six stamps is of a bird; Des. not reported; Offset, printer not reported.

1202b	\$2.25	Bald Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
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NAURU**2005, OCT. 12****A***

This was a 2005 Christmas issue honoring Hans Christian Andersen (1805-75). Two stamps had birds of the six stamp issue.

538	\$.50	Mute Swan, <i>Cygnus olor</i> (The Wild Swans)
540	\$1.00	White Stork, <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> (The Storks)

NETHERLAND ANTILLES**2004****A***

This set of stamps, listed as personalized stamps by the Netherland Antilles Postal Authority, have been assigned Sc#1051 and 1052 by Scott Publishing. The stamps in y possession include not only the two that Scott assigned numbers to, but six others in the same format and design as Sc#1051 and 1052. The two assigned numbers by Scott have a bird on the right side of the stamp with buildings on the left side of the stamp (Sc#1051) and a beach scene on the left side of the other stamp (Sc#1052).

No Scott numbers were assigned to the other six stamps (three different birds, eaching having the same building design and beach scene-thus six stamps). I was confused and therefore emailed Martin Frankevicz, New Issues Editor, Scott Publishing Company, why six additional wer not assigned to the other six stamps in the set. This was his email reply to my question/inguiry of why six additional numbers wer not assigned to the other six stamps in the set. "These stamps are personalized stamps. Any picture at the right side, be it another generic illustration (different birds), or a personalized photo has to be considered the same stamp. This was all explained in the footnote (the footnote that was printed in the Scott Stamp Monthly that accompanied the listing of Sc#1051 & 1052, when listed in SSM). We don't reward countries by affording separate listings for stamps with multiple generic images, and similarly, we can't make every possible personalized stamp with a different image a separate major listing either".

The footnote in the SSM stated "four different sheets, each depicting different birds in the space for personalization on each stamp, were created as exemplars. The sheets, depicting birds or a personalized image, sold for \$20 in US currency". Listed below are the two stamps assigned Scott numbers for one of the four birds, one with a building scene, the other with the beach scene. I have listed the other three birds, but have appended my own numbers to the other six stamps to add some "completeness" to the listing of the other stamps in the set and denoted them with an asterisk.

1051	145 cents	Crimson Fruitcrow, <i>Haematoderus militaris</i> (building scene)
1052	145 cents	Crimson Fruitcrow, <i>Haematoderus militaris</i> (beach scene)
1051a	145 cents*	Peach-fronted Parakeet, <i>Aratinga aurea</i> (building scene)
1052a	145 cents*	Peach-fronted Parakeet, <i>Aratinga aurea</i> (beach scene)
1051b	145 cents*	Sun Parakeet, <i>Aratinga solstitialis</i> (building scene)
1052b	145 cents*	Sun Parakeet, <i>Aratinga solstitialis</i> (beach scene)
1051c	145 cents*	White-necked Jacobin, <i>Florisuga mellivora</i> (building scene)
1052c	145 cents*	White-necked Jacobin, <i>Florisuga mellivora</i> (beach scene)

These four birds are a reprint from the set of twelve birds issued on Dec. 11, 2002. (See V53(1), pp. 23.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA**2008, JAN. 25****A***

Protected birds, pane of six se-tenant stamps and a SS; Des. not reported; Offset, printed not reported.

1289	10toea	Blyth's Hornbill, <i>Aceros plicatus</i> (stamp has genus name of <i>Rhyticeros</i>)
1290	50t	Osprey, <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
1291	85t	New Guina Eagle, <i>Harpyopsis novaeguineae</i>
1292	3kina	Victoria Crowned-Pigeon, <i>Goura Victoria</i>
1293a	1k	Palm Cockatoo, <i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>
1293b	5.35k	Great Egret, <i>Ardea alba</i> (Stamp has Great White Egrot & Egretta for genus name)
1294	10k SS	Palm Cockatoo, <i>Probosciger aterrimus</i> (like 1293a)

PORTUGAL**2008, JUNE 23****A***

Stamps issued for the International Polar Year, the four stamps all show birds; Des. Nuno Farinha; Offset by Cartor.

3016	0,30 euro	Sanderling, <i>Calidris alba</i>
3017	0,52	Razor Bill, <i>Alca torda</i>
3018	0,61	Wilson's Storm-Petrel, <i>Oceanites oceanites</i>
3019	1.00	Arctic Tern, <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>

ST. HELENA**2008, JULY 17****A***

Seabirds Part II, type of 2007, but without Birdlife International emblem; Des. Derek Miller; Offset by Lowe-Martin.

948	15p	Brown Booby, <i>Sula leucogaster</i>
949	35p	Brown Noddy, <i>Anous stolidus</i>
950	40p	Fairy Tern, <i>Gygis alba</i>
951	1.25pd	Red-billed Tropicbird, <i>Phaeton aethereus</i>

S. GEORGIA & SANDWICH IS. 2008, JULY 10**A***

A sheet of sixteen stamps (four different values of different views of the Chinstrap Penguin shown four times) for the World Wildlife Fund with WWF Panda emblem; Des. Owen Bell; Offset by BDT. Sc#370a is SS of the four sets.

367	55p	Chinstrap Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i> (three adults)
368	55p	Same but two adults and a chick
369	65p	Same but three adults in water
370	90p	Same, two adults

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON**2008, APR. 30****A***

Bird; Des. Patrick Boez; Gravure by Phila Poste

856	0,47 euro	Black-throated Green Warbler, <i>Dendroica virens</i> ***
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*** This is the first time this bird has been shown on a valid postage show. It was previously shown on a local Staffa Island stamp, which is not a valid postal authority per the UPU. The bird on the Staffa stamp was previously described by Chuck Braun in V55(2), page 73.

UNITED STATES**2008, JUN 30****A***

Annual Hunting Permit stamp; Des. Joe Hautman; Printed by Ashton-Potter; Available in Lick & Stick and self-adhesive.

Rw75	\$15	Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i> (Lick & Stick)
Rw75a	15	Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i> (Self-adhesive)