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About twice a year, J. F. Clements issues a summary of ornithological research that affects his checklist, which we follow in *Biophilately*. One change from the July 15, 2005, summary affects birds on stamps:

The English name of Tanimbar Cockatoo has been changed to Tanimbar Corella and the scientific name to *Cacatua goffiniana*. the following stamps are affected:

Grenada/Carriacou & Petite Martinique, 2000, 2147h, \$1.

Guinea, 2001, Michel 3079, 750 francs.

On a sad note, Jim Clements died last June. I hope that these updates will continue.

**British Locals**

A number of British local stamps showing species not otherwise shown on stamps have been written up in this column. These issues were originally used to pay for transport of mail from islands to government post offices on the mainland. Later, many stamps were issued for which no real need existed. These were primarily for tourists and collectors. Most were topical stamps; many showed birds. I believed that I had accounted for all but a handful of "new" birds on these issues. Not so! I have learned of a website ([birdstamp.com](http://birdstamp.com)) that endeavors to account for all of these stamps as well as Cinderella issues (no postal authenticity). Identifications are provided for most of the species but many issues are unidentified and some identifications are incorrect. A preliminary search has shown about ninety "new" species. The bird names on the stamps aren't much help (as shown for birds already written up), and some of the paintings aren't very good. I will try to obtain as many of these issues as I can and will write up all that I can identify. Almost all of these were issued more than twenty years ago. Twenty-nine are included below.

**New Birds****HERALD PETREL, *Pterodroma arminjoniana***

Procellariidae (011.021)

Mauritius, 2005, not yet cataloged, 9 rupees

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. The dark phase is all dark brown except a whitish area near the tip of the underwing. The pale phase is brownish above with a white body and dark breast band and flanks. The Pacific race, *Pterodroma arminjoniana heraldica*, lacks the breast band. Habitat: pelagic.

Range: The nominate race breeds on Round Island, Mauritius and Trinidad Island in the South Atlantic and disperses in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The Pacific race breeds from Tonga to Easter Island and disperses in the Pacific.



Reference: Tuck, G. S. and H. Heinzel. A Field Guide to the Seabirds of Britain and the World.

**COOPER'S HAWK**, *Accipiter cooperii* Accipitridae (030.136)  
Grenada, 2005, not yet cataloged, \$1.50

Length: 15 to 20 inches, sexes similar but the female is larger, migratory. Bluish gray above and barred rufous below with a dark cap.

Habitat: breeds in dense forests; all habitats in winter.

Range: Breeds from southern Canada to northern Mexico. Winters from northern U.S. to Central America.

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

**PRAIRIE FALCON**, *Falco mexicanus*  
Grenada, 2005, not yet cataloged, \$1.50

Length: 15 to 19 inches, sexes similar but the migratory. Brown above and pale below with legs.

Habitat: upland grasslands.

Range: Breeds from southwestern Canada to winters in western U.S. and Mexico.

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



Falconidae (032.059)

female is larger,  
dark streaks and yellow

northern Mexico;

Eds. Handbook of the



**GREEN SANDPIPER**, *Tringa ochropus* Scolopacidae (062.049)  
Alderney, 2005, not yet cataloged, 45 pence

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dark above and white rump and below with a streaky head and breast and barred tail.

Habitat: swampy woodlands.

Range: Breeds in northern Eurasia; winters from western Africa to Australia.

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

of the World, Volume 3.



**ORNATE FRUIT-DOVE**, *Ptilinopus ornatus* Columbidae  
(072.225)

Grunay, 1982, uncataloged, 15 pence

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a pale throat, golden upper breast and purple shoulder. The stamp

shows the subspecies *gestroi*, which has a mustard-colored crown.

Habitat: primary rain forest.

Range: New Guinea.

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



**ROSE-CROWNED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus regina***

Columbidae (072.236)

Grunay, 1982, uncataloged, 35 pence

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Greenish gray head and neck with a pink, mauve-red or silvery forecrown and purple belly.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Northern and eastern Australia and the Lesser Sundas.

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



**CORONETED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus coronulatus*** Columbidae (072.246)

Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 40 pence

Length: 7 to 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green with a lilac cap bordered in yellow and a rusty-orange belly.

Habitat: forest.

Range: New Guinea and nearby islands.

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

**BLUE-CAPPED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus monacha*** Columbidae (072.248)

Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 60 pence

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a blue cap and yellow vent and eyestripe; the female lacks the eyestripe and has a much paler cap.

Habitat: forest, forest edge, woodland and mangroves.

Range: Northern Moluccas, Indonesia.

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







**ORANGE-BREASTED FIG-PARROT**, *Cyclopsitta gulelmitertii*  
Psittacidae (074.063)  
Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 75 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (on the right) is green, paler below with an orange breast and black face mark; the female (on the left) has a paler breast. The subspecies shown is *C. g. suavissima*, from southeastern New Guinea, which has a large black cheek patch extending to the bill.  
Habitat: woodlands.

Range: New Guinea and nearby western islands.

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

**RED-BREASTED COUA**, *Coua serriana* Cuculidae (076.071) (probable)  
Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 25 pence

Length: 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark green-brown above and dark rufous chest with a long blue-black tail.

Habitat: undisturbed rain forest.

Range: Northeastern Madagascar.

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



**BANDED GROUND-CUCKOO**, *Neomorphus radiolosus*  
Cuculidae (076.136) Grunay, 1982, uncataloged, 45 pence

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Chestnut wings and scaly below with bare blue skin around the eye.

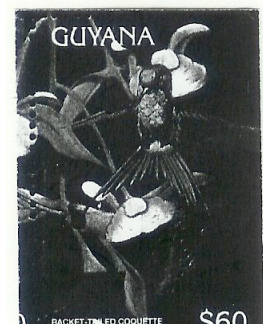
Habitat: tropical lowland evergreen forest.

Range: Southwestern Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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

**RACQUET-TAILED COQUETTE**, *Discosura longicauda* Trochilidae  
(086.088) Guyana, 1996, 30711, \$60

Length: 4 inches (including the tail), resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is



bronzy green with a buffy rump band, coppery green lower breast and purplish racquet tail; the female lacks the racquet tail and has a black throat.

Habitat: humid forest and scrubby savanna.

Range: Southern Venezuela to southeastern Brazil.

Ref: del Hoyo, Elliott & Sargatal, Eds. H'book of the Birds of the World, Vol. 5.



**VELVET-PURPLE CORONET**, *Boissonneaua jardini* Trochilidae (086.209)  
Guyana, 1996, 3071k, \$60

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Shining bluish-green above with a velvety black head and throat and glittering purplish-blue crown, breast and belly.

Habitat: wet mossy forest and shrubby clearings.

Range: Southwestern Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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



**RAINBOW STARFRONTLET**, *Coeligena iris* Trochilidae (086.232)

Staffa, 1981, uncataloged, 10 pence

Length: 5 to 6 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green with a glittering yellowish green forecrown and chestnut tail, shoulder and belly.

Habitat: cloud forest edges, gardens and riparian 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 5.



**BLUE-TUFTED STAR THROAT**, *Heliomaster furcifer* Trochilidae (086.300)  
Guyana, 1996, 3071o, \$60

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and ultramarine below with a glittering violet throat; the female is coppery green above and gray below.

Habitat, forest borders, *cerrado* and grasslands.

Range: Central Bolivia to northern Argentina.

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



**OASIS HUMMINGBIRD**, *Rhodopis vesper* Trochilidae (086.301)

Staffa, 1981, uncataloged, 40 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is shining olive green above and white below with an iridescent rosy violet and turquoise throat patch; the female is buffier below and lacks the throat patch.

Habitat: arid steppes, oases and gardens.

Range: Northwestern Peru and northern Chile.

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



**SLENDER SHEARTAIL**, *Doricha enicura* Trochilidae  
(086.305)

Staffa, 1981, uncataloged, 10 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is iridescent green with a pinkish-purple gorget and white breast band and postocular spot; the female is green above and cinnamon-buff below with a much shorter tail.

Habitat: forest openings and scrub.

Range: Southern Mexico to Honduras.

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



**SPOTTED PUFFBIRD**, *Bucco tamatia* Bucconidae (100.006)

Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 75 pence

Length; 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and whitish below with spots (not well shown) and a black breast band.

Habitat: understory and shrubbery, usually near water.

Range: Southern Venezuela to Amazonia.

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

**NORTHERN CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTBIRD**, *Myrmeciza castanea* Thamnophilidae (109.179)

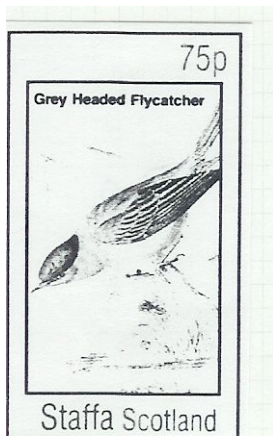
Peru, 2005, not yet cataloged, 4.50 sols [Note: Illustration was too dark to identify – Ed.]

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is reddish brown with a gray head and black chin to breast; the female is gray only on the face and is reddish yellow-brown below.

Habitat: forest floors and understory.

Range: Extreme southern Colombia to northern Peru.

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



**PLUMBEOUS-CROWNED TYRANNULET**, *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps*  
Tyrannidae (116.083)

Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 75 pence

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bright olive above and yellow below with a gray crown and grayish-white throat.



Habitat: humid montane forest.

Range: Colombia to Peru.

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



**MISHANA TYRANNULET**, *Zimmerius villarejoi* Tyrannidae (116.090.100)  
Peru, 2005, not yet cataloged, 4.50 sols

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish olive above and throat and bright yellow below with yellow-edged wings.

Habitat: white-sand lowland forest.

Range: Near Iquitos in northern Peru.

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

**TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT**, *Euscarthmus meloryphus*  
Tyrannidae (116.125)

Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 10 pence

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and creamy below with a rufous crown and dark gray legs.

Habitat: arid scrub and shrubby thickets.

Range: Northeastern Colombia to northern Argentina.

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



**RUFIOUS FLYCATCHER**,

*Myiarchus semirufus* Tyrannidae (116.347)

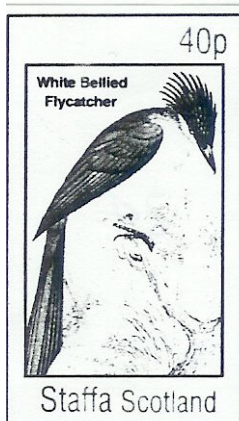
Grunay, 1962, uncataloged, 60 pence

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull dark grayish brown above and cinnamon below with rufous wings and tail.

Habitat: thorny scrub and woodland.

Range: Northwestern Peru.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume II.



**ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER**, *Myiarchus cinerascens* Tyrannidae  
(116.358) probable

Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 40 pence

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike. Gray streaky crown with ashy gray throat and breast and brown in the wings.

Habitat: woodlands and scrub.

Range: Breeds in southwestern U. S. and northern Mexico; winters

from Texas to Honduras.

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



**SNOWY-THROATED KINGBIRD**, *Tyrannus niveigularis* Tyrannidae (116.391)

Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 40 pence

Length: 7.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale olive gray above and yellow below with a white throat becoming grayer at the breast.

Habitat: shrubs and woodland edges near water.

Range: Southwestern Colombia to northwestern Peru.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume II.



**RUFOUS-RUMPED LARK**, *Pinarocorys erythropygia*

Alaudidae (122.026) probable Bernera, 1982, uncat., 10 pence

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Brown above and white below with a rufous rump, streaked breast and patterned face.

Habitat: woodland and savanna.

Range: Breeds from the northern Ivory Coast to southern Sudan; winters from Sierra Leone to north-central Sudan.

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 (125.064) Staffa, 1982, uncataloged, 10 pence

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black with red shoulders; the female is greenish above and barred whitish below with yellow wing edgings and outer tail.

Habitat: wooded savanna and gallery forest.

Range: Senegal to western Angola, Ethiopia and western Kenya.

Reference: Sinclair, I and P. Ryan. Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.

**OCHRACEOUS BULBUL**, *Alophorus ochraceus* Pycnonotidae (126.101)

Malaysia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 30 cents

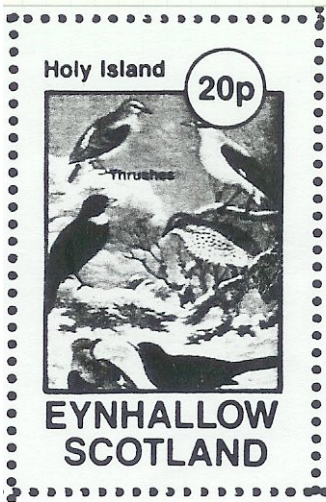
Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and buffy below with a gray-





brown face and white throat. Habitat: forests.  
 Range: Vietnam to Borneo.

Ref: King, B. F. and E. C. Dickenson. A Field Guide to the Birds of S.E. Asia.



**SIBERIAN THRUSH**, *Zoothera sibirica* Turdidae (138.036)  
 Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 20 pence (the bird center right)

Length: 8 inches, migratory. The male is black with a white eyestripe and belly; the female (shown on the stamp) is brown above and spotted white below with a pale superciliary.

Habitat: woods, mainly in river valleys.

Range: Breeds in northeastern Asia; winters from Southeast Asia to Sumatra and Java.

Reference: Flint, V. E., R. L. Boehme, Y. V. Kostin and A. A. Kuznetsov. A Field Guide to the Birds of the USSR.

**MARANON THRUSH**, *Turdus maranonicus* Turdidae (138.136)  
 Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 25 pence

Length: 8.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and white below with brown spots.

Habitat: deciduous woodland and arid scrub.

Range: Maranon River valley in northwestern Peru.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume I.



**BOOTED WARBLER**, *Hippolais caligata* Silviidae (140.104)

Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dull brownish above and creamy below with a whitish supercilium and eyering.

Habitat: shrubs, usually near water.

Range: Breeds in central and eastern Eurasia; winters in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

Reference: Baker, K. Warblers of Europe,

Asia and North Africa.

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