

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Additions and Corrections

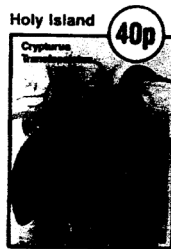
In Biophilately 54 (3/4), Page 152, the correct issue date for the Grunay stamp showing a Rufous Flycatcher is 1982.

Lois C. Herrmann points out that Cape May and Golden-winged Warblers appear in the cachet of a Canadian 85-cent envelope (see BP 54 #2, page 91). The Cape May Warbler is also shown on a 60-cent stamp from the British Virgin Islands issued in 2005..

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) 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. About fifty are included below. Six of these are courtesy of Ed Hammond, administrator of the web site cited above. Another forty or so additional species may be on stamps I haven't seen. I am looking for suppliers of these issues.

New Birds



**EYNHALLOW
SCOTLAND**

PALE-BROWED TINAMOU, *Crypturellus transfaciatus*
Tinamidae (006.016)
Eynhallow, 1982, uncataloged, 40 pence

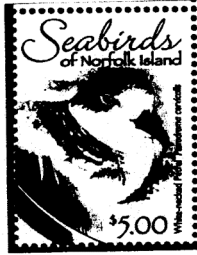
Length: 11 inches, resident. The male is grayish olive to rufescent above with pale barring on the wings; The female (shown on the stamp) is paler with black barring above.

Habitat: humid lowland tropical deciduous forest.

Range: Western Ecuador and northwestern Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds.

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

**WHITE-NECKED PETREL, *Pterodroma cervicalis***

Procellariidae (011.028)
Norfolk Island, 2005, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 17 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. Dark above and white below with a gray tail and white collar.

Habitat: marine.

Range: Breeds on Kermadec Islands and ranges through the western Pacific.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

**GREAT-BILLED HERON, *Ardea sumatrana* Ardeidae (020.010)**

Cambodia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 400 riels

Length: 40 to 43 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark, paler below with long neck and back plumes and a slightly recurved bill.

Habitat: coasts.

Range: Myanmar to the Philippines and northern Australia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

GIANT IBIS, *Pseudibis gigantea* Threskiornithidae (024.007)

Cambodia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 1200 riels Flying right, above the pelicans.

Length: 42 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark with silvery-gray wings.

Habitat: wet lowlands.

Range: Southern Vietnam and Cambodia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

**AZURE GALLINULE, *Porphyrio flavirostris* Rallidae (046.115)**

Surinam, 2005, not yet cataloged, \$.05

Length 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale brownish olive above and blue gray below with a white belly and yellowish bill and legs.

Habitat: freshwater marshes.

Range: Eastern Colombia; Guianas to northern Argentina.

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



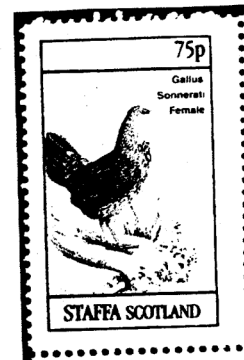
COQUI FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus coqui* Phasianidae (038.023) Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 1 pound

Length: 8 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has an ochre head and barring below; the female has a patterned black-and-white face.

Habitat: grasslands.

Range: Western Africa; Ethiopia to central South Africa. The subspecies *hubbardi* (shown on the stamp) occurs in Kenya and Tanzania.

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



GRAY JUNGLEFOWL, *Gallus sonneratii* Phasianidae (038.117) Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 20 pence and 75 pence

Length: The male is 28 to 32 inches and the female is 15 inches, resident. The male (20 pence stamp) is gray with a red comb and a patterned neck; the female (75 pence stamp) is brownish with white streaks below.

Habitat: forest and scrub.

Range: Peninsular India.

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

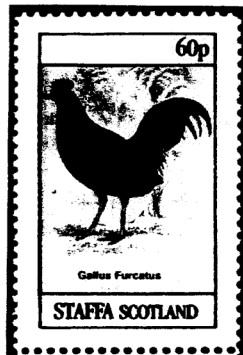


GREEN SANDPIPER, *Tringa ochropus* Scolopacidae (062.049) Alderney, 2005, not yet cataloged, 45 pence

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Dark above, white below and rump with a streaky breast and barred tail tip. Habitat: damp wooded areas.

Range: Breeds in northern Eurasia; winters in southern Eurasia and Africa.

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



GREEN JUNGLEFOWL, *Gallus varius* Phasianidae (038.119)
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 60 pence

Length: The male is 28 inches, and the female is 16 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is scaly green with a multicolored comb; the female is scaly above with barred wings and a plainish breast.

Habitat: forest and forest margins.

Range: Java and the Lesser Sundas.

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

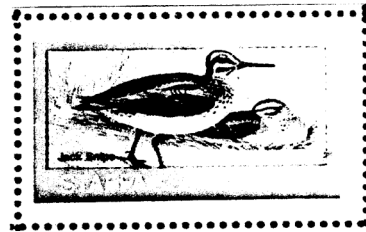
JACK SNIBE, *Lymnocyptes minimus* Scolopacidae
(062.009) Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 45 pence

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. A small snipe with an all-dark wedge tail and no central crown stripe.

Habitat: breeds in open marshes, bogs and flood-plains; winters in vegetated wetlands.

Range: Breeds in northern Eurasia; winters from Britain to Vietnam and central Africa.

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



RED-NAPED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus dohertyi* (probable)
Columbidae (072.214)
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 2 pounds

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark iridescent bluish above edged in bronzy green with a cream head and neck, dark crimson nape patch and dark band on the breast.

Habitat: forests.

Range: Sumba, Lesser Sundas.

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



BLACK-NAPED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus melanospila*
Columbidae (072.257)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 45 pence

Length: 9 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a gray head, black nape and yellow vent; the female is all green except for some red or yellow under the tail.

Habitat: wooded country. Range: Southern Philippines to Java, Sulawesi and the Moluccas.

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



VARIED LORIKEET, *Psitteuteles versicolor* (probable)
Psittacidae (074.019)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 1 pound

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green with a soft pink breast and yellow ear tufts.

Habitat: wooded country.

Range: Northern Australia.

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



NEW CALEDONIAN PARAKEET, *Cyanoramphus saissetti*
Psittacidae (074.073.800)

New Caledonia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 75 francs

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a yellowish wash below and a red crown and eyeline.

Habitat: forest.

Range: New Caledonia.

Reference: F. Hannecart and J. Letocart. Oiseaux de Nlle Calédonie et des Loyautés.



ADELAIDE ROSELLA, *Platycercus adelaidae* Psittacidae (074.084) Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 60 pence

Length: 14 inches, sexes similar, resident. Blue wings and cheeks and orange red head, rump and below.

Habitat: woodlands and parks.

Range: Southern South Australia.

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



PAINTED PARAKEET, *Pyrrhura picta* Psittacidae (074.232.000) Surinam, 2005, not yet cataloged, P

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a red face and belly, scalloped breast and a blue forecrown.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Venezuela, the Guianas and neighboring Brazil.

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



FESTIVE PARROT, *Amazona festiva* Psittacidae (074.314) Grunay, 1982, not cataloged, 15 pence

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a scaly nape and red lower back and rump.

Habitat: humid lowlands.

Range: Eastern Colombia to central Venezuela; western Amazonia.

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

WESTERN GRAY PLANTAIN-EATER,

Crinifer piscator Musophagidae (075.022) Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 10p

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and streaked white below with a dark brown head and breast and yellow bill.

Habitat: open wooded savanna and cultivated areas.

Range: Senegal to the Central African Republic.

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

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