

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

Charles E. Braun -BU 1364

New Birds

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BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER, *Todirostrum nigriceps*

Tyrannidae (116.171)

Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 25 pence

Length: 3 to 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Yellow with a black head and in the wings and white throat.

Habitat: canopy and forest edges.

Range: Eastern Costa Rica to western Venezuela and western Ecuador.

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

COCK-TAILED TYRANT, *Alectrurus tricolor* Tyrannidae (116.325)

Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 10 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and white below with a white face, grayish rump, brown-fringed wings and a wide stiff tail; the female is mottled brown above and tinged buff below with a normal tail.

Habitat: grasslands.

Range: Eastern Bolivia to southern Brazil.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.



STREAMER-TAILED TYRANT, *Gubernetes yetapa*

Tyrannidae (116.327)

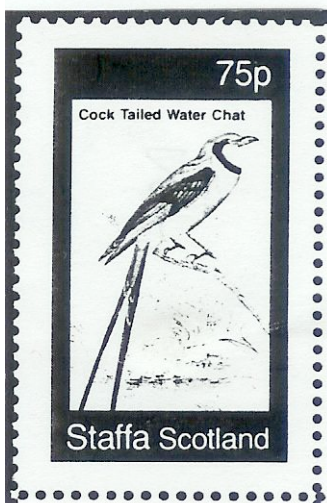
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 75 pence

Length: 14 to 15 inches, sexes similar but the female is smaller, resident. Gray with a white throat outlined in black and dark wings with a cinnamon-rufous patch.

Habitat: palm groves, grasslands and marshy terrain.

Range: Northeastern Bolivia; eastern Paraguay to southeastern Brazil.

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





LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER,
Conopias cinchoneti Tyrannidae (116.380)
Grunay, 1982, not cataloged, 40 pence

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive above and yellow below and superciliary with a brownish tail.

Habitat: forest edges and clearings.

Range: Western Venezuela to south-central Peru.

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

AUSTRALASIAN PIPIT,
Anthus novaeseelandiae
Motacillidae (124.027)
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 2
pounds

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike,
resident. Fulvous brown above
and pale streaked below.

Habitat: short grass.

Range: New Guinea to Australia
and New Zealand.

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



CAPE VERDE SWAMP-WARBLER,
Acrocephalus brevipennis Sylviidae (140.098)
Cape Verde Islands, 2005, not yet cataloged, 55 escudos

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and off-white below with a rufescent rump and brownish flanks.

Habitat: well-vegetated valleys.

Range: Sao Tiago, Cape Verde Islands.

Reference: K. Baker. Warblers of Europe, Asia and North Africa.





CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER,
Seicercus castaniceps Sylviidae (140.227)
India, 2005, not yet cataloged, 5 rupees

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black-striped chestnut crown, olive-green mantle with yellow rump, flanks and wingbars.

Habitat: dense montane forests.

Range: Central China to northern India, Vietnam, Malaya and Sumatra.

Reference: Baker, K. Warblers of Europe, Asia and North Africa.

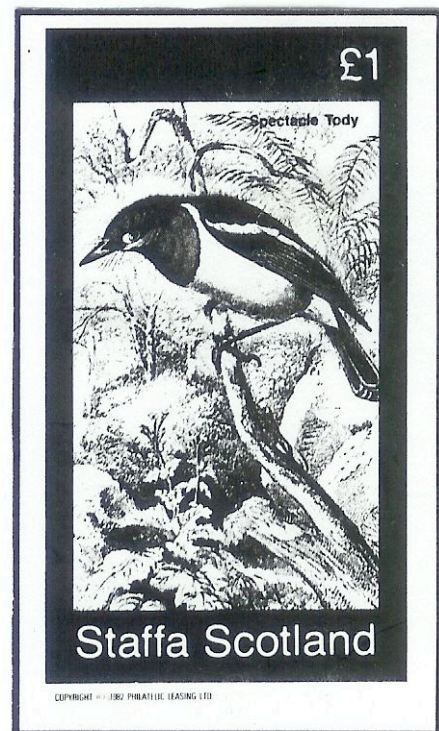
BROWN-THROATED WATTLE-EYE,
Platysteira cyanea Platysteiridae (143.004)
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male is black above and white below with a broad black breast band and a white wing-stripe; the female (shown on the stamp) is slate-gray above and white below with a brown throat and breast and white wing-stripe.

Habitat: open forest, forest edges, gardens and farms.

Range: Senegal to Ethiopia, Angola and Tanzania.

Reference: Harris, T. and K. Franklin. Shrikes and Bush-Shrikes.



WHITE-BELLIED FANTAIL,
Rhipidura euryura Rhipiduridae (144.008)
Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 75 pence

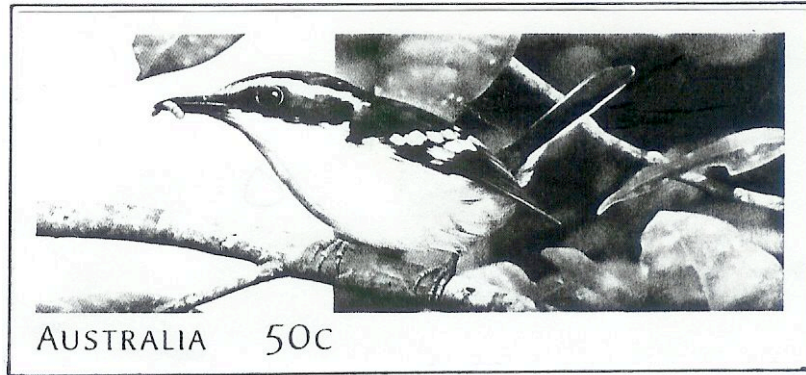
Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark blue-gray above with white brow, belly and tail tips and dull gray throat and chest.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Mountains of Java.

Reference: MacKinnon, J. Field Guide to the Birds of Java and Bali.





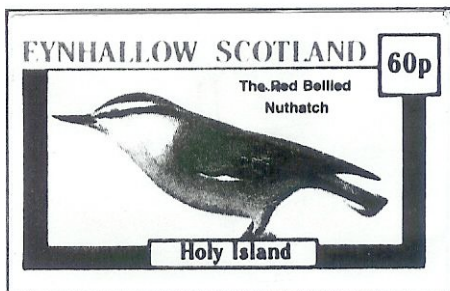
YELLOW-BREASTED BOATBILL, *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer* Monarchidae (145.098)
Australia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 50 cents envelope

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male is black above and yellow below with a yellow brow and white wingbars; the female is paler and yellow-olive above.

Habitat: rainforest.

Range: New Guinea and northeastern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH,

Sitta canadensis Sittidae (161.014)

Fynhallow, 1982, not cataloged, 60 pence

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, migratory. Gray-blue above and ochre-cinnamon below with a white supercilium and throat and a black cap and eyestripe.

Habitat: woodland.

Range: Breeds from southern Alaska and Labrador to New

Mexico and the Appalachians; winters from Canada to the southern United States.

Reference: Harrap, S. and D.Quinn. Chickadees, Tits, Nuthatches & Treecreepers.



CAMEROON SUNBIRD,

Cyanomitra oritis (probable) Nectariniidae (166.030)

Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 25 pence

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Olive-green above and yellowish below with a blue and purple or green head and throat.

Habitat: montane forest.

Range: Nigeria, Cameroon and Bioko Island (Equatorial Guinea).

Reference: Cheke, R. A., C. F. Mann and R. Allen. Sunbirds.



PURPLE-BANDED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris bifasciatus* (probable)

Nectariniidae (166.075)

Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 75 pence

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is greenish with a blue breast band and dark underparts; the female is brown above and streaked creamy below with a white stripe over the eye.

Habitat: lowland woodlands, savanna, and cultivated areas.

Range: Rwanda to Mozambique; Congo to northeastern South Africa; and Angola.

Reference: Cheke, R. A., C. F. Mann and R. Allen. Sunbirds.

RED-COLLARED MYZOMELA,

Myzomela rosenbergii Meliphagidae (173.048)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 15 pence

Length: 4.3 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is red with a black head, wings and tail; The female is brown with two wingbars and a red throat.

Habitat: mountain forest and shrubs.

Range: New Guinea mountains.

Reference: Beehler, B. M., T.K. Pratt and D. A. Zimmerma, Birds of New Guinea.



PHILIPPINE FAIRY-BLUEBIRD,

Irena cyanogaster Irenidae (175.002)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 35 pence

Length: 11 inches, sexes similar, but the female is duller, resident. Black with cobalt-blue crown, rump, wings and undertail.

Habitat: forest. Range: Philippines.

Reference: duPont, J. E. Philippine Birds.



HOODED BUTCHERBIRD, *Cracticus cassicus*

Cracticidae (186.005)

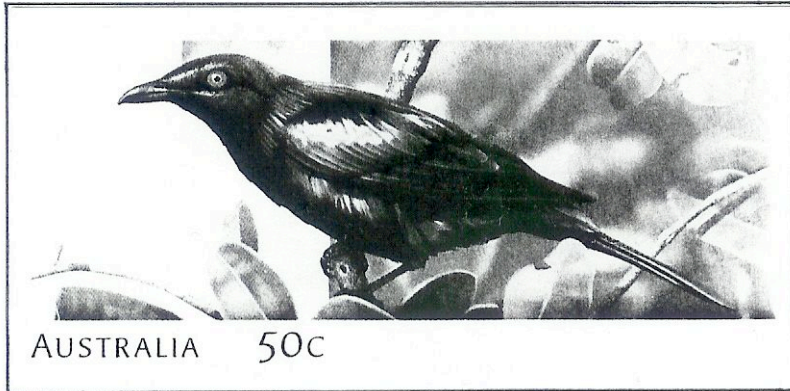
Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 75 pence

Length ; 12.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. White with black hood, wings and tail.

Habitat: forests, forest edges and gardens.

Range: New Guinea.

Reference: Beehler, B. M., T.K. Pratt and D. A. Zimmerman. Birds of New Guinea.



METALLIC STARLING, *Aplonis metallica* Sturnidae (190.001)

Australia, 2005, not yet cataloged, 50 cents envelope

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Iridescent black with a long graduated tail and red eye.

Habitat: rainforest.

Range: Moluccas to northeastern Australia and the Solomons.

Reference: Slater, P. A Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume 2.



CAPE VERDE SPARROW, *Passer iagoensis* Passeridae (191.009)

Cape Verde Islands, 2005, not yet cataloged, 19 escudos.

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a black crown and gray nape white face, wing mark and below with a warm-brown crescent from the eye down the side of the neck; the female is grayish with a pale supercilium and white wing mark.

Habitat: open areas.

Range: Cape Verde Islands.

Reference: Clement, P., A. Harris and J. Davis. Finches and Sparrows.



CRIMSON SEEDCRACKER, *Pyrenestes sanguineus*

Estrildidae (193.019)

Eynhallow, 1982, not cataloged, 60 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is earth brown with crimson head, breast, flanks and tail; the female is similar with brown flanks and nape.

Habitat: swamps, marshes and dense undergrowth along rivers and streams.

Range: Coastal Senegal to the Ivory Coast.

Reference: Clement, P., A. Harris and J. Davis. Finches and Sparrows.

**WESTERN BLUEBILL,***Spermatophaga haematina* Estrildidae (193.023)

Eynhallow, 1982, not cataloged, 60 pence

Length: 6 inches, resident, The male (shown on the stamp) is black with red throat breast and sides; the female has a dusky red head and a white-spotted belly.

Habitat: dense vegetation.

Range: Southern Sudan to northern Angola; eastern Tanzania.

Reference: D. Goodwin. Estrildid Finches of the World.

BLACK-HEADED WAXBILL,*Estrilda atricapilla* Estrildidae (193.060)

Staffa, 1982, not cataloged, 1 pound

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar but the female is paler, resident. Gray with a black head, belly and tail and bright red rump, flanks and upper tail.

Habitat: grasslands.

Range: Southeastern Nigeria to northwestern Angola; Zaire to central Kenya.

Reference: Clement, P., A. Harris and J. Davis. Finches and Sparrows.

**WHITE-BROWED ROSEFINCH,***Carpodacus thura* Fringillidae (196.031)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 40 pence

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and rosy below and rump with a dark eye stripe; the female is streaked brown above and streaked buff below with a pale supercilium.

Habitat: forest edges, alpine meadows and scrub.

Range: Northeastern Afghanistan to northwestern China and

northern India.

Reference: Clement, P., A. Harris and J. Davis. Finches and Sparrows.

**KENTUCKY WARBLER,**

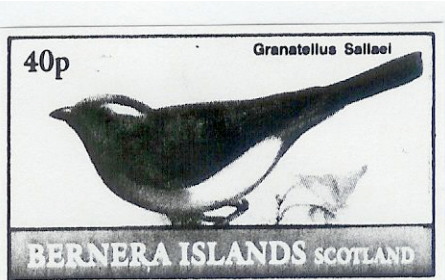
Oporornis formosus Parulidae (199.050)
Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 40 pence

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is greenish above and yellow below with yellow spectacles and a black crown that extends down the side of the neck; the female lacks the black crown.

Habitat: deciduous forests.

Range: Breeds in the eastern United States; winters from southern Mexico to northern Colombia.

Reference: J. Curson, D. Quinn and D. Beadle. Warblers of the Americas.

**GRAY-THROATED CHAT, *Granatellus sillaei***

Parulidae (199.114) Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 40 pence

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray with a red belly and white sides and postocular stripe; the female is gray above and yellow below.

Range: Southeastern Mexico, Guatemala and Belize.

Reference: J. Curson, D. Quinn and D. Beadle. Warblers of the

Americas.

WHITE-WINGED BRUSH-FINCH,

Atlapetes leucopterus Embirizidae (202.217)

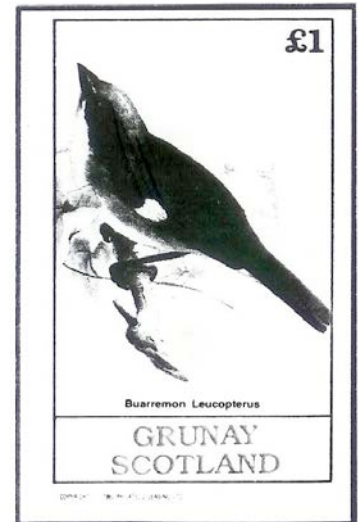
Grunay, 1982, not cataloged, 1 pound. [Illustration reduced]

Length: 6 to 6.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and whitish below with a cinnamon-rufous crown and nape and white speculum.

Habitat: brush and low woodland.

Range: Central Ecuador to northwestern Peru.

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

**FIELD SPARROW, *Spizella pusilla***

Embirizidae (202.271)

Bernera, 1982, not cataloged, 75 pence

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Rusty above and clear whitish below with a pink bill.

Habitat: bushy pastures, brush and scrub.

Range: Breeds in southeastern Canada and the eastern United States; winters in the eastern U.S. and northeastern Mexico.

Reference: Peterson, R. T. A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies.



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These are all recent issues. The British locals will resume in the next issue.



NEW CALEDONIAN RAIL, *Gallirallus lafresnayanus* Rallidae (046.041)
 New Caledonia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 75 francs

Length: 18 to 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and grayish below.
 Habitat: coastal marshes.

Range: New Caledonia.

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

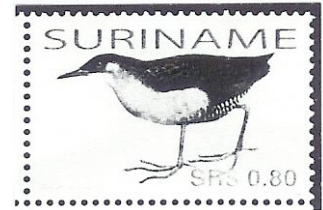
ASH-THROATED CRAKE, *Porzana albicollis* Rallidae (046.093)
 Surinam, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$0.80

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Streaked brown above and gray below with dusky legs and a greenish-yellow bill.

Habitat: freshwater wetlands and fields.

Range: Colombia to northeastern Argentina.

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



YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING, *Vanellus malabarica*
 Charadriidae (060.006)

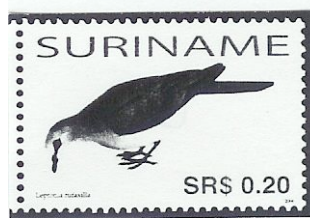
Micronesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 84 cents.

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown upperparts and breast with a white belly, black crown and chin and yellow wattles.

Habitat: dry, open areas.

Range: Southern Pakistan and Bangladesh to Sri Lanka.

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



GRAY-FRONTED DOVE, *Leptotila rufaxilla* Columbidae (072.135)

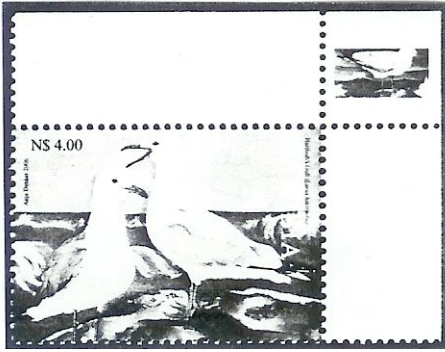
Surinam, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$0.20

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive brown above and pinkish below with a bluish crown and throat and red orbital skin.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Eastern Colombia to northern Argentina.

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



HARTLAUB'S GULL, *Larus hartlaubii* Laridae (067.030)
Namibia, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$4

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. White with a gray mantle, deep red legs and bill and brown eyes.

Habitat: coasts, harbors, lawns, garbage dumps and slaughterhouses.

Range: Coastal southwestern Africa from Namibia to the Cape of Good Hope.

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



NEW CALEDONIAN LORIKEET, *Charmosyna diadema*
Psittacidae (000.006.600)

New Caledonia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 75 francs

Length: 7 inches, resident. The female (shown on the stamp) is green with yellow cheeks, throat and undertail and a red vent; the male is unknown.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Extinct; formerly New Caledonia.

Reference: Forshaw, J. M. and W.T. Cooper. Parrots of the World.



SCARLET-THROATED PARROTLET, *Touit huetii* Psittacidae (074.271)
Peru, 2006, not yet cataloged, 5.50 soles.

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green, paler below with blue wings and front, olive-brown crown and nape and red outer tail; the female has a greenish-yellow outer tail.

Habitat: humid lowland.

Range: Lower Amazon; Venezuela and Guyana; eastern Ecuador to northern Bolivia.

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



DUSKY EAGLE-OWL, *Bubo coromandus* Strigidae (078.083)
Tajikistan, 2006, not yet cataloged, 2.00 somonis

Length: 19 to 21 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish brown above and narrowly black-streaked gray below with prominent rounded ear tufts.

Habitat: open level areas with woodland.

Range: Pakistan to western India and western Thailand.

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



NEW CALEDONIAN OWLET-NIGHTJAR, *Aegotheles savesi*

Aegothelidae (080.007)

New Caledonia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 75 francs

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown with narrow grayish-white barring.

Habitat: mountainous riverine forest.

Range: Southwestern New Caledonia.

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



NACUNDA NIGHTHAWK, *Podager nacunda* Caprimulgidae (083.009)

Surinam, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$0.15

Length: 11 to 13 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is speckled brown above with a broad finely-banded band on the upper breast and a white wingband and tail tips; the female is barred brown below and lacks the white tail tips.

Habitat: savanna, grassland, marshland and forest edges.

Range: Northern Colombia to central Argentina.

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



PALE-TAILED BARBTHROAT, *Threnetes niger* Trochilidae (086.008)

Surinam, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$0.05

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green with a black face and throat.

Habitat: forest openings.

Range: Eastern Colombia to northeastern Brazil and northern Bolivia.

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



PURPLE SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris asiaticus* Nectariniidae (166.093)

Micronesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 39 cents This species was shown previously on a 40-peseta 1993 stamp from Western Sahara.

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is metallic purple with yellow and scarlet pectoral tufts; the female is olive-brown above and dull yellow below.

Habitat: gardens, scrub and forests.

Range: Oman to Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Reference: Cheke, R. A., C. F. Mann and R. Allen. Sunbirds.
