

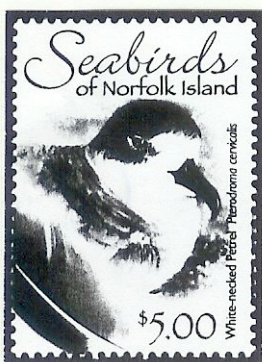
**NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY**  
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**Correction**

In *Biophilately* 55 (3), The parrot on the Peru stamp is a Scarlet-shouldered Parrot.

**New Birds**

Our new Ornithology Editor, Glenn Mertz, has pointed out a number of new birds that were not written up at the time the stamps were issued. Some are given below. I will catch up on the others as quickly as I can.



**BLACK-WINGED PETREL**, *Pterodroma nigripennis* Procellariidae (011.033)  
 Norfolk Island, 2006, not yet cataloged, 70 cents

Length: 11 to 12 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. Gray above with a dark **W** across the upper wings and dark-edged white wings below, with a short, stout black bill and flesh-colored legs.

Habitat: highly pelagic.

Range: Breeds on islands off the northern coast of New Zealand, and migrates to the northern Pacific.

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



**PUNA IBIS**, *Plegadis ridgewayi* Threskiornithidae (024.026)  
 Peru, 2006, not yet cataloged, 5.50 soles

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. All dark with a reddish bill.

Habitat: mountainous wetlands.

Range: Central Peru to northwestern Argentina.

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

**ANDEAN GOOSE**, *Chloephaga melanoptera* Anatidae (027.036)  
 Peru, 2006, not yet cataloged, 6 soles

Length: 28 to 32 inches, sexes alike, resident. White with a black back and tail.

Habitat: mountainous wetlands.

Range: Central Peru to central Argentina.

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





**CHINESE GOSHAWK**, *Accipiter soloensis* Accipitridae (030.103)  
South Korea, 1999, 1962a, 170 won

Length: 11 to 14 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Slate gray above and rufous below with orangy yellow feet, legs and cere.

Habitat: woodlands.

Range: Breeds in Korea and eastern China; winters from southeastern China to western New Guinea.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 2.



**WHITE-TAILED HAWK**, *Buteo albicaudatus* Accipitridae (030.182)  
Netherlands Antilles, 1998, 849, 75 cents

Length: 20 to 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Polymorphic; the pale morph is shown on the stamp. Ashy-gray head and above and whitish below with rufous shoulders and a white tail with a black subterminal band.

Habitat: semi-arid country and palm savanna.

Range: Southern Texas to central Argentina.

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



**BAT FALCON**, *Falco rufigularis* Falconidae (032.045)  
Surinam, 1996, 1054, 1.60g

Length: 10 to 12 inches, sexes alike but female is larger, resident. Black above and barred breastband with a white throat, breast and half-collar and chestnut-rufous undertail.

Habitat: tropical forest.

Range: Mexico to northern Argentina.

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



**VITA LEVU RAIL**, *Vitirallus watlingi* Rallidae (4.850)  
Fiji, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$1.20

A fossil of this flightless bird was found in 1998. It became extinct in the Late Quaternary Period, probably around 1000 B.C. Taxonomically, it is related to the genus *Gallirallus*.

Habitat: dry areas.

Range: Formerly Vita Levu, Fiji.

Reference: Worthy, T. H. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Volume 31, Number 4, pp 763-794.



**TUAMOTU SANDPIPER**, *Prosobonia cancellata* Scolopacidae  
(062.058)

French Polynesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 250 francs

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Spotted dark brown with a short thin bill.

Habitat: tiny atolls. Range: Tuamotu Islands, French Polynesia.  
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.



**POLYNESIAN GROUND-DOVE**, *Gallicolumba erythroptera*  
Columbidae (072.171)

French Polynesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 250 francs

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark olive gray above with a black belly with a white face to breast; the female is brownish gray with a rusty tinged bib.

Habitat: atolls. Range: Tuamotu Archipeligo, French Polynesia.  
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of

the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



**BARE-FACED GROUND-DOVE**, *Metropelia ceciliae*

Columbidae (072.128) Peru, 2006, not yet cataloged, 6 soles

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. White-spotted brown above, pale buffy brown below with white tail tips and bright yellow orange orbital skin.

Habitat: paramo and puna zones.

Range: Peru to northern Chile.

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

the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



**MARIANA FRUIT-DOVE**, *Ptilinopus roseicapilla*

Columbidae (072.235)

Nauru, 2005, 536f, \$1

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and silvery-gray neck and breast with a yellow-bordered rose-red crown and orangy belly.

Habitat: forests.

Range: Marianas Islands.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



Sahara.

**PEMBA GREEN-PIGEON**, *Treron pembaensis* Columbidae (072.203)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above, grayish head and below with yellow leggings.

Habitat: forest canopy, plantations and secondary growth.

Range: Pemba Island, Tanzania.

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



**ATOLL FRUIT-DOVE**, *Ptilinopus coralensis* Columbidae (072.240)

Nauru, 2005, 536a, \$1

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above with a gray head, neck and below and lavender forecrown.

Habitat: coral atolls.

Range: Tuamotu Archipeligo.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



**VELVET DOVE**, *Ptilinopus layardi* Columbidae (072.262)

Nauru, 2005, 536e, \$1

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a greenish yellow head and yellow undertail; the female has a dark olive-green head.

Habitat: lowland forests.

Range: Kandavu and Ono, southwestern Fiji.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 4.



**VITA LEVU GIANT PIGEON**, *Natunaornis gigoura* (extinct) Columbidae (6.450)

Fiji, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$1.10

Length: 32 inches. A fossil of this flightless bird was found in 1998. It became extinct in the Late Quaternary Period, probably around 1000 B.C. Taxonomically, it is between the genera *Ptilinopus* and *Drepanoptila*.

Range: Formerly Vita Levu, Fiji.

Reference: Worthy, T. H. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Volume 31, Number 4, pp 763-794.



**BARE-FACED GO-AWAY-BIRD**, *Corythaixoides personatus*  
Musophagidae (075.019)  
Liberia, 1998, 1350h, 32 cents

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Smoky-gray above and pale sage-green below with a white neck and a bare dark-brown face.

Habitat: open woodland and acacia scrub.

Range: Ethiopian Rift Valley and southwestern Kenya to northeastern Zambia.

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



**PEMBA SCOPS-OWL**, *Otus pembaensis* Strigidae (078.036)  
Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dimorphic; the bird on the stamp is rufous phase. Rufous with small ear tufts, pale scapular spots and light eyebrows.

Habitat: well-wooded areas and clove and mango plantations.

Range: Pemba Island, Tanzania.

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



**USAMBARA EAGLE-OWL**, *Bubo vosseleri* Strigidae (078.078)  
Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 800 shillings

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and a heavily blotched breast below with orange eyes.

Habitat: evergreen forest. Range: Eastern Arc Mountains, Tanzania.

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



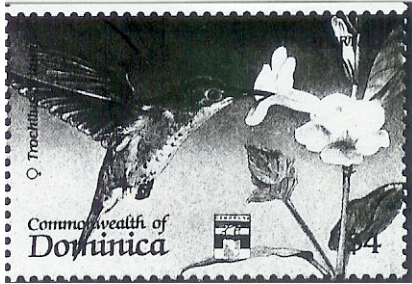
**ABYSSINIAN NIGHTJAR**, *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*  
Caprimulgidae (083.064)  
Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 9 inches, sexes similar but female is paler, resident. Dark brown with white outer tail tips and small patches near the wing tips.

Habitat: woodland, forest edges and scrub.

Range: Ethiopia to northent Tanzania.

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



**BLACK-BILLED STREAMERTAIL**, *Trochilus scitulus*  
Trochilidae (086.090)      Dominica, 2000, 2254a, \$1.65 This  
was "unidentified" in *Biophilately* 50 (2), page 144.

Length: 9 to 14 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with black wings, very long tail, bill, head and elongated ear coverts; the female is pale green above and lightly spotted white below.

Habitat: wet semi-open spaces.

Range: Extreme eastern Jamaica.

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



**SCARLET-RUMPED TROGON**, *Harpactes duvaucelii* Trogonidae (088.036)  
Liberia, 1998, 1350e, 32 cents

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is red with a buffy yellow back and black hood and wings; the female has a dull-brown head and lacks the red rump and breast.

Habitat: semi-evergreen and evergreen forest.

Range: Peninsular Thailand to Sumatra and Borneo.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

**DWARF KINGFISHER**, *Ispidina lecontei* Alcedinidae (089.023)  
Guinea, 2001, 1963d, 750 francs

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue back and wings and rufous head and below with a black forehead.

Habitat: forest understory.

Range: Sierra Leone to western Uganda and northern Angola.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



**BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE**, *Sakesphorus canadensis*  
Thamnophilidae (109.011)  
Surinam, 1997, 1110, 275g

Length: 6 inches, resident. The bird on the stamp is the subspecies *S. c. canadensis*; the male has a black head and throat, cinnamon-brown above with black wings, white collar and wingbars; the female has a rufous crown, grayish face and cinnamon nape and neck. Other

subspecies have varying amounts of black and some white in the head.

Habitat: understory and midstorey woodlands and dense shrubs.

Range: Subspecies *canadensis* occurs in Surinam and French Guiana. Other subspecies occur from Trinidad to Colombia and Amazonian Peru.

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

**GURNEY'S PITTA**, *Pitta gurneyi* Pittidae (118.010)

Tanzania, 1998, 1715c, 370 shillings

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above with a black head and breast and yellow collar and sides; the female is finely barred yellow below with a yellow-buff crown, black face and white throat.

Habitat: lowland forest.

Range: Southern peninsular Thailand.

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

**BEESELEY'S LARK**, *Chersomanes beesleyi* Alaudidae (122.041.100)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and faintly white-streaked buffy below with a white throat and a short white-tipped tail.

Habitat: short grasslands.

Range: Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania.

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

Sahara.

**USAMBARA HYLIOTA**, *Hyliota usambarae* Sylviidae (140.236)

Tanzania, 2006, Upper left bird in the surrounds of a sheet of six 600-shilling stamps.

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and orange-yellow below with large white wing patches.

Habitat: forest and forest edge.

Range: Usumbura Mountains, northeastern Tanzania.

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

**IQUITOS GNATCATCHER**, *Polioptila clementsii* Polioptilidae (141.011.100)

Peru, 2006, not yet cataloged, 6 soles

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Gray above and breast with a narrow eyering and a whitish belly.

Habitat: humid forest.

Range: Allapahuayo National Reserve, near Iquitos, Peru.

Reference: Whitney, B. M and J. A. Alonso. Wilson Bulletin, Volume

117, Number 2, pp 113-127.

[to be continued]