

NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Correction

The correct picture of the Polynesian Ground-Dove (BP 55:4, page 200) appears below.
[My apologies for the error – scanner difficulties – *Ed.*]



Polynesian Ground-Dove

Ornithological Updates

The three species of Rock-jumpers have been placed in the Genus *Chaetops* and moved to the family Timaliidae (Babblers) between *Malacopteron* and *Illadopsis*. All three species are on stamps:

DAMARA ROCK-JUMPER, *Chaetops pycnopygius* (149.078.100) - (Handbook 106, page 150)
Southwest Africa, 1974, 395, 10 cents; Namibia, 2001, 987g, regular postage

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Streaked dark brown above with a black-streaked white breast and bright rufous belly and undertail.

Habitat: Boulderstrewn grassy hillsides and bases of small hills.

Range: Southwestern Angola and northeastern Namibia.

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

RUFOUS ROCK-JUMPER, *Chaetops frenatus* (149.078.200)

Central Africa, 1999, 1233, 500 francs

Mali, 2000, 370 francs

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a black head and dark rufous belly and rump; the female is dark buff below with a streaked breast.

Habitat: rocky mountain slopes and scree.

Range: Southern South Africa.

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

ORANGE-BREASTED ROCK-JUMPER, *Chaetops aurantius* (149.078.300)
 (Handbook 106, page 143)
 Lesotho, 1971, 107, 10 cents

Length: 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray above with a black throat and orange breast and belly; the female is pale buff below.

Habitat: Rocky slopes above 2000 meters.

Range: Southeastern South Africa.

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

The Carrion Crow (Handbook 106, page 184) has been split into Carrion Crow, *Corvus corone*, that ranges from Europe to Japan and Egypt and Hooded Crow, *Corvus cornix*, that ranges from Europe to the Yenisey valley.

The Carrion Crow (189.104.000) is on:
 Netherlands C11-C12, 1938-1953, 12.5 and 25 cents
 Monaco, 1972, 818, 50 centimes
 Yemen (PDR), 1983, 294, 100 f

The Hooded Crow (189.104.100) is on:
 Sweden, 1968, 802, 30 ore
 Finland, 1987, 758D, 1.70 m
 Bulgaria, 1988, 3328c, 8 s
 Georgia, 1995, 39g, 15k
 Turkmenistan, 2002, 3000 m
 Latvia, 2006, 55 s

The Brown Hawk-Owl has been split into three species: Brown Hawk-Owl, *Ninox scutulata*, Northern Boobook, *Ninox japonica* and Chocolate Boobook, *Ninox randi*. The Northern Boobook is on North Korea, 1962, SG 397, 5 ch. This was hypothetically identified as a Tawny Owl (Handbook 106, page 111). It is also shown on South Korea, 2006, 250 won.

Editor's note: A number of new birds that should have been included in Vol. 55(4) were omitted since the page count was getting too high. They are listed here before the 'New Birds' for this issue.



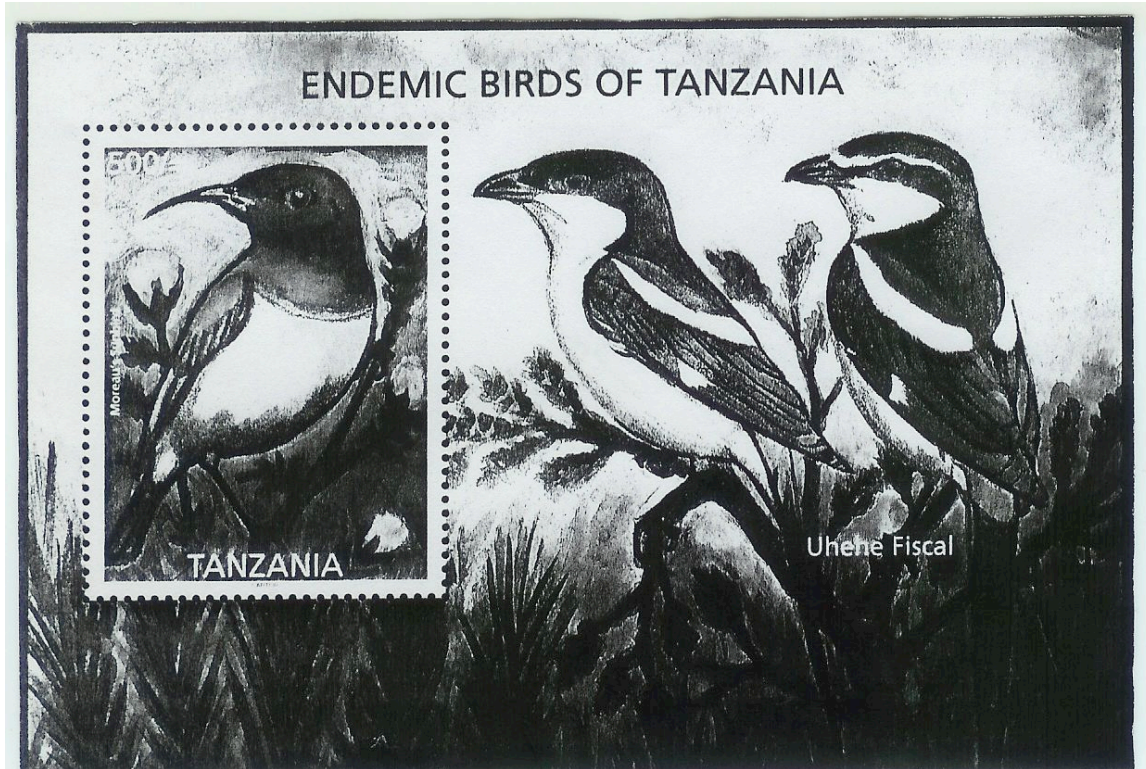
RUFOUS-WINGED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris rufipennis* (166.085)
 Nectariniidae
 Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 350 shillings

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male is dark blue above and gray below with rufous wing patches and red breast; the female is gray-brown above and streaked paler below with rufous wing patches.

Habitat: montane forests.

Range: Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania.

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



MOREAU'S SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris moreaui* Nectariniidae (166.067)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 500 shillings

The bird in the surrounds is a Uhehe Fiscal, *Lanius collaris marwitzi*, a subspecies of the Common Fiscal that occurs in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania.

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is metallic green above with a yellow-sided red breast band and yellowish-olive belly; the female is greenish above and ochraceous-yellow below.

Habitat: moist mountain forest and clearings.

Range: Eastern Arc Mountains, Tanzania.

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



PEMBA WHITE-EYE, *Zosterops vaughani* Zosteropidae (171.009)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 500 shillings

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive-green above and bright yellow below and forehead.

Habitat: all.

Range: Pemba Islands, Tanzania.

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



BRIDLED WHITE-EYE, *Zosterops conspicillatus* Zosteropidae (171.025)
Nauru, 2005, 534a, 25 cents (bird on the left)

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish above and yellow below with a white eye-ring.

Habitat: shrubby forests.

Range: Marianas Islands.

Reference: Pratt, H. D., P. L. Bruner and D. G. Berrett. The Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific.

GOLDEN WHITE-EYE, *Cleptornis marchei* Zosteropidae (171.078)
Nauru, 2005, 534f, 25 cents (bird on the right)

Length: 5.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gold with greenish wings and tail.

Habitat: all habitats.

Range: Agiguan and Saipan, Marianas Islands.

Reference: Pratt, H. D., P. L. Bruner and D. G. Berrett. The Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific.



ULUGURU BUSHSHRIKE, *Malaconotus alius* Malaconotidae
(177.043)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Uniform olive above and yellow below with a black head.

Habitat: montane forest.

Range: Uluguru Mountains, Tanzania.

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



KILOMBERO WEAVER, *Ploceus burnieri* Ploceidae (192.037)

Tanzania, 2006, not yet cataloged, 600 shillings

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive above with a bright yellow head and below and black lores to chin.

Habitat: reedbeds and adjacent scrub.

Range: Kilombero marsh, central Tanzania.

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



GRASS-GREEN TANAGER, *Chlorornis riefferi* Thraupidae (201.021)

Liberia, 1998, 1350g, 32 cents

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bright green with a chestnut face and vent and salmon-red legs and bill.

Habitat: humid montane forest.

Range: Colombia to northwestern Bolivia.

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

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 and I will catch up on the others as quickly as I can.



BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE, *Circaetus cinerascens* Accipitridae (030.064)

Liberia, 2001, Yvert 3733, Michel 4293, \$7.50

Length: 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown, paler below with a broad white band across the middle of the tail.

Habitat: woodlands.

Range: Senegal to Ethiopia, Angola and Zambia.

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

the World, Volume 2.



RED-FACED GUAN, *Penelope dabbeni* Cracidae (034.019)

Bolivia, 2005, 1243, 1.50 bolivars

Length: 25 to 29 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark with bright red facial skin.

Habitat: cloud forest.

Range: Southern Bolivia and northwestern Argentina.

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



MANIPUR BUSH-QUAIL, *Perdicula manipurensis* Phasianidae (038.077)
India, 2006, not yet cataloged, 5 rupees

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is slaty-gray above and black-spotted ashy gray and rufous-buff below with a rufous-chestnut forehead, chin and throat; the female is duller with no rufous on the head.

Habitat: tall dense grassland.

Range: Northeastern India and Bangladesh.

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



RED-CHESTED OWLET, *Glaucidium tephronotum* Strigidae
(078.141)

Gabon, 2004, not yet cataloged, 260 francs (Please let me know where I can get one of these stamps.)

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above with a gray head & neck, brown-streaked rufous below and three large white tail spots.

Habitat: dense primary forest.

Range: Liberia to western Kenya.

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



ELF OWL, *Micrathene whitneyi* Strigidae (078.151)

United States, 1999, surrounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Pale-spotted brownish gray above with a cinnamon-buff face and throat and white super-ciliary and collar.

Habitat: arid woodlands and cactus desert.

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

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



BLUE-BANDED TOUCANET, *Aulicorhynchus coeruleicinctus* Ramphastidae
(102.006) Bolivia, 2005, 1244, 7 bolivars

Length: 26 to 28 inches, sexes alike, resident. green with a red rump, white throat, blue and white superciliaries and a diffuse blue breast band.

Habitat: montane subtropical cloudforest.

Range: Central Peru to southeastern Bolivia.

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



RUFOUS-BREASTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH, *Garrulax cachinnans*
 Timaliidae (149.036)

India, 2006, not yet cataloged, 5 rupees

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive-brown above and ochraceous below with a slaty-brown crown, prominent white eyestripe and black chin.

Habitat: bushes and scrub.

Range: Nilgiri Hills, southeastern India.

Reference: Ali, S. and S. D. Ripley. Handbook of the Birds of India and Pakistan, Volume 7.



AZURE JAY, *Cyanocorax caeruleus* Corvidae (189.019)

Brazil, 1998, 2678, 0.22 r

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Purplish blue with a black head, throat and chest.

Habitat: forest, secondary woodland and borders.

Range: Southeastern Brazil, eastern Paraguay and northeastern Argentina.

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



EMERALD TANAGER, *Tangara florida* Thraupidae (201.199) Bird on the left.
Tanzania, 1998, SS 1694, 1500 shillings

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Emerald green with a bright yellow crown and black ear patch.

Habitat: canopy and borders of humid mossy forest.

Range: Pacific slope of western Andes in Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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

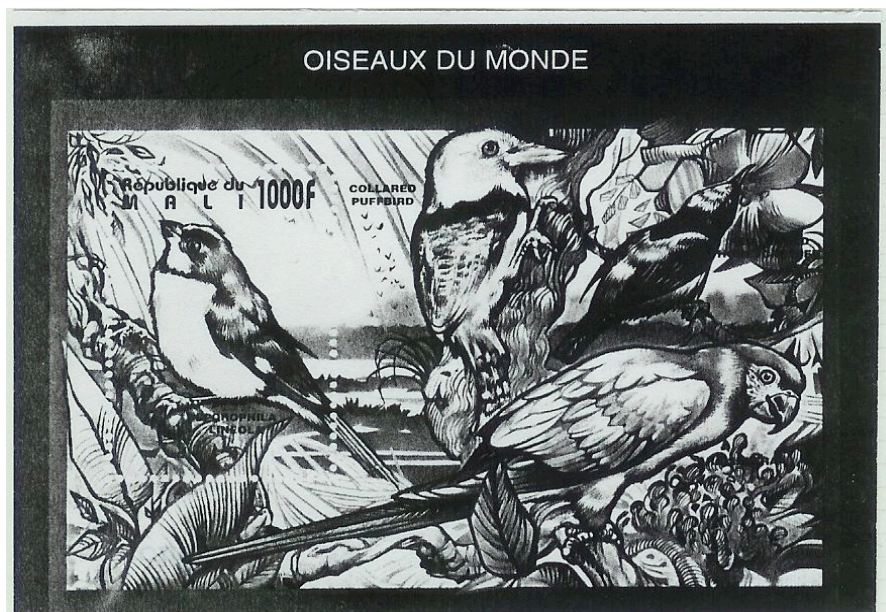
GOLDEN TANAGER, *Tangara arthus* Thraupidae (201.200) Bird on the right
Tanzania, 1998, SS 1694, 1500 shillings

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gold with a streaked back and black ear patch.

Habitat: humid montane forest.

Range: Coastal Venezuela to northwestern Bolivia.

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



LINED SEEDEATER, *Sporophila lineola* Embirizidae (202.107)
Mali, 1995, 721, 1000 francs

Length: 4.2 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and white below with a black throat; the female is light olive brown above and buffy below.

Habitat: shrubby clearings and semiopen areas with tall grass.

Range: Breeds from northern Argentina to southern Bolivia and southern Brazil; winters in northern South America.

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



CUBAN BULLFINCH, *Melopyrrha nigra* Fringillidae (202.138)
 Cayman Islands, 2006, not yet cataloged, \$4

Length: 5.5 inches, resident. The male is black with a white wing patch; the female is grayish olive.

Habitat: scrub and woodland. Range: Cuba and Grand Cayman Island.

Reference: Bond, J. Birds of the West Indies.

Comments from Richard Rosche

The comments listed below were sent by Richard to the editor in October of 2006 and I must apologise for not getting them into the journal before this. However, since the comments pertain to the Ornithology column taken from "Flight" magazine, they are probably still germane.

CHAD - 967 series: I have Golden Eagle as 967f and Lappet-faced Vulture as 967e

IRELAND – I have these listed as 1514 and 1515

INDONESIA – I have stamps for the year 2000 listed as 1918 and 1919; the 1031 for the year 2003 does not look correct

KOREA (NORTH) – these have been listed as Yvert 3373, 3374, 3375 and 3376

NICARAGUA - # 2440 – correct generis spelling is *Myiozetetes*

PORTUGAL – I have these listed as 2626, 2627 and 2628

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE – Item c is not in the set I own! But I do have the Flame-winged Parakeet, *Pyrrhura calliptera*

SURINAM – 1318a is the Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, *Chlorocycle inda*. 1318b is the Golden-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris chrysopterus*. Items e and f are listed as thye same thing; for item f the bird is the Rufous-throated Sapphire, *Hylocharis sapphirina*

Many thanks to Richard for bringing these corrections forward. They may be my errors in trying to transcribe the "Flight" listings into Scott numbers - not always the easiest thing to do! [Ed.]
