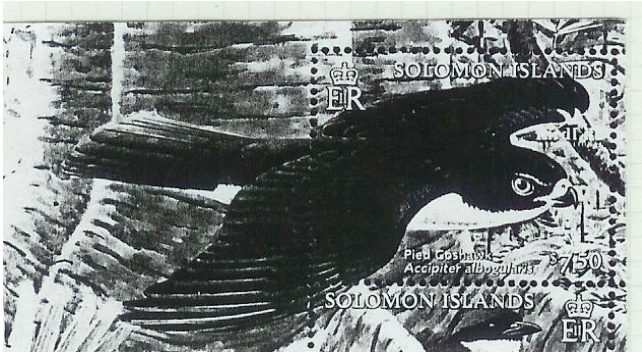


**NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY**  
**Charles E. Braun -BU 1364**



**PIED GOSHAWK**, *Accipiter albogularis* Accipitridae (030.110)  
 Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023a, \$7.50 The bird on the left above.

Length: 13 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Slaty black above and white below with a rufous hind-collar. The stamp shows the nominate race, the only race that lacks the rufous hindcollar.  
 Habitat: tropical rain forest, secondary growth, clearings, gardens and near towns.  
 Range: Solomon Islands and Feni Island (Bismarcks).  
 Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.

**IMITATOR SPARROWHAWK**, *Accipiter imitator* Accipitridae (030.115)  
 Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023b, \$7.50 The bird on the right above.

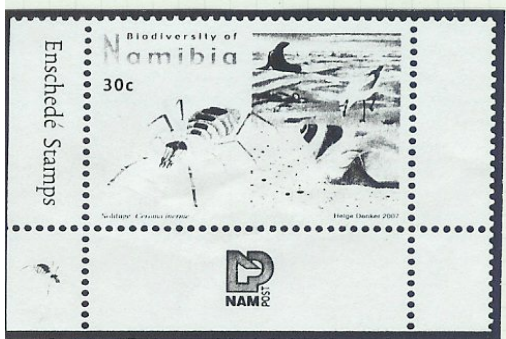
Length: 11 to 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a white belly to undertail.  
 Habitat: tropical rainforest and tall secondary forest. Range: Northern and central Solomon Islands.  
 Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



**HARTLAUB'S FRANCOLIN**, *Francolinus hartlaubi*  
 Phasianidae (038.039)  
 Namibia, 2007, not yet cataloged, nonstandard mail - The francolin is in the eagle's claws.

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and heavily streaked pale below with a white brow; the female is pale cinnamon brown below with a grayish neck.

Habitat: scrubby hills and ridges.  
 Range: Namibia and southwestern Angola.  
 Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



**WHITE-FRONTED PLOVER, *Charadrius marginatus***  
Charadriidae (060.043)

Namibia, 2007, not yet cataloged, 30 cents

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar but the female is paler, resident. Pale brownish above, white forehead, collar and below.

Habitat: seashores and along rivers.

Range: Africa south of the Sahara and Madagascar.

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

book of the Birds of the World, Volume 3.



**GRAY NODDY, *Procelsterna albivitta*** Sternidae (068.042) As pointed out by Lois Herrmann, I incorrectly identified this as a Blue Noddy (BP 55:4, page 191). Norfolk Island, 2005, 855, \$1.50

Length: 11 to 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and white head and below with a black tail.

Habitat: temperate and subtropical oceans and islands.

Range: Norfolk Island, Henderson and Easter Islands, and Desaventurados Islands (off Chile).

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



**SNOW PIGEON, *Columba leuconota*** Columbidae (072.003) The bird on the right

Guinea-Bissau, 2006, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish-brown above and white below with a slate gray head, three black wingbars and a white upper rump.

Habitat: rock cliffs in high mountains.

Range: Himalaya, Alai and Pamir mountains.

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



**LAUREL PIGEON, *Columba junoniae*** Columbidae (072.013)  
Guinea-Bissau, 2006, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Reddish purple above and wine red below with a dark gray face, iridescent green crown and nape and a white-tipped gray tail.

Habitat: laurel forest.

Range: Western Canary Islands.

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





**CRESTED CUCKOO-DOVE**, *Reinwardtoena crassirostris* Columbidae (072.081) Solomon Islands, 2005, 1022f, \$5

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Purplish gray head with a hairy crest, darker below with brown back, wings and tail.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Solomon Islands.

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



**STEPHAN'S DOVE**, *Chalcophaps stephani* Columbidae (072.091) Solomon Islands, 2005, 1022e, \$5

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is chestnut brown with a white forehead, iridescent green wings and a yellowish belly; the female is duller with a gray forehead.

Habitat: forest and forest edges.

Range: Sulawesi to the Solomon Islands.

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



**YELLOW-BIBBED FRUIT-DOVE**, *Ptilinopus solomonensis* Columbidae (072.250) Solomon Islands, 2005, 1022b, \$5

Length: 8 to 9 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a broad yellow breast band, and a mauve forehead and patch on the lower breast; the female is green with yellow on the lower belly and undertail.

Habitat: lowland forest on small islands and above 750 meters on larger islands.

Range: Northwestern New Guinea islands to the Solomon Islands.

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



**Text on following page****RED-KNOBBED IMPERIAL-PIGEON, *Ducula rubricera*** Columbidae (072.276)

Solomon Islands, 2005, 1022a, \$5 The bird on the left on previous page.

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Pale blue head neck and upper breast and reddish brown belly with a cherry red knob at the base of the bill. The stamp shows the Solomon Islands subspecies *Ducula rubricera rufigula*.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Bismarck Archipeligo and Solomon Islands.

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

**SINGING PARROT, *Geoffoyus heteroclitus*** Psittacidae (074.112)

Solomon Islands, 2005, 1021f, \$2.10 The bird on the right on previous page.

Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a yellow head and a gray collar; the female is green with an olive gray face and crown.

Habitat: lowland forest, clearings, gardens and parks.

Range: Bismarck Archipeligo and Solomon Islands.

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



**YELLOW-FACED PARROTLET, *Forpus xanthops*** Psittacidae 074.259  
(Celestial Parrot on the stamp.) Tanzania, 1991, 771j, 75/-

Length: 6 inches, sexes similar but female is paler, resident. Green with a blue-bordered yellow face and blue rump and wing patches.

Habitat: montane desert scrub, dry deciduous forest and riparian thickets.

Range: Upper Marañon Valley in north-central Peru.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 4.



**BUFF-HEADED COUCAL, *Centropus milo*** Cuculidae (076.082)

Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023c, \$7.50

Length: 24 to 27 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with buff head, breast and upper back. The stamp shows the nominate race which has a black belly and occurs on Florida and Guadalcanal Islands.

Habitat: lowland forest and thickets.

Range: Solomon Islands.

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



**WATTLED SMOKY HONEYEATER, *Melipotes carolae*** Meliphagidae  
(173.137.100) Indonesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 1500r

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Sooty gray with a wattled yellow face patch.

Habitat: montane forest and edges.

Range: Foya mountains, western New Guinea.



Reference: Beehler, B. M. The London Independent, February 7, 2006.



**MOTTLED OWL**, *Ciccaba virgata* Strigidae (078.109)

Tanzania, 1997, 1561c, 140 shillings; Surinam, 2006, 1820, Q

The Tanzania stamp was written up in *Biophilately* 47(2) but

not designated as a new species. The Surinam stamp shows a dark-morph bird and is a much better representation.

Length: 12 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and streaked below with brown eyes and a bold whitish brow.

Habitat: forest and thickets.

Range: Mexico to northeastern Argentina.

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



**RED-THROATED BARBET**, *Megalaima mystacophaenus* Capitonidae (101.011)

Maldives, 2007, not yet cataloged, 30 Rf. This was written up in *BP* 54 (2), page 87 for an Eynhallow issue.



**BLACK-FACED PITTA**, *Pitta anerythra* Pittidae (118.031)

Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023f, \$7.50

Length: 6 to 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. bright green above and ochre-buff below with a black and chestnut head.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Northern and central Solomon Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 8.  
**PEMBA SUNBIRD**, *Cinnyris pembae* Nectariniidae (166. 078)  
 Tanzania, 2007, not yet cataloged, 1000 shillings



Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is iridescent green with a glossy violet breastband and black abdomen; The female is greenish gray-brown above and creamy below with a white supercilium.

Habitat: all habitats.

Range: Pemba Island, Tanzania.

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



**GOLDEN-FRONTED BOWERBIRD**, *Ambluornis flavifrons* Ptilonorhynchidae (188.010)  
 Indonesia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 1500 and 2500r

Length: 9.5 inches, resident. The male is a rich brown with a golden orange crown and crest.; the female lacks the crest

Habitat: forest.

Range: Foya mountains, western New Guinea.

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



**DIAMOND FIRETAIL**, *Stagonopleura guttata* Estrildidae (193.072)  
 Tanzania, 1991, 771f, 75 francs;  
 Togo, 1996, 1788, 500 francs

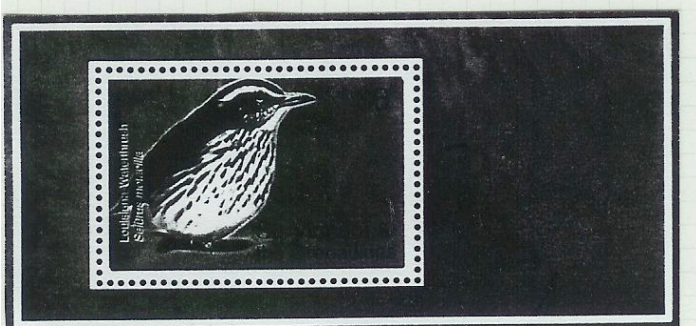
Length: 4.5 inches, sexes alike, resident.  
 Brown above and white below with a red

rump, gray crown and nape, black lores and white-spotted black sides and breast band.

Habitat: savanna woodland, grasslands, pastures and orchards.

Range: Southeastern Australia.





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

**LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH**, *Seiurus motacilla* Parulidae (199.0490

St. Vincent & Grenadines, 2007, not yet cataloged, \$6

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and streaked white below with a white supercilium and buff flanks and undertail.

Habitat: woded streams and swamps.

Range: Breeds in the eastern U.S. and southeastern Canada; winters in the Bahamas, West Indies and from Mexico to northern Colombia.

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

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