NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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<u>Note</u>: The illustrations in this continuing column have not been the best quality for some time. There are plenty of programs available for doing work of this nature but some of us are either not as computer literate as others might be, or had not obtained suitable programs for our computers. I have tried in this issue to rectify the situation, but the scale of the pictures might not be exactly the same as the stamp. Of course, enlargement will help some illustrations, but not others. Hopefully, you will be patient with us while we try to come up with a better product.

Corrections

Glenn Mertz has identified more than 100 discrepancies in bird identifications from various sources. Most of these do not affect our Philatelic Aviary; those that do are summarized below. New species are written up in the main section.

The correct identification of Tanzania, 1994, 1105c, 50s is Brown Snake-Eagle, *Circaetus cinereus*. The identification as African Marsh-Harrier, *Circus ranivorus*, in BP 43 (4), page 247 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Maldives, 1997, 2201, 1r is Crowned Eagle, *Harpyhalietus coronatus*. The identification as Solitary Eagle, *Harpyhalietus solitarius*, in BP 47, page 84 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of British Solomon Islands, 1939, 77, 2/6 is Melanesian Scrubfowl, *Megapodius eremita*. The identification as Dusky Scrubfowl, *Megapodius freycinet* in Handbook 106, page 58 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary. The Melanesian Scrubfowl is also found on Solomon Islands, 2005, 1023e, \$7.50 (BP 56, page 33).

The correct scientific name of the Oriental Cuckoo on Micronesia, 1994, 201a, 29 cents is *Cuculus optatus*, not *Cuculus saturatus* as in BP 44, page 177.

The correct identification on Bhutan, 1989, SS795, 25 nu is Crested Treeswift, *Hemiprocne coronatus*. The identification as Gray-rumped Treeswift, *Hemiprocne longipennis* in BP 39, page 29 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Micronesia, 1991,149e, 29 cents is Caroline Islands Swiftlet, *Aerodramus inquietus*. The identification as Uniform Swiftlet, *Collocalia vanikorensis* (BP 42, page 42) is incorrect and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Bhutan, 1999, SS1266, 100nu is Ward's Trogon, *Harpactes wardi*. The identification as Red-headed Trogon, *Harpactes erythrocephalus* in BP 49, page 94 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Somalia, 1980, 491, 1 shilling is Pygmy Batis, *Batis perkeo* as indicated in Handbook 106, page 152. The later identification as Gray-headed Batis, *Batis orientalis*, is incorrect and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of China (Taiwan), 1997, 3152f, \$5 is Pere David's Laughingthrush, *Garrulax davidi*. The identification as Giant Babax, *Babax waddelli*, (BP 47, page 214) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of China (Taiwan), 2003, 3509, \$5 is Black-throated Laughingthrush, *Garrulax chinensis*. The identification as White-throated Laughingthrush, *Garrulax albogularis* (BP 52, page 174 and 53, page 18) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Micronesia, 2001, 465c, 60 cents is Red-billed Leiothrix, *Leiothrix lutea*. The identification as Flame-templed Babbler, *Stachyris speciosa*, is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

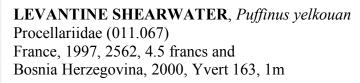
The correct identification of Botswana, 1982, 304, 2t is Miombo Sunbird, *Cinnyris manoensis*. The identification as Southern Double-collared Sunbird, *Cinnyris chalybeus*, in Handbook 106, page 39 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Malaysia, 1997, 608, \$1 is Temminck's Sunbird, *Aethopyga temminckii*. The identification as Scarlet Sunbird, *Aethopyga mysticalis* (BP 46, page 170) is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

The correct identification of Japan, 1976, 1264, 100 yen is Rook, *Corvus frugilegus*. The identification as Large-billed Crow, *Corvus macrorhynchus*, in Handbook 106, page 184 is incorrect, and this species is no longer in the Philatelic Aviary.

Ornithological Updates

The Mediterranean Shearwater has been split into two species, both of which are on stamps:



Length: 12 to 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark above and brownish-washed white below with white extending from the chin to the sides of the breast.

Habitat: inshore waters.

Range: Southern France and eastern Algeria to Turkey and Bulgaria.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 1.







BALEARIC SHEARWATER, *Puffinus mauritanicus* Procellariidae (011.068)

Spain, 1999, 2980, 100 pesetas

Length: 14 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. dark above and pale below with white patches on the cheeks and sides of the breast.

Habitat: inshore waters.

Range: Balearic Islands, western Mediterranean.

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



Golden-winged Grosbeak, *Rhynchostruthussocotranus*, found on Socotra and in southwestern Arabia and Somali Grosbeak, *Rhynchostruthuslouisae*, found in northern Somalia, which is on Somalia, 1980, 492 and 493a, 2.25 sh (Handbook 106, page 168).





WHITE-SHOULDERED IBIS, Pseudibis davisoni

Threskiornithidae (024.006)

Cambodia, 2006, not yet cataloged, 3500 riels

Length: 24 to 32 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with white wing patches.

Habitat: wetlands.

Range: Southern Vietnam, Cambodia and Borneo.

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



CROWNED EAGLE, *Harpyhaliaetus coronatus* Accipitridae (030.173)

Maldives, 1997, 2201, 1 r

Length: 30 to 34 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a white band and tip on a black tail.

Habitat: moist Pantanal, dry shrub Chaco and forest.

Range: Southern Brazil and eastern Bolivia to central Argentina.

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

the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



MELANESIAN SCRUBFOWL, Megapodius eremita

Megapodiidae (033.018)

British Solomon Islands, 1939, 77, 2/6

Length: 14 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark gray with a short

crest and a bare red face.

Habitat: rain forest.

Range: Admiralty Islands to the Solomons.

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

book of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



CHINESE MONAL, *Lophophorus lhuysii* Phasianidae (038.115) China, 2006, 3547, 40f

Length: 30 to 32 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a glossy green head, back and tail and a droopy crest; the female is rufous and black with a pale cere and throat.

Habitat: alpine and subalpine meadows.

Range: Central China.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 2.



BAR-WINGED RAIL, Nesoclopeus

poecilopterus Rallidae Fiji, 2007, not yet cataloged, \$2

Length: 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Rufous brown above and gray below with yellow legs and a yellow bill, orange at the base.

Habitat: swamps.

Range: Extinct; formerly Solomon Islands and Ovalau and Vita Levu, Fiji. Last reported sighting was 1973.

Reference: Pratt, H. D., P. L. Bruner and D. G. Barrett. A Field Guide to the Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific.



MINDANAO BLEEDING-HEART, *Gallicolumba criniger* Columbidae (072,169)

Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike but female has a purple rather than blue iris, resident. Bronzy green head and neck with a white throat, reddish breast patch and buffy belly.

Habitat: primary and secondary forest.

Range: Eastern Philippines: Samar, Leyte, Bohol, Mindanao, Dinagat and Basilan. The stamp shows the

subspecies criniger, which is found on Mindanao and Dinagat.

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



AMETHYST DOVE, *Phapitreron amethystina* Columbidae (072.188) Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 11 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown above with an iridescent violet blue and purple hindneck, reddish buff undertail and white stripe below the eye.

Habitat: forest interior.

Range: Philippines except Palawan; the stamp shows the *amethystina* subspecies, which is found on northern, eastern and southeastern Philippines. Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the

Birds of the World, Volume 4.



PINK-NECKED PIGEON, *Treron vernans* Columbidae (072.191) Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 10 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellowish green above with a pink neck and breast and tawny orange lower breast; the female is dark olive green above and yellowish green below.

Habitat: forest, forest edge, plantations, bamboo and mangroves.

Range: Southeast Asia to the Philippines and Lesser Sundas.

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



JAMBU FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus jambu* Columbidae (072.220) Singapore, 2007, not yet cataloged, 80 cents

Length: 9 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and white below with

a pink breast patch and a pinkish-crimson head; the female is all green. Habitat: wooded areas. Range: Peninsular Thailand to Java.

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



BLACK-CHINNED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus leclancheri* Columbidae (072.223)

Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 10 to 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a black chin and a silvery gray head neck and breast below which is a blackish chestnut band; the female is green with a brownish black chin and a narrow dark brown band on the lower breast.

Habitat: forest and dense second growth.

Range: Philippines and Lan Hsu Islands south of Taiwan.

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



SPOTTED IMPERIAL-PIGEON, *Ducula carola* Columbidae (072.271) Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 13 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a spotted gray back, pale gray head, neck and breast and dark chestnut underparts; the female has a darker head, neck and breast and no sharp dividing line below the breast.

Habitat: forest and forest edges. Range: Philippines, except Palawan.

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



GRAY IMPERIAL PIGEON, *Ducula pickeringii* Columbidae (072.288) Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish gray above and pale pinkish gray below with a light mauve or grayish pink head and neck.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Sulu Islands (Philippines and Borneo) and Miangas and Islands northeast of Sulawesi.

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



PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON, Ducula bicolor Columbidae (072.300)

Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7p

Length: 14 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. White with black primaries, outer secondaries and tail.

Habitat: coastal forests, mangroves and coconut plantations.

Range: Myanmar, Thailand and the Andamans to western New Guinea.

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



PYGMY LORIKEET, *Charmosyna wilhelminae* Psittacidae (074.042) Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a purple crown, yellow breast streaks and a red rump; the female lacks the red rump.

Habitat: montane woodlands.

Range: New Guinea.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 4.

RED-FLANKED LORIKEET, *Charmosyna placentis* Psittacidae (074.044)

Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet caytaloged, 500 francs

Length: 6 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with blue cheeks and red chin and flanks; the female lacks the red and blue and has yellow-streaked cheeks.

Habitat: woodlands.

Range: Moluccas to New Guinea and Bougainville.

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



PLUM-FACED LORIKEET, *Oreopsitta arfaki* Psittacidae (074.050)

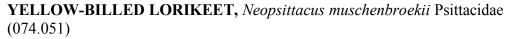
Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet cataloged, label

Length: 6 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the label) is green with a black bill, red crown and plum purple face; the female lacks the red crown.

Habitat: montane mist forest. Range: New Guinea.

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

of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and red below with a yellow bill, and yellow-orange undertail.

Habitat: mid-montane forest. Range: New Guinea.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 4.







BUFF-FACED PYGMY-PARROT, Micropsittacus pusio

Psittacidae (074.059)

Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet cataloged, label

Length: 3 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a buff face

and a deep-blue crown.

Habitat: lowland forest and dense savanna.

Range: New Guinea.

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

book of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



BREHM'S TIGER-PARROT, *Psittacella brehmii* Psittacidae (074.107)

Guinea-Bissau, 2007, not yet cataloged, 500 francs

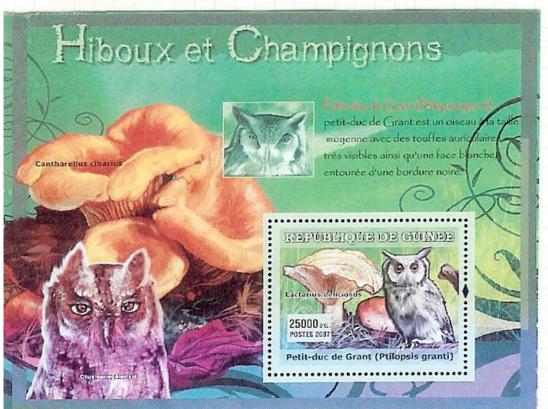
Length: 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with a chocolate-brown head and black bars on the back; the female has black and yellow barring on the upper breast.

Habitat: upland forests and borders.

Range: New Guinea.

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

of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



SOUTHERN WHITE-FACED OWL, *Ptilopsis granti* Strigidae (078.072)

Guinea, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7500 and 25000f

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and streaked below with a black-bordered white face and bright orange eyes.

Habitat: savanna, woodland, forest edges and clearings.

Range: Africa south of the Equator.

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



Range: Caroline Islands.

CAROLINE ISLANDS SWIFTLET, *Aerodramus inquietus* Apodidae (084.037)

Micronesia, 1991,149e, 29 cents

Length: 4.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark above and below with pale underwings.

Habitat: Breeds in caves; found over open country and forests.

Reference: Chantler, P and G. Driessens. Swifts.



CRESTED TREESWIFT, Hemiprocne coronatus

Hemiprocnidae (085.001) Bhutan, 1989, SS795, 25 nu

Length: 9 inches, largely resident. The male (on the stamp) is

blue- gray above and pale below with a

long forked tail, crest and a reddish face; the female (in the surrounds) lacks the reddish face.

Habitat: forests, cultivated areas and gardens.

Range: India to southern Burma and Vietnam. Birds in western

India move east and south in winter.

Reference: Chantler, P and G. Driessens. Swifts.



Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 20p

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is blue above and rufous below, ear coverts and hindneck with a white chin; the female has a green cap and back.

Habitat: forest. Range: Mindanao, Philippines.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 6.





DUPONT'S LARK, *Chersophilus duponti* Alaudidae (120.051) Spain, 2007, not yet cataloged, 0.30 euro

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Rufous brown above and whiteish belly with a streaked breast and neck and a long curved bill.

Habitat: open plains.

Range: Spain and North Africa.

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

of the World, Volume 9.



NEW CALEDONIAN CUCKOO-SHRIKE, Coracina analis

Campephagidae (123.022)

New Caledonia, 2007, not yet cataloged, 75 francs

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike but the female is smaller, resident.

Lead gray with rufous-chestnut undertail.

Habitat: dense montane primary forest.

Range: New Caledonia.

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

the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



GRAY-CHINNED MINIVET, *Pericrocotus solaris* Campiphagidae (123.080)

China (Taiwan), 2007, not yet cataloged, \$3.50

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is leaden black above and orangy (yellow in the female) below, back, rump, and wing patches with gray cheeks.

Habitat: open forest and forest edges.

Range: Eastern Himalayas to Taiwan and Borneo.

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

Birds of the World, Volume 10.

RED-VENTED BULBUL, *Pycnonotus cafer* Pycnonotidae (126.023) Fiji, 2007, not yet cataloged, 50 cents

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar, resident. Scaly with a black head and red vent

Habitat: drier woodland and scrub.

Range: Pakistan to northern Thailand and Sri Lanka. Introduced in many

countries.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.





GRAY SILKY-FLYCATCHER, *Ptilogonys cinereus* Ptilogonatidae (128.002) Lesotho, 2007, not yet cataloged, 6m

Length: 7 to 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray with yellowish flanks and white at the base of the undertail; the female is dusky vinaceous above and dull vinaceous below with yellow undertail coverts.

Habitat: humid to semiarid oak and evergreen forest.

Range: Mexico and western Guatemala.

Reference: Howell, S. N. G. and S. Webb. A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and

Northern Central America.



LONG-TAILED MOCKINGBIRD, *Mimus longicaudus* Mimidae (134.011)

Peru, 2007, not yet cataloged, 5.50 soles

Length: 11 to 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a long graduated tail, white throat and supercilium and black eyestripe.

Habitat: arid regions, tree groves and farms.

Range: Southwestern Ecuador and western Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



PERE DAVID'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH, Garrulax davidi

Timaliidae (147.022)

China (Taiwan), 1997, 3152f, \$5

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Plain gray-brown with a yellow bill and a mostly blackish tail.

Habitat: scrub forests, thickets and low bushes.

Range: Northern Manchuria to northern Sichuan, China.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.



WHITE-BELLIED YUHINA, *Yuhina zantholeuca*, Timaliidae (147.270) Palau, 2007, not yet cataloged, 80 cents

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Yellowish-green above & grayish-white below with a short crest and slender bill.

Habitat: forest.

Range: Nepal to Taiwan and Borneo.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.



MIOMBO SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris manoensis* Nectariniidae (164.056) Botswana, 1982, 304, 2t

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (above) has a green back, head and throat, pale olive-gray belly and a red breast band; the female (below) is gray-brown above and pale gray below.

Habitat: Miombo woodland and open savanna.

Range: Tanzania to Zimbabwe and Angola.

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



TEMMINCK'S SUNBIRD, *Aethopyga temminckii* Nectariniidae (164.120) Malaysia, 1997, 608, \$1

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (below) has a scarlet head, shoulders, breast and tail, dark wings and a gray belly; the female (above) is gray, paler below, with reddish wings and rounded tail.

Habitat: forests.

Range: Peninsular Thailand to Sumatra and Borneo.

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



CHINESE GRAY SHRIKE, *Lanius sphenocercus* Laniidae (174.017) China (Taiwan), 2008, not yet cataloged, \$15

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray above and off-white below with a black mask, wings and tail and white outertail and wing patches.

Habitat: broad valleys, pastures and cultivated areas.

Range: Eastern Siberia to eastern Tibet; winters in Korea and eastern China.

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



BRONZED DRONGO, *Dicrurus aeneus* Dicruridae (178.014) China (Taiwan), 2008, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 9.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a very glossy metallic sheen and a deeply forked flat-tipped tail.

Habitat: dense woodlands. Range: Taiwan to India and Borneo.

Reference: King, B.F. and E. C. Dickenson. A Field Guide to the Birds of

South-East Asia.



GRAY TREEPIE, *Dendrocitta formosae* Corvidae (187.055) China (Taiwan), 2008, not yet catlaoged, \$10

Length: 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull brown above and pale gray nape, rump and below with a black face and a small white patch on black wings.

Habitat: forest, scrub and second growth.

Range: Taiwan to India and Southeast Asia.

Reference: King, B.F. and E. C. Dickenson. A Field Guide to the Birds of

South-East Asia.



GREEN-FACED PARROTFINCH, *Erythrura viridifacies* Estrildidae (191.092)

Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 24p

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, but the female has a shorter tail, resident.

Green with a dark red tail.

Habitat: forest edges, thickets and bamboo stands.

Range: Luzon and Negros, Philippines.

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WHITE-CHEEKED BULLFINCH, *Pyrrhula leucogenis* Fringillidae (194.155)

Philippines, 2007, not yet cataloged, 24p

Length: 6 to 6.5 inches, sexes similar, but the female is slightly duller, resident. Rich brown above and buff brown below with black cap, wings and tail and white cheeks and rump.

Habitat: moist oak forest.

Range: Northern Luzon and Mindanao mountains.

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TAWNY-SHOULDERED BLACKBIRD, *Agelaius humeralis* Icteridae (203.003)

Lesotho, 2007, not yet cataloged, 2.10m

Length: 7.5 to 8.5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Black with a tawny epaulet that has a buff border.

Habitat: open woodlands and rice paddies.

Range: Cuba and northern Haiti.

Reference: Jaramillo, A and P. Burke. New World Blackbirds.