

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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## British Locals

A number of British local stamps showing species not otherwise shown on stamps have been written up in this column. These issues were originally used to pay for transport of mail from islands off Scotland to government post offices on the mainland. Later, many stamps were issued for which no real need existed. These were primarily for tourists and collectors. Most were topical stamps; many showed birds. The bird names on the stamps aren't much help (as shown for birds already written up), and some of the artwork isn't very good. In this issue I have written up all that I can identify. All of these were issued more than twenty-five years ago.



**BONIN PETREL, *Pterodroma hypoleuca*** Procellariidae (011.034)  
Kiribati, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$5

Length: 12 inches, sexes alike, disperses. Gray above and white below with a white forehead and cheeks and a thick black band on the leading edge of the underwing and a dusky gray band on the trailing edge.

Habitat: marine and highly pelagic.

Range: Breeds on the Volcano, Bonin and leeward Hawaiian Islands; disperses to the subtropical western Pacific Ocean.

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



**PINK-FOOTED SHEARWATER, *Puffinus creatopus*** Procellariidae  
(011.058)

Kiribati, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$1

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, disperses. Dark above and whitish below with mottled underwings, pink legs and a pink bill with a black tip.

Habitat: marine and pelagic.

Range: Breeds on islands off Chile; disperses throughout the eastern Pacific Ocean.

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

of the World, Volume 1.



**CHINESE POND-HERON, *Ardeola bacchus*** Ardeidae (020.029)  
Cocos Islands, 2008, not yet cataloged, 50 cents

Length: 18 inches, sexes similar, but female has a paler foreneck, migratory. Chestnut-red head to breast, dark slaty back and white wings with yellow bill and legs.

Habitat: marshes, riverbanks, ricefields and ponds.

Range: Breeds from Manchuria to the Andaman Islands; winters from eastern China to Borneo.

Reference: Hancock, J. and J. Kushlan. The Herons Handbook.



**ALTAI SNOWCOCK, *Tetraogallus altaicus*** Phasianidae (038.006)  
Staffa, 1982, 45 pence

Length: 23 inches, sexes similar, resident. Grayish above with a plain white belly and black spots on a grayish upper breast.

Habitat: steppes, alpine meadows and mountain tundra.

Range: Mongolia and bordering southern Siberia.

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



**RED-BILLED FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus adspersus*** Phasianidae  
(038.044)

Liberia, 2007, not yet cataloged, \$45

Length: 14 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and finely barred neck and below with red bill and legs.

Habitat: arid savanna and open broadleafed woodland.

Range: Southern Angola and Namibia to western Zimbabwe

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



**RED-WINGED WOOD-RAIL, *Aramides calopterus*** Rallidae  
(046.074)

Grunay, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive above and gray below with reddish chestnut neck and wings.

Habitat: wet forest.

Range: Eastern Ecuador, northeastern Peru and adjacent Brazil.

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



**ROCK SANDPIPER, *Calidris ptilocnemis*** Scolopacidae (062.081)  
 Eynhallow, 1982, 20 pence

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Patchy pale head, streaky below (black breast patch in breeding plumage) with a dark tail.

Habitat: tundra; winters on rocky shores and stony beaches.

Range: Kuriles to western Alaska; winters in eastern Japan and west coast of North America.

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



**WOMPOO FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus magnificus*** Columbidae (072.225)  
 Grunay, 1982, 10 pence

Length; 12 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Greenish above and deep purple below with a pale gray head.

Habitat: forest.

Range: New Guinea and eastern Australia.

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



**JAVAN FROGMOUTH, *Batrachostomus javensis*** Podargidae (081.011)  
 Staffa, 1982, 60 pence

Length: 8 to 10 inches, resident. The male is brown above, speckled white with distinct black spots and a white supercilium; the female (shown on the stamp) is brighter and plainer with less white.

Habitat: lowland evergreen forest.

Range: Southern Myanmar to Vietnam, Palawan and Java.

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



**SALVADORI'S NIGHTJAR, *Caprimulgus pulchellus*** Caprimulgidae (083.077)

Staffa, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (above) is dark brown above spotted and barred tawny with white patches on the throat and wings; the female (below) has tawny wing spots and white tail tips but no white wing patch. Habitat: montane and submontane forest. Range: Sumatra and Java.

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

**PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY, *Heliathryx barroti*** Trochilidae (086.296)

Staffa, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and white below (but no black spots as shown) with a purple crown, dark wings and white outer tail; the female has a green crown.

Habitat: wet lowland forest.

Range: Southeastern Mexico to southwestern Ecuador.

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

**RUFOUS SABREWING, *Campylopterus rufus*** Trochilidae (086.042)

Bernera, 1982, 40 pence

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bronzy green above and cinnamon below with a rounded tail.

Habitat: forest, forest edges and plantations.

Range: Pacific coast of southern Mexico to El Salvador.

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



**SCARLET-HOODED BARBET, *Eubucco tukinkae***

Capitonidae (101.080)

Grunay, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male is green above and yellowish below with a red head and breast; the female (shown on the stamp) has a yellow throat and breast below which is a red band.

Habitat: thick understory near water.

Range: Eastern Peru, northern Bolivia and adjacent Brazil.

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

**RUDDY TREERUNNER, *Margarornis rubignosis*** Furnariidae (109.176)

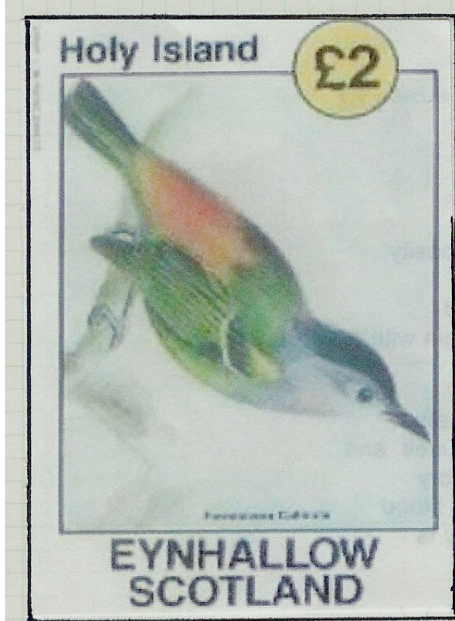
Bernera, 1982, 60 pence

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Reddish-brown above, paler below with a spotted chest and whitish throat.

Habitat: montane evergreen forest.

Range: Costa Rica and Panama.

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

**RUFOUS-RUMPED ANTWREN, *Terenura callinota***

Thamnophilidae (110.135)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive above and pale gray and yellow below with a black crown and nape and a cinnamon-rufous rump; the female has a brown crown and nape.

Habitat: canopy and subcanopy of montane evergreen forest.

Range: Costa Rica to western Venezuela and central Peru; southern Guyana to central Surinam.

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



**PARAMO PIPIT, *Anthus bogotensis*** Motacillidae (122.031)

Bernera, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Cinnamon-brown above with bold blackish and buff streaks and buff below with sparse dark streaks.

Habitat: upper montane paramo and puna grassland.

Range: Northwestern Venezuela to northwestern Argentina.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 8.



**MARSH WREN, *Cistothorus palustris*** Troglodytidae (133.067)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, migratory. White-streaked blackish upper back and buffy below with a barred tail.

Habitat: marshes.

Range: Breeds from Canada to central Mexico; winters in the U.S. and Mexico.

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

Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



**GRAY-CAPPED WARBLER, *Eminia lepida*** Cisticolidae (137.104)

Eynhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike (the upper bird is a juvenile), resident.

Olive-green above and gray below with a gray cap, black band around the head and a chestnut chest patch.

Habitat: dense moist undergrowth.

Range: Southern Sudan to northern Tanzania.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.



**TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN, *Microbates cineiventris* Polioptilidae** (139.002)  
Bernera, 1982, 40 pence

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a rusty face.

Habitat: lower growth of wet humid forest and secondary woodland.

Range: Costa Rica to western Bolivia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.



**SUKATSCHEV'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH, *Garrulax sukatschewi*** Timaliidae (147.023)  
China, 2008, not yet cataloged,

Length: 11 to 12 inches, Sexes similar, resident. Dull olive-gray above and dull pinkish-brown below with black-outlined white cheeks and a fluffy pale buffy rump.

Habitat: bushy understory, scrub and bamboo thickets.

Range: Southwestern China.

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



**PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD, *Leptocoma zeylonica*** Nectariniidae (164.042)

Eynhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 4 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is deep chestnut and metallic green or purple above and pale yellow below with a metallic purple throat; the female is olive-brown above and yellow below with a whitish throat.

Habitat: forest, farms and gardens.

Range: Western Myanmar to Sri Lanka.

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





**SOUTHERN BOUBOU, *Laniarius ferrugineus*** Malaconotidae (175.021)

Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes alike but the female is paler above, resident. Black above and rufous below with a white wing stripe.

Habitat: forest edge, thickets and dense coastal scrub.

Range: Sierra Leone to Sudan and northeastern Angola.

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

**WHITE HELMETSHRIKE, *Prionops plumatus*** Prionopidae (176.001)

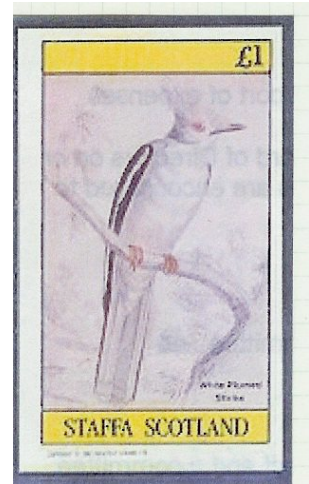
Staffa, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 7 to 9.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black above and white below with a gray head and white collar and wing stripe.

Habitat: mixed woodland and acacia savanna.

Range: Senegal to Ethiopia and northern South Africa.

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



**MOUNTAIN PELTOPS, *Peltops montanus*** Cracticidae (184.001)

Staffa, 1982, 10 pence

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a white cheek and red rump and vent.

Habitat: roadsides and forest clearings.

Range: New Guinea.

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



**WHITE-BROWED SPARROW-WEAVER, *Plocepasser mahali*** Ploceidae (190.006)

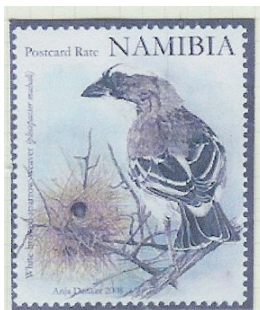
Namibia, 2008, not yet cataloged, postcard rate

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and white below with a broad white brow.

Habitat: acacia savanna and dry woodland.

Range: Southern Sudan to South Africa.

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





**GROSBEAK WEAVER**, *Amblyospiza albifrons* Ploceidae (190.116)  
Namibia, 2008, not yet cataloged, inland registered mail

Length: 6 to 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark brown with a white forehead and small wing patch; the female is whitish below, heavily streaked brown.

Habitat: forest edge and rank vegetation, usually near water.

Range: Liberia to Ethiopia and northeastern South Africa.

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



**BLACK-RUMPED WAXBILL**, *Estrilda troglodytes* Estrildidae (191.026)  
Guinea, 2008, not yet cataloged, 4500 francs

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, but the female is duller, resident. Light brown above and pale with a pinkish wash below with a gray crown and nape and a redbill and eyestripe.

Habitat: semi-arid savanna.

Range: Senegal to Sudan and western Kenya.

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



**GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET** (Probable), *Hylophilus semicinereus*  
Vireonidae (193.035)  
Eynhallow, 1982, 2 pounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a gray crown and nape.

Habitat: woodland canopy and borders.

Range: Southern Venezuela and Amazonian Brazil.

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



**HOARY REDPOLL** (Probable), *Carduelis hornemanni* Fringillidae (194.080)  
Eynhallow, 1981, 25 pence

Length: 4.5 to 5.5 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Streaky back and white below with a white bar on black wings.

Habitat: tundra.

Range: Breeds in the tundra of northern Eurasia and North America; winters to the U. S. and Britain.

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



**BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER,**

*Dendroica virens* Parulidae (197.022)

St. Pierre and Miquelon, 2008, not yet cataloged,  
0.47 euro

This species was written up for an issue from Staffa in *Biophilately* Volume 55 (2), page 73.



**WILSON'S WARBLER, *Wilsonia pusilla***

Parulidae (197.070)

Eynhallow, 1982, 60 pence

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is olive-green above and yellow below and face with a black cap; the female lacks the black cap.

Habitat: open coniferous woodlands.

Range: Breeds in northern North America; winters from Mexico to Panama.

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



**SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER, *Heterospingus xanthopygius***

Thraupidae (199.082)

Eynhallow, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, but the female is duller), resident. Black with scarlet brow, white pectoral tufts and a yellow rump.

Habitat: humid and wet forest.

Range: Eastern Panama to western Ecuador.

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



**PURPLISH-MANTLED TANAGER, *Iridisornis***

*porphyrocephala* Thraupidae (199.146)

Bernera, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Blue with a yellow throat and purplish crown and nape.

Habitat: lower growth of humid forest.

Range: Colombia and northwestern Ecuador.

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



**SILVER-THROATED TANAGER, *Tangara icterocephala*** Thraupidae (199.194)  
Bernera, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar but the female is duller, resident. Golden yellow with black streaks on the back and a silvery throat patch.  
Habitat: humid forest.  
Range: Costa Rica to southwestern Ecuador.  
Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of

South America, Volume I.



**VOLCANO JUNCO, *Junco vulcani*** Embirizidae (201.310)  
Grunay, 1982, 1982, 75 pence

Length: 6.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and grayish below.  
Habitat: forages on the ground above 10,000 feet.  
Range, Costa Rica and western Panama.

Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and J. A. Gwynne. A Guide to the Birds of Panama.

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**REPORT ON NTSS-2008 IN PORTLAND, OREGON**

The show was most enjoyable, with the usual array of meetings for various study groups and you will find the Secretary's report on page . The exhibits were very good and I list those with a 'Biology' connection below.

<b><i>The Royal Palm</i></b>	Phil Stager (Florida)	One-frame Grand award
<b><i>The Donkey in Man's World</i></b>	Bob Mather (Wisconsin)	Multi-frame gold award
<b><i>Microcosmos</i></b>	Alan Hanks (Ontario)	Multi-frame gold award
<b><i>The Olive –<i>Olea europaea</i></i></b>	Vincent de Luca (California)	Multi-frame vermeil award
<b><i>Penguin Paradigms</i></b>	Terri Edwards (Nevada)	Multi-frame vermeil award
<b><i>Big Cats &amp; Humans</i></b>	Greg Balagian (RhodeIsland)	Multi-frame vermeil award
<b><i>Evolution of Horse Breeds</i></b>	Donna Trathen (Alberta)	Multi-frame silver award
<b><i>Beavers: Nature's Engineers</i></b>	Larry Davidson (Ontario)	Display gold award
<b><i>Bamboo</i></b>	Phil Stager (Florida)	Display gold award
<b><i>The Rainbow Trout</i></b>	Tim Bartshe (Colorado)	One-frame vermeil award

The Biology Unit award (a book) went to ***Microcosmos***. All in all, a very good show, and I managed to find some nice items for my British Africa collections!

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