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NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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AHANTA FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus ahantensis* Phasianidae (038.036)

Guinea-Bissau, 2008, not yet cataloged, 500 f

This species was identified as a "probable" on Nigeria, 1984, 45k, SG 487 in Handbook 106-1, page 17.

Length: 13 inches, sexes similar, resident. Brown with streaks on the neck and below and orange-red bill and feet.

Habitat: forest edges, gallery forest and old plantations.

Range: Senegal to southwestern Nigeria.

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



GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE, *Laterallus exilis* Rallidae (046.038) Surinam, 2007, label

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and gray below with a chestnut nape and barred flanks.

Habitat: marshes, riverbanks, lake edges, wet grassy areas and flooded rice fields.

Range: Guatemala to southeastern Brazil and Paraguay.

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

World, Volume 3.



WESTERN PLANTAIN-EATER, *Crinifer piscator* Musophagidae (075.022)

Guinea-Bissau, 2008, not yet cataloged, 3000 f

This species was written up for a 1982 issue from Staffa in *Biophilately* 55#1, page 52.



BLOOD-COLORED WOODPECKER, *Venilornis sanguineus* Picidae (104.130) Surinam, 2007, label

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is red above and dark below (darker than shown on the stamp); the female has a brown crown.

Habitat: coastal lowlands.

Range: Guianas.

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

World, Volume 7.

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BLACK-WINGED ORIOLE, *Oriolus nigripennis* Oriolidae (172.022) Liberia, 2007, not yet cataloged, \$45

Length: 8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Yellow with a black head, green inner wings and black outerwings. The illustration on the stamp is poor. Habitat: gallery forest and forest edges.

Range: Sierra Leone to Sudan, western Uganda and northwestern Angola.

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



WHITE HELMETSHRIKE, *Prionops plumatus* Prionopidae (176.001)

Guinea-Bissau, 2008, not yet cataloged, 500 f

This species was written up for a 1982 1-pound issue from Staffa in *Biophilately* 57#2, page 83.