

**NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY**  
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The bird identified as the **AHANTA FRANCOLIN** in BP 57(3), page 130, has now been correctly identified as a **YELLOW-NECKED FRANCOLIN**, *Francolinus leucoscepus*. The bird is misidentified on the stamp as a bird that occurs in Guinea-Bissau, the issuing country. The Yellow-necked Francolin is a bird of east Africa. It is a new species and is written up below.



“Red-breasted Musk-Parrot”



Fiji has issued a set of stamps showing four “subspecies” of “Red-breasted Musk Parrot”. Current taxonomy recognizes two species: Red Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea tabuensis* with two subspecies (*P.t. tabuensis* and *P.t. taviunensis*) and Crimson Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea splendens*. The Fiji 65-cent stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis koroensis*, is a form of *Prosopiea tabuensis tabuensis* found on the island of Koro. The 90-cent stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis atrogularis*, is a form of *Prosopiea tabuensis tabuensis* found on the islands of Kio and Vanua Levu. The \$1.50 stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis taviunensis*, is a new subspecies on stamps that is found on the islands of Taviuni and Ngamea. The \$2 stamp, *Prosopiea tabuensis splendens*, shows the Crimson Shining-Parrot, *Prosopiea splendens*.

The Red Shining-Parrot has been shown on issues from Tonga (where the bird has been introduced beginning in 1897). The Crimson Shining-Parrot has been shown on issues from Fiji beginning in 1959.



**Yap Monarch**

Identification of the Yap Monarch on these stamps from Micronesia was questioned. Could these show the same species? Yes, Micronesia 1988, C36, \$1 shows a juvenile bird. Micronesia 1998, 299d, 50 cents shows an adult male.



**GRAY-HOODED SUNBIRD**, *Aethopyga primigenia* Nectariniidae (164.104)  
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and white below with a gray hood and yellow sides.

Habitat: montane forest and forest edges.

Range: eastern Mindanao, Philippines.

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



**MOUNT APO SUNBIRD**, *Aethopyga boltoni* Nectariniidae (164.105)  
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and yellow below with a metallic green forehead and yellow rump; the female is olive gray with streaking on the throat and upper breast and a yellow belly.

Habitat: montane forest.

Range: Mindanao, Philippines.

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



**LINA'S SUNBIRD** *Aethopyga linaraborae* Nectariniidae (164.106)  
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is metallic green and blue above and yellow below with orange in the center of the breast, scarlet pectoral tufts and yellow rump; the female is nonmetallic with streaks below and no yellow rump.

Habitat: montane mossy forest.

Range: eastern Mindanao, Philippines.

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



**FLAMING SUNBIRD**, *Aethopyga flagrans* Nectariniidae (164.107)  
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is brown above and yellow below with a metallic blue-green crown, metallic purple chin and dull black throat to breast; the female is olive-green above and pale gray below with a pale yellow breast patch.

Habitat: forest, forest edge and secondary growth.

Range: Luzon, Catanduanes, Guimares Panay and Negros, Philippines.

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





**METALLIC-WINGED SUNBIRD**, *Aethopyga pulcherrima* Nectariniidae (164.108)

Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a dark metallic blue or green forehead, yellow throat and breast and metallic green wings; the female is olive-green above and dull olive-gray below with a yellow rump.

Habitat: forest, forest edge, secondary growth and banana plantations.

Range: Luzon, Basilan, Dingat, Leyte, Mindanao, Samar, Biliran and Bohol, Philippines.

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



**LOVELY SUNBIRD**, *Aethopyga shelleyi* Nectariniidae (164.110)

Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a metallic crown and upper tail, dark red sides of head to upper back and yellow breast; the female is olive green above and grayish below.

Habitat: forest, forest edge, scrub and secondary growth.

Range: Philippines.

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



**AUSTRALIAN RAVEN**, *Corvus coronoides* Corvidae (187.109)

Australia, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$1.10 - the bird is on the lower left.

Length: 20 to 22 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with long throat hackles. Habitat: woodland.

Range: eastern Australia (except northern coast), southern and southwestern Australia.

Reference: Slater, P.A. Field Guide to Australian Birds, Volume Two.



**WARBLING VIREO**, *Vireo gilvus* (193.022) (probable)

Guinea, 2007, not yet cataloged, 7500 francs (the bird is on the right).

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Olive above and whitish below with a plain white eyebrow stripe.

Habitat: woodland.

Range: breeds from Alaska and southeastern Canada to Virginia and eastern Texas; winters in Mexico and Guatemala.

Reference: Peterson, R.T. A Field guide to the the Birds.



**BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER, *Tangaracayana* Thraupidae (199.182).**

Brazil, 2008, not yet cataloged, 2r

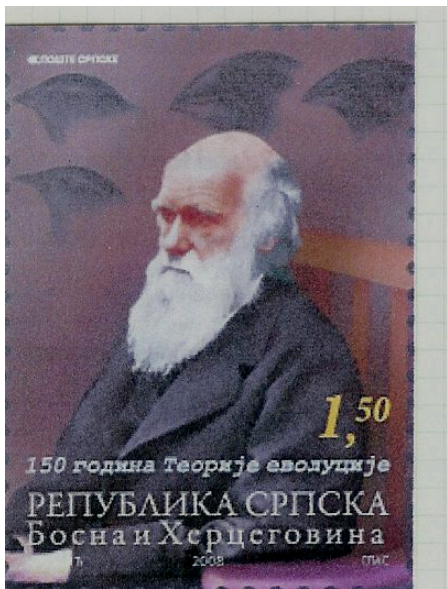
Length: 5.5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Ochraceous-buff above and sides and black face to median belly with bluish wings and tail. Habitat: savanna, scrub and sparse woodland. Range: northeastern Colombia to northeastern Argentina; eastern Peru.

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

America, Volume I.

**MEDIUM GROUND-FINCH, *Geospiza fortis* Embirizidae (201.318)**

Bosnia Herzegovina, 2008, not yet cataloged, 1.50m The bird is on the upper left.



Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black with a medium-sized bill.

Habitat: arid regions.

Range: Galapagos Islands.

Reference: Harris, M. A Field Guide to the Birds of the Galapagos.

**WARBLER FINCH, *Certhidea olivacea* Embirizidae (201.329)**

Bosnia Herzegovina, 2008, not yet cataloged, 1.50m The bird is to the left of the portrait.

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grayish above and buffy below with a small thin pointed bill.

Habitat: the humid zone is preferred, but dry areas are tolerated. Range: Galapagos Islands.

Reference: Harris, M. A Field Guide to the Birds of the Galapagos.



**YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK, *Caryothraustes canadensis* Cardinalidae (202.019)**

Surinam, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$2.50

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike resident. Yellowish-olive above and yellow below with a conspicuous black face.

Habitat: humid forest.

Range: eastern Colombia to coastal eastern Brazil.

Reference: Ridgely, R.S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume 1.

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**TAHITI PETREL**, *Pterodroma rostrata* Procellariidae (011.010)  
New Caledonia, 2008 not yet cataloged, 110 francs

Length: 17 to 18 inches, sexes alike, disperses. Dark brown head, neck and above and white below.

Habitat: marine.

Range: Bismarcks to Marquesas.

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

of the World, Volume 1.



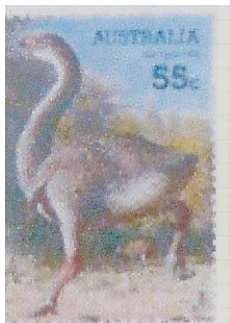
**OLIVE IBIS**, *Bostrychia olivacea* Threskiornithidae (024.011)  
Sao Tome and Principe, 2008, not yet cataloged, 10,000 d

Length: 26 to 30 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark with a shaggy crest, black face and red bill. The stamp shows the subspecies *Bostrychia olivacea bocagei*, Dwarf Olive Ibis, that occurs on Sao Tome Island and is four inches smaller than the mainland subspecies.

Habitat: moist forest undergrowth and mangroves.

Range: Sao Tome; Sierra Leone to Gabon and Tanzania.

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



**GENYORNIS** *Genyornis newtoni* Dromornithidae  
Australia, 2008, not yet cataloged, 55 cents

An ostrich-sized flightless bird that became extinct about 50,000 B.C. when humans arrived in Australia. This predator and scavenger was most closely related to waterfowl.

Habitat: arid forest and scrub.

Range: extinct, formerly Australia.

Reference: Wikipedia.



**PHILIPPINE HAWK-EAGLE**, *Spizaetus philippensis* Accipitridae (030.235)  
Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 22 to 24 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brown above and spotted rufous below with a long crest.

Habitat: forest in lowlands and foothills.

Range: Philippines.

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



**YELLOW-NECKED FRANCOLIN**, *Francolinus leucoscepus*

Phasianidae (038.048)

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

Length: 14 inches, sexes similar, resident.

Habitat: open savanna, scrub and fields.

Range: southeastern Sudan to north-central Tanzania.

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



**BLUE-CROWNED RACQUET-TAIL**, *Prioniturus discursus* Psittacidae (074.119) Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is yellowish green with a racquet tail; the female is green.

Habitat: forests and plantations.

Range: Philippines except Palawan.

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



**LONG-WHISKERED OWLET**, *Xenoglaux loweryi* Strigidae (078.156)

Peru, 2008, not yet cataloged 7.50 sols

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Warm brown with a vermiculated whitish belly and long whiskers around the bill and facial disc.

Habitat: humid cloudforest.

Range: northern Peru.

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



**PAPUAN HAWK-OWL**, *Uroglaux dimorpha* Strigidae (078.190)

Congo (Kinshasa), 2007, not yet cataloged, 600 FC

Length: 12 to 13 inches, sexes alike, resident. Barred brown and black above and black-streaked light buff below with yellow eyes and a long tail.

Habitat: lowland forest and forest edge.

Range: northwestern and southeastern New Guinea.

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



**RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD**, *Amazilia tzacatl* Trochilidae (086.149)



Nicaragua, 2007, not yet cataloged, 11.50 cor

Legth: 3 to 4.5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green with an ashy-gray belly and a rufous uppertail; the female has a white belly.

Habitat: forest edges, clearings and plantations.

Range: southern Mexico to western Ecuador.

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



**RUFOUS-HEADED WOODPECKER**, *Celeus spectabilis* Picidae (104.165)

Brazil, 2008, not yet cataloged, 1.40 r

Length: 11 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a bushy-crested red and rufous-chestnut head and a yellow belly with broad black bars; the female lacks the red in the head and the black bars on the belly. The stamp shows the subspecies *Celeus spectabilis obrieni*, Kaempfer's Woodpecker, recently rediscovered in Brazil.

Habitat: humid tropical forest.

Range: eastern Ecuador to extreme western Brazil; Piaui Province in eastern Brazil.

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



**RED-NECKED WOODPECKER**, *Campephilus rubricollis* Picidae (104.176)

Surinam, 2008, not yet cataloged, \$4

Length: 12 to 13 inches, sexes similar, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and rufous-cinnamon below with a crimson head, neck and chest; the female is darker and has a white wedge on the face.

Habitat: forest and forest edges.

Range: Colombia to Bolivia and northeastern Brazil.

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

World, Volume 7.



**PLAIN-THROATED SUNBIRD**, *Anthreptes malacensis* Nectariniidae (164.007)

Philippines, 2008, not yet cataloged, 7 pesos

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is dark above, head and throat yellow below; the female is grayish olive-green above and yellow around the eyes and below.

Habitat: forest, coastal scrub, mangroves and open swamp.

Range: western Burma to Vietnam, the Philippines and Lesser Sundas.

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