

## 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.



**BEARDED HELMETCREST, *Oxypogon guerinii*** Trochilidae (086.273) The bird on the right.

Staffa, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (on the right) is bronzy green above with a white crest and beard; the female lacks the crest and beard.

Habitat: open paramo and hillsides.

Range: Colombia and northwestern Venezuela.

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

**VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL, *Tockus deckeni*** Bucerotidae (098.009)

Grunay, 1982, 1 pound

Length: 14 inches, resident. The male is black above and white below with a yellow-tipped red bill; the female (shown on the stamp) has an all black bill.

Habitat: open savanna and woodland.

Range: Southeastern Sudan to Tanzania.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



**SWALLOW-WING, *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*** Bucconidae (100.035)

Staffa, 1982, 25 pence

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Sooty-black with a white rump and undertail and an orange-chestnut lower belly.

Habitat: open areas with scattered bushes.

Range: Eastern Colombia to northern Bolivia and eastern Brazil.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

**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)

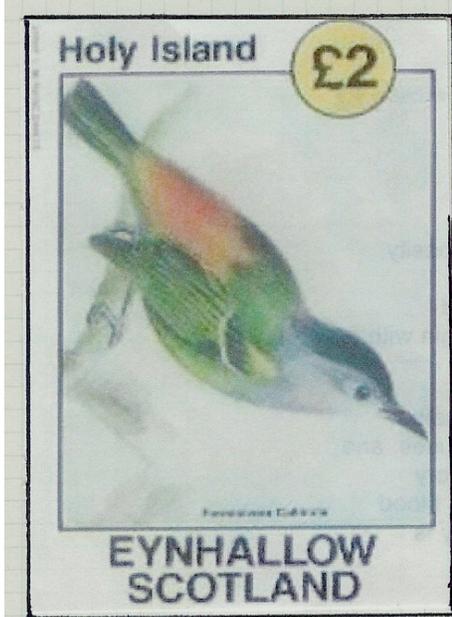
Bernera, 1982, 60 pence

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.