



YELLOW-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH, *Atlapetes flaviceps* Emberizidae
Colombia, 2018 January 23, not yet cataloged, 1000p

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive above and yellow below with a grizzled yellow head.

Habitat: Forest undergrowth and brushy areas on mountainsides.

Range: Eastern slope of the central Andes in Colombia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott, and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 16.

BIRDPEX 8

BIRDPEX is a thematic philatelic exhibition that focuses on the Bird theme and takes place in a different city every four years.

BIRDPEX 8 will be held from 19–21 May 2018, in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg as part of the philatelic exhibition EXPHIMO 2018. The exhibition is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Foundation of the Salon thematic philately Show hours are 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday and Sunday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Monday.



EXPHIMO is the annual thematic stamp exhibition of the Luxembourg Philatelic Association organized by PHILCOLUX, the thematic collector club. It is a national exhibition with international participation. The jury will judge the exhibits using *Fédération Internationale de Philatélie* (FIP) criteria for thematic exhibits.

At least five countries have already issued sets of stamps depicting birds that commemorate the BIRDPEX exhibition. One should expect that other countries will jump on board with more issues.

On 19 June 2017, Brazil issued two horizontal strips of three stamps for BIRDPEX 8 depicting birds. The designs of each strip are similar, but the stamps are a different size. One strip (Sc#3352) is perf 12×11½ with water-activated gum and denominated 1.25r. The other strip (Sc#3353) is shorter, die cut 12¼, self-adhesive, and denominated 1st class postage (1.25r). The stamps show images of the following species:



BIRDPEX 2018
Brazil, 2017, Sc#3352

Purple-winged Ground Dove (*Claravis geoffroyi*) a critically endangered species native to the Atlantic forest in southeastern Brazil, eastern Paraguay, and northeastern Argentina.

Blue-eyed Ground Dove (*Columbina cyanopis*) a threatened species endemic to the Cerrado region of Brazil. This bird was thought to be extinct until 12 birds were spotted in 2016.

Araripe Manakin (*Antilophia bokermanni*) a rare, critically endangered species that was not discovered until 1996. It is endemic to a very small area in the Araripe Uplands in northeast Brazil.