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A/C S Thanks - draft seems fine to me.
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Tom Strang.

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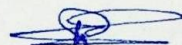
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D.C.S.

Lewis' views are at face - I have nothing to add.



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P&T/2/45

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22 May

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Mr I J Strange
Stanley

BIRDS

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Please refer to my letter of 7 April about stamp issues featuring birds.

Now that we have progressed further along this road, perhaps you would be good enough to let me have a list of suggestions of families of birds that should be depicted in future Bird issues.

D R MORRISON

for CHIEF SECRETARY

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Mr J Massingham
Chief Secretary
Secretariat
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our ref PH1B/FALK IS 8/08105



Your ref P + T/1/5

Date 16 May 1978

Dear Massingham

JCC
Let us discuss pl.
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FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMP SERIES : BIRDS

Following our letter of 9 May, I would like to comment on your proposed series of issues featuring Birds of your country.

I have given this theme further consideration and believe that it would be a good idea to release a short series of about, say, four sets showing the orders of birds which breed in the Islands and [or the Antarctic area.]

surely not

After reading Ian Strange's book "The Falkland Islands" I see that he identifies at least four orders of birds; namely

- Spheniscidae
- Procellariidae
- Laridae
- Falconiformes

There may be other orders not mentioned in this publication.

You may choose to feature species of these various order in each set; selecting those which are preferably endemic to the Falkland Islands, [or certainly to the Antarctic area.]

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The designs could illustrate some of the different species of each of these families, showing the parent birds and their young as well as their eggs.

I understand from your letter of 7 April that Mr Strange originated this topic for a series of stamp issues so you may like to discuss our proposals with him as well as your design committee.

I know that Mr Strange is one of the leading authorities on the fauna of the Islands but I would be happy to undertake

/any....

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From: THE CROWN AGENTS

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Date 16 May 1978

To Mr J Massingham

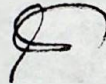
any research on your behalf and contract various ornithological experts in the U K to seek their advice on the selection of bird species.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely
Brian Hawthorne

B J HAWTHORNE

P. S. Some artwork has been received and
this letter was drafted



SU/REL/15

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8 June

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Mr I Strange
Stanley

--- I attach a copy of the Crown Agents' letter to me of 16 May.
This has crossed with mine to you of 22 May, but nevertheless I
should welcome your comments.

D R Morrison
for Chief Secretary

JB

P+T/2/45

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8TH JUNE 1978

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Bird Issue

It was noted that the artwork was with the Crown Agents. To assist with future planning, Mr Strange had been asked to suggest which families of birds should be depicted in future issues.

W.S.
We must give this credit
thought before submitting to the
Committee. We need to Stanley
have firm ideas ourselves
11 June 1978
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D R Morrison Esq OBE
Deputy Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley



Copy sent to
P.M. with a note
asking for comments
14/6/78

STAMP ISSUE : BIRDS

Dear Doug,

Thank you for your letter ⁽¹⁰⁾ of 22 May (ref P&T/2/45) re
list of suggestions of families of birds which could be depicted
in future stamp issues.

As copy of Crown Agents' letter of 16 May has just been
received I will attempt to answer both in this one letter.

I note from Mr Hawthorne's letter that he mentions
"orders" of birds and lists four of these. There is of course
nothing incorrect about this, but it raises a point about
terminology and the need for some flexibility when lists are
drawn up. For example, if we take the "order" or "family" of
Procellariidae, this would include all the petrels, shearwaters,
albatross and prions. Similarly, if we use the term "sea-
birds" we have a long list including not only the above
mentioned but many others as well.

My own personal feeling on this is that care might be
taken to allow some flexibility. In the case of a big family
of birds such as the Procellariidae I feel it would be
prudent not to use this heading but to use sub-headings such
as "Shearwaters", "Prions", "Petrels" and "Albatross". In
this way one could arrange four different sets of perhaps
four stamps each, unless of course one fairly large set was
required, and then one could revert to the heading of
either Procellariidae or, for an even bigger set, "Seabirds".

If one looks at our list of birds (63 breeding species),
which is short compared with some countries, I believe this
form of flexibility in the titles is needed if we wish to
eventually portray all or most of our interesting birds.

Referring to Brian Hawthorne's suggestion of selecting
"endemic" species, unfortunately we have none. Even taking
what we might term distinct races, the numbers are far too
small to present any number for stamp designs.

The reference to "showing the parent birds and their
young as well as their eggs" is similar to a suggestion I
intended to propose. I believe that one or two of our
species might merit special attention and could perhaps be
portrayed through not one stamp but four. One example might
be the Black-browed albatross. It is a bird which should
certainly be shown at some stage, but being the only species
(breeding) in the Falklands, one is presented with the
problem of the set in which it should appear. We could in
this case, for instance, include this albatross with a number

1960-1968

/ of others

of others which do not breed here but which can certainly be seen about our waters, thus producing a set of "Albatross" stamps. Alternatively, we could take the Black-browed albatross and show various stages of its ecology through a set of four or five stamps: the bird might be shown in flight, courtship display, tending its egg and chick-feeding. A similar theme might also be used to show each of our penguins and our Steamer duck.

Turning now to a list of "groups" of birds I would like to suggest the following:

1. Penguins

Set of five stamps or, alternatively, as suggested above.

- 1960 Bird Book
1937, 1952
- a. Rockhopper penguin (Eudyptes crestatus)
 - b. Gentoo penguin (Pygoscelis papua)
 - c. Magellan penguin (Spheniscus magellanicus)
 - d. Macaroni penguin (Eudyptes chrysolophus)
 - e. King penguin (Aptenodytes patagonica)

2. Geese

Set of four,

- 1937, 1952, 1960
1952 1960-62
- a. Ruddy-headed goose (Chloephaga rubidiceps)
 - b. Upland goose (Chloephaga picta picta)
 - c. Ashy-headed goose (Chloephaga poliocephala)
 - d. Kelp goose (Chloephaga hybrida malvinarum)

3. Gulls and Terns

Set of five. Alternatively, the one species of tern might be added to a miscellaneous section of, say, seabirds.

- 1960-62
- a. South American tern (Sterna hirundinacea)
 - b. Pink-breasted gull (Larus ridibundus maculipennis)
 - c. Dominican gull (Larus dominicanus)
 - d. Dolphin gull (Leucophaeus scoresbii)
 - e. Falkland Skua (Stercorarius skua)

4. Grebe

Set of three (two breeding species and one a fairly regular visitor):

- 1960-62
- a. Rolland's grebe (Podiceps rolland)
 - b. Silver grebe (Podiceps occipitalis)
 - c. Great crested grebe (Podiceps major)

5. Cormorants

Set of two,

- 1960-62
- a. King shag (Phalacrocorax atriceps albiventer)
 - b. Rock shag (Phalacrocorax magellanicus)

6. Ducks

Eight species which might be divided into two groups of four, portraying marine types and fresh water species.

- 1960-62
1960-62
- a. Crested (Grey) Duck (Anas cristata)
 - b. Cinnamon teal (Anas cyanoptera)
 - c. Chile Wigeon (Anas sibilatrix)
 - d. Yellow-billed teal (Anas flavirostris)
 - e. Brown pintail (Anas spinipectus)
 - f. Pampa teal (Anas versicolor)
 - g. Flightless steamer duck (Tachyeres brachypterus)
 - h. Flying steamer duck (Tachyeres patagonicus)

7. Oystercatchers

Set of two,

- 1960-1967
- a. Pied oystercatcher (Haematopus leucopodus)
 - b. Black oystercatcher (Haematopus ater)

8. Owls

Set of three to include one positive breeding species and two possible,

- a. Short-eared owl (Asio flammeus sanfordi)
- b. Red-footed owl (Strix rufipes)
- c. Barn Owl (Tyto alba)

9. Passerines

Nine species which could probably be grouped to make up a set of four and five. Group of four might be:

- a. Tussac bird (Cinclodes antarcticus)
- b. Grass wren (Cistothorus platensis hornensis)
- c. Cobb's wren (Troglodytes musculus cobbii)
- d. Siskin (Carduelis barbatus)

In this case the grouping has been according to habitat.

Group of five:

- 1960
1960
- a. Garnot's ground tyrant (Muscisaxicola m. macloviana)
 - b. Falkland Pipit (Anthus correndera grayi)
 - c. Military starling (Pezites militaris falklandicus)
 - d. Falkland thrush (Turdus f. falklandii)
 - e. Black-throated finch (Melanodera m. melanodera)

10. Swans

Set of two,

- 1937 1960-68
- a. Black-necked swan (Cygnus melanocoryphus)
 - b. Coscoroba swan (Coscoroba coscoroba)

11. Hérons

Only having one breeding species the suggestion is that two fairly common vagrant species be added, such as Cocoi heron (Ardea cocoi) and the White (Common) Egret (Casmerodius albus).

Our breeding species is the Night heron (Nycticorax n. cyanocephalus).

12. Upland species

This might be a suggested heading to cover miscellaneous selection of species but nevertheless interesting birds such as :

- a. F.I. Plover (Charadrius falklandicus)
- b. Dotterel (Zonibyx modestus)
- c. Snipe (Capella paraguaiae)

13. Petrels, Prions and Shearwaters

Depending on how these are titled and selected, the number of sets and stamps within a set will vary.

Initially two groups are proposed as follows:

Group of five:

- a. Giant petrel (Macronectes giganteus)
- b. White-chinned petrel (Procellaria aequinoctialis)
- c. Wilson's petrel (Oceanites oceanicus)
- d. Grey-backed storm petrel (Garrodia nereis)
- e. Falkland diving petrel (Pelecanoides urinatrix berard)

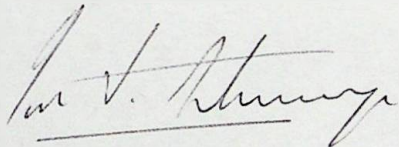
Group of four made up of two prion species and two shearwaters, namely:

- a. Thin-billed prion (Pachyptila belcheri)
- b. F.I. Fairy prion (Pachyptila turtur)
- c. Sooty shearwater (Puffinus griseus)
- d. Greater shearwater (Puffinus gravis)

Finally, two further sets might be considered covering "Vagrants" i.e. species which from time to time appear in the Islands, such as swallows, hummingbirds, egrets etc, and "Migrants", a group of different species which appear each summer but which do not breed.

Three species have been omitted as they do not "fit" any particular group, but even so the list appears fairly extensive.

Yours sincerely,



I. J. Strange.

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Stanley
Falkland Islands.
14th June 1978



D.R.Morrison Esq OBE
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley.

STAMP ISSUE. BIRDS.

Dear Doug,

Further to our conversation regarding the list of bird families and their order of preference, the following list gives some idea of how I would place those groups mentioned in my letter of 11th June. This placing is based entirely on the little knowledge I have gained from my own art sales and of course may be entirely different from that of stamp designs.

I have placed the groups into two classes "A" and "B" with individual groups being numbered indicating the order in which they might appear over the next few years.

Group "A"

- 4.Penguins.
- 7.Geese
- 5.Grebe
- 2.Ducks
- Owls
- 6.Herons
- 1.Albatross

(Hawks or birds of prey would appear on "A")

Group "B"

- Gulls and Terns
- 3.Cormorants
- Swans
- 8.Oystercatchers
- Upland Species
- 1. Petrels, Prions, Shearwaters
- Passerines

Group "A" I am sure would be the most popular, but I have tried to intersect these with Group "B".

Yours sincerely,

I.J.Strange.

MEMORANDUM

Reference

Date ... 18th June, 1978.....

From **Postmaster**

To **Chief Secretary**



Stamps - Bird Issues

Mr. Stranges letter dated 11th June ⁽¹⁶⁾ refers.

I agree the smaller family groups as set out by Ian Strange would be better than the more general grouping.

The list submitted by Ian Strange is very comprehensive and will give us a regular supply of 'Bird' stamps for many years to come.

When a list has been decided upon I suggest we contract Strange to prepare two or three sets in advance. The value tablets etc. can be affixed later without any trouble.

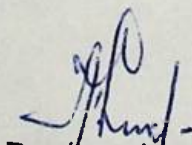
Geese and Penguins have featured extensively in past Falklands Issues and unless Penguins are obvious 'best sellers' (Mr. Morrisons letter to Crown Agents refers) I suggest we omit them at present.

To decide which families to portray will, I expect, create quite a problem. Members of the Stamp Committee will no doubt have different ideas! My preference is:

- (a) Grebes
- (b) Owls
- (c) Ducks
- (d) Upland Species

The suggestion for 'Birds and Eggs' has previously been made and is already on our list of possible subjects. I enclose a set which has recently been released but I feel we can do better by showing the eggs in their relative nests.

The suggestion regarding the four stages in the ecology of the Albatross is I think worthy of consideration.


Postmaster

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE SECRETARIAT ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 1978

- 1.4 Birds - Raptors: The various comments made by Crown Agents and FCO are being incorporated by Mr Strange in the final artwork. The species of birds to be portrayed on future issues to be fully discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

P&T/2/45

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14th September 78

Mr. J. Stephenson,
Stanley.

Mr. L. J. Halliday,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

It is planned to hold a Stamp Meeting next Monday afternoon at which we shall be considering the future stamp issues featuring Birds. I enclose correspondence from Mr. Strange and should be grateful if you would give this some thought and set out your preference as in the attached schedule. 5+6

Yours faithfully,

AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

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I J Strange's choice

- 1. Albatross
- 2. Ducks
- 3. Cormorants
- 4. Penguins
- 5. Grebe
- 6. Herons
- 7. Geese
- 8. Oyster Catchers

Postmaster's choice

- 1. Grebes
- 2. Owls
- 3. Ducks
- 4. Upland species (plover, Dotterel, Snipe)
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

L J Halliday's choice

- 1. Owls
- 2. Ducks
- 3. Passerines
- 4. Penguins
- 5. Upland species
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

J Stephenson's choice

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

1981 ✓ Grebes Passerines
 1982 2 Ducks Grebes
 1983 3 Passerines Ducks

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EXTRACT FROM MEETING OF THE STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER 1978

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BIRDS: It was agreed that the second issue (1982) should depict passerines, and Mr Strange should be asked to prepare the art work. It was noted that the Military Starling and Falkland's Thrush had previously appeared on Falklands stamp, but there was ample material available to form the basis of an attractive short set without featuring these birds. It was agreed not to feature the albatross as this subject would be more suited to South Georgia. It was also agreed to ask Mr Strange to prepare three roughs depicting grebes; this material to be held as a 'stand-by'.

21st September

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Mr. I. J. Strange,
Stanley.

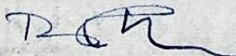
Dear Sir,

BIRD ISSUES

It was decided at a recent meeting of the Stamp Committee, that the 1982 Bird Issue should feature Passerines and I am wondering if you would be prepared to produce art work as you have done for other issues. If you would agree to do this perhaps you could phone me and then I shall ask the Crown Agents to commission you as they have done in previous cases. One further point about the Passerines issue is that the Stamp Committee would not wish the Military starling and the Falklands thrush to be featured as they both have appeared on our stamps in previous issues.

I am also to ask you to prepare three roughs depicting Grebes, which we would hold as a stand-by set in case we needed to release an issue at short notice.

Yours faithfully,



AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

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28th September

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Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

*see p. 3 of fo. 6 for list
of Passerines
birds, wrens, siskinets*

Dear Sirs,

BIRD ISSUES

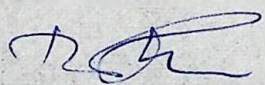
We have decided to release a short set of stamps in 1982 featuring Passerines, which local artist Mr. Ian Strange is willing to undertake.

We also think it prudent to have a 'stand-by' issue ready in case we need to insert an issue at short notice in our Programme.

The subject of this stand-by issue will be Grebes.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to commission Mr. Ian Strange to undertake the preparation of art work to the final stage for the Passerines issue and the Grebes issue.

Yours faithfully,



AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

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8 March

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Mr M Vaughan
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
St Nicholas House
Sutton Surrey SM1 1EL

--- I attach copies of my letters of 1 August 1978 and 28 September 1978 and wondering if you are able to commission Mr Strange.

--- 2. In my letter of 11 December (copy attached) the Dolphins and Porpoise issue (your file 7/23608) I asked if you could get the British Museum to provide illustrations of the dolphins and porpoises they mentioned so that Ian Strange could see how he went wrong.

3. I also asked in my letter of 13 December if you could let me have samples of the Machin silhouette to pass to Ian Strange - can you help?

D R MORRISON
for CHIEF SECRETARY

cc files P&T/ 2/33
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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22ND FEBRUARY 1979

1.3 PASSERINES

Further progress awaits the return of Mr. Ian Strange from New Island.

1.3 Passerines

Nothing further received from Mr. Strange regarding this issue.

PT/2/45

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Passerines stamp
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TO: CROWN SUTTON

TELEX NO: 265

Your telex 265 of 5 September ref PH1/1618

Agree you commission Strange for maps passerines fish and grebes at the fixed rate of pounds 180 per design ie no increase if say in a year's time your rates have increased because of UK market and Strange has not finished all the designs.

CHIEFSEC

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 1979

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1.4 Passerines

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Further progress was now expected from Mr. Ian Strange after his return from leave.

1.4 Passerines

P&T/2/45 Nothing further was received from Mr. Ian Strange.

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P+T/12/45

File pl (I have enclosures)
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Stanley
Falkland Islands

1st September 1980

D.R.Morrison Esq
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley

Stamp Design: Birds-Passerines.

Dear Rang-

Enclosed are two pieces of art work for the above issue, the colour work could be considered as finished art work, the overlays are only put in to indicate the overall design.

As you will note from my original list of birds which could be used to produce various "sets" of stamp designs, there are a number of passerines, too many I imagine for one short set. However, with the Falkland Thrush and Military Starling deleted as suggested by the Stamp Committee, as these have been shown more recently, I would like to put forward the following species:

- Siskin
- Tussock Bird
- Grass Wren
- Falkland Pipit
- Tyrant
- Black-throated Finch

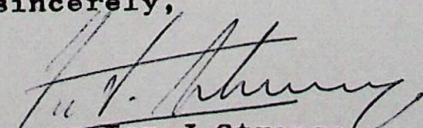
They are all dissimilar in appearance and from a design point of view, important in that they are all found in different habitats. This gives scope to the "background" of each design. In the two enclosed designs for example, tussock grass is shown with the Tussock Bird and the native Box with the Siskin. Other native plants would be shown with the remaining designs but in keeping with their true habitat.

As examples to give the Stamp Committee an idea of "colour range" the two designs enclosed are taken from both ends of that range ie, the Tussock Bird is probably the least colourful, the Siskin, probably the most colourful of the list given.

Background colours it is proposed should be very pale with a density no greater than shown in the two examples.

The subject matter "Perching Birds" (Passerines) does tend to dictate the design in that stamps should all be vertical, subject to approval on this, I would propose this format.

Yours sincerely,


Ian J.Strange.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM GROWN AGENTS (MR C PENNY) DATED 8TH SEPTEMBER 1980

CONFIDENTIAL

P+T/21457

Birds (Passerines)

Release date February 1982. Again we await news from you or Ian.

P+T/2/45

3. Passerines Issue: The designs prepared by Ian Strange were also considered. Members agreed that the six passerines mentioned should be featured in the issue but that the black-throated male finch should be depicted and not the female. Members noted the artist's comments on the background changes for each proposed design. Mention was also made about the need to ensure that the birds were shown in as lively a manner as possible. The spelling of Tussock was to be checked in case it should be Tussac.

Mr S informed

Mr S informed

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE SECRETARIAT ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 1981

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6. Passerines Issue Nothing further was received from the artist. Members agreed the artist should be reminded of the urgency of this issue due for release in February 1982.

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P&T/2/45

26th February

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Mr. I. J. Strange,
New Island.

Dear Ian,

Passerines Issue

At a Stamp Meeting held last month I was asked to remind you of the urgency of this issue which is due for release in February 1982.

I realise you have been busy on the Island but I am sure you have this very much in mind and will be able to let me have something when you return to Stanley.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]
CHIEF SECRETARY

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Falkland Islands



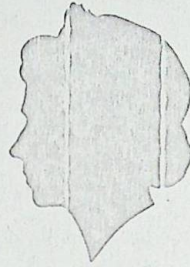
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Muscivora m. muscoviana

Dark-faced Ground-tyrant

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Anthus correndora Grayi

Falkland-Correndora Pipit

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Falkland Islands

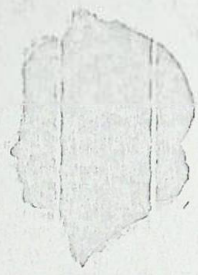


Melanodera melanogastra

Black-throated Finch

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Falkland Islands

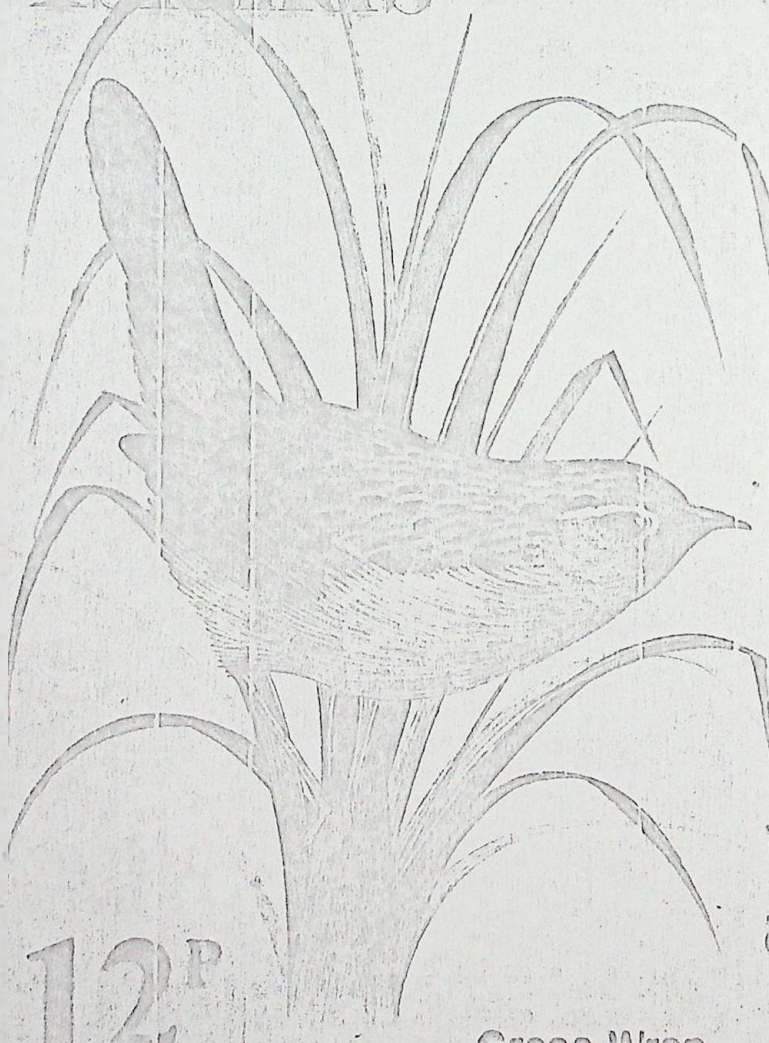


Spinus barbatus

Black-chinned Siskin

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Falkland Islands



Clisothorus platensis falklandicus

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Grass Wren

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Falkland Islands



Cinclodes antarcticus

7^P

Tussock Bird

Stanley
Falkland Islands.

22nd June 1981.

P.G.Summers Esq
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley.

Dear Phil.

Stamp Issue "Passerines"

Attached are the six pieces of finished art work for the above issue. I am also enclosing a rough of an FDC which you might like to consider as a design for the above issues official cover.

The rough for the FDC is shown actual size with a layout for the individual stamps. To be in keeping with the stamps themselves I would like to suggest that the art work for the FDC might be done in litho. This form of printing is more expensive where several colours are employed, but following the enclosed example where only one or two colours are used it might be that costs are no greater than usual forms of printing for FDC's. The Cobb's Wren is shown on the FDC design.

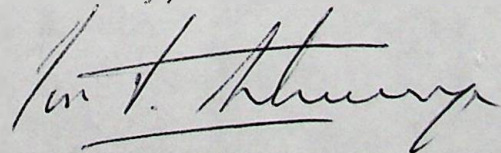
As suggested by the Stamp Committee and per the roughs for the issue, fairly light colours have been used for the backgrounds. To be in keeping with the subjects I have kept to the three shades of green, brown and blue but to further assist identification of values, value tablets have been purposely set in different positions.

There is no special scientific order given to the species shown, but I would propose that the subjects remain in the present order. No doubt valuations will change, however room has been allowed on the present designs for this.

To be in keeping with the earlier birds issue "Birds of Prey" the same profile of Her Majesty is shown in an insert the same size and design as before. Profile colours are shown for each design although I had wondered if the same colour should be used for the whole set as in the "Birds of Prey". Perhaps advice might be sought from Crown Agents on this point as they originally made the point that the various "birds" issues should be consistent in design.

If information is required on the individual species shown, I would be happy to supply this.

Yours sincerely,



Ian J.Strange.

3rd July

81

Mrs Janice Smith,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey SM1 1EL.

Dear Mrs Smith,

Passerines Issue

I attach the final artwork by Ian Strange of this issue for you to take the necessary steps to produce a stamp issue for release in August 1982.

2. The stamp values are fictitious, our postage rates for both overseas and local are to be reviewed again shortly and we will advise you of the values as soon as possible.

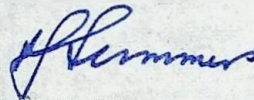
3. Points to be noted are:-

- (a) fairly light colours have been used for the backgrounds. To be in keeping with the subjects Mr Strange has kept to the three shades of green, brown and blue but to further assist identification of values, value tablets have been purposely set in different positions.
- (b) There is no special scientific order given to the species shown, but we would prefer the subjects remain in the present order. No doubt valuations will change, however room has been allowed on the present designs for this.
- (c) To be in keeping with the earlier birds issue "Raptors" the same profile of Her Majesty is shown in an insert the same size and design as before. Profile colours are shown for each design although it is wondered if the same colour should be used for the whole set as in the "Raptors". However, as the Crown Agents originally made the point that the various "birds" issues should be consistent in design we would appreciate your views.

4. Mr Strange has submitted a rough for a First Day Cover on which The Cobb's Wren will be shown. This has been accepted by the Stamp Committee and will be forwarded to you as soon as it is finally completed.

5. If information is required on the individual species shown, Mr Strange will be happy to supply.

Yours sincerely,



P.G. Summers.

AG. ONT. SECRETARY.

Stanley
Falkland Islands.

17th August 1981.

P.Summers Esq
Acting Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley.

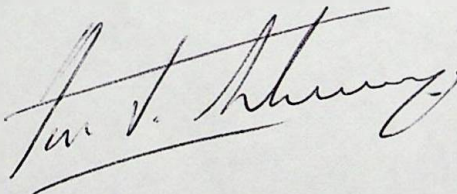
Stamp Issue: "Passerines"

Dear Phil,

Enclosed is the final art work for the FDC for the above issue. I have also included a stamp layout for the cover which will indicate to the Crown Agents how I have planned the positioning of the design.

I understand that a liner might be required for the FDC, if this is the case perhaps you would please let me know and if any special design is required such as a line drawing besides text.

Yours sincerely,



Ian J.Strange.

24th August

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Mrs Janice Smith,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
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Sutton,
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Dear Mrs Smith,

Passerines Issue

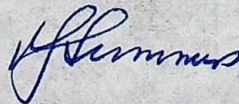
With reference to my letter of 3rd July, 1981 I now have pleasure in forwarding to you the final art work for the First Day Cover from Ian Strange. Ian suggests that the printing might be done in litho.

2. When finalising the art work for this issue Ian Strange was not aware of our recent decision to include liners in future issue First Day Covers. We can now arrange for him to produce a suitable liner and details for submission to you as soon as possible but before doing so Lewis has suggested that perhaps we should first see whether you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to make for a suitable liner. Would you like to make any suggestions please?

3. It is nice to have Lewis back and from the little I have seen of him he appears to have had both a very interesting and busy time.

We are all very grateful for all you did for him during his short time with you.

Yours sincerely,



P.G. SUMMERS.

Acting Chief Secretary.

AJCS

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214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

2-9-31 1537 TLX 62

**ACTION
COPY**

FOR THE ATTN OF MR PHIL SUMMERS
YOUR REF P AND T 2/45
OUR REF PHIN FALK IS 3:19568

YR LET 3/7 ACCOMPANYING "PASSERINES" ARTWORK.
PLEASE ADVISE VALUES SOONEST, AS WE CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL WE
RECEIVE. PARA 3(C) REQUESTED OUR VIEW ON THE COLOUR OF ROYAL
SILHOUETTE. WE WOULD PREFER TO KEEP DESIGNS AS THEY ARE,
I.E. EACH ROYAL SILHOUETTE WILL BE A DARKER TONE OF THE
BACKGROUND COLOUR IN EACH CASE.

FDC ARTWORK ARRIVED THIS MORNING. VERY ATTRACTIVE. DO YOU
MIND IF WE DIE-STAMP THE COVERS RATHER THAN USING LITHO?
AS YOU KNOW FROM "RAPTORS" DIESTAMPING IS CONSIDERABLY MORE
EXPENSIVE, BUT I THINK THE EFFECT IS WORTH IT.
DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY FOR STRANGE TO PRODUCE ARTWORK FOR
LINER, ONLY TEXT. LEWIS HAS SEEN SPECIMEN LINERS AND WILL ADVISE.
HOWEVER, ONE IDEA WE HAVE MAY APPEAL:-

IF YOU WANT A PICTORIAL DESIGN, WE COULD PRINT A LARGER VERSION
OF THE FDC-ARTWORK ON ONE SIDE OF THE LINER, WHICH WOULD BE
A PIECE OF CARD 210 X 210MM, FOLDED IN HALF.

HOWEVER, THIS WOULD ONLY BE FOR THE INTEREST OF COLLECTORS
(OUR BUREAU WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN MARKETING UNFOLDED LINERS
AS LIMITED-EDITION PRINTS).

FINALLY, JOHN SMITH OF OUR BUREAU WILL BE TELEXING SHORTLY REGARDING
A POSSIBLE MARKETING PLOY FOR THIS ISSUE. THEREFORE PLEASE HOLD
REPLYING TO THIS TELEX UNTIL YOU RECEIVE JOHN'S, SINCE MARKETING
PLOY WOULD ENTAIL ENSURING THAT A PARTICULAR VALUE DEPICTED
A PARTICULAR BIRD

REGARDS MRS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH1 CROWN SUTTON

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JM
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214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G
214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

5p - Inland
10p - Printed paper
13p - Postcard
17p - Airmail
25p - 21b parcel int'l.
34p - Airmail

5, 10, 13, 17, 25, 34

£1.04

£1.04

214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

Ag CS
SEP
L.C.

ACTION
COPY

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2-9-31 1625 TLX 73

FOR LEWIS CLIFTON BUREAU MANAGER

YR TEL 207 YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND AND AM IN NEGOTIATION
TO SELL SIMILAR QUANTITY OF 10P VALUE OF PASSERINES.
NEED HOWEVER YOUR AGREEMENT TO FOLLOWING REDUCE STAMP SIZE
TO 25.6MM X 33.43MM GIVE 10P VALUE TO BLACK CHINNED SISKIN.
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE 5P VALUE TUCSOCK BIRD AS A BACK-UP
TO QUOTE CHURCHILL 'GIVE ME THE TOOLS AND I'LL DO THE JOB'
WILL BE AT LEAST 3 WEEKS FROM YOUR AGREEMENT BEFORE I KNOW FOR SURE
THAT CUSTOMER WILL PURCHASE BUT AS WITH F.I.D. AM 99 PERCENT CERTAIN
REGARDS JOHN SMITH DEPT PH3 CROWN SUTTON

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JM

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214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

Size similar to
Flaves Issue of 1968

TELEX 267103 CASUTN G

NO. 228 P+T/2/45

ATTENTION MR. JOHN SMITH DEPT PH3
MRS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH1

YOUR REF PH1N/8:19568 PASSERINES.
TELEX 62 AND 73

1) VALUES AS FOLLOWS

- 5P - TUSsock BIRD
- 10P - BLACK CHINNED SISKIN
- 13P - GRASS WREN
- 17P - BLACK THROATED FINCH
- 25P - FALKLAND PIPIT
- 34P - GRAND TYRANT

2) AGREE COMMENTS ON SILHOUTTE

3) AGREE DIE-STAMPING FDC

4) LINER. IAN STRANGE PRODUCING INFO FOR LINER WHICH WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESPATCH NEXT WEEK. PREFER UNFOLDED LINER, REPRODUCTION FDC DESIGN PLUS TECHNICAL DETAILS ONE SIDE, DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND DESIGN INFORMATION ON REVERSE.

5) MARKETING PLOY. VALUES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO DESIGNS AS REQUESTED.

6) AGREE TO REDUCE TO STAMP SIZE RECOMMENDED BUT PRESUME THIS DOES NOT MEAN ARTWORK HAS TO BE RE-DRAWN? YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE A PRINTER IN MIND?

7) REQUIRE 70,000 SETS PLUS 6,000 FDC'S

8) JOHN IS A MARKED MAN NOW HIS PROFILE HAS APPEARED IN SEPT STAMP MAGAZINE

REGARDS

LEWIS CLIFTON
BUREAU MANAGER.

PJT/2/45

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Stanley

Falkland Islands.

September 18th 1981.

P. Summers Esq
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley

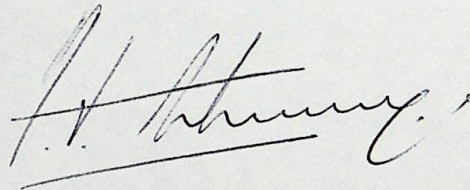
Stamp Issue: "Passerines"

Dear Phil,

Enclosed is a copy of the text for the proposed liner
for the above issue.

A second copy is being handed to the Manager of the
Philatelic Bureau.

Yours sincerely,



Ian J. Strange.

STAMP ISSUE : "PASSERINES"

TEXT FOR FDC LINER

Due to the lack of vegetative cover in the form of shrubs and trees, the number of native passerines or "perching birds" found in the Falkland Islands is limited: only nine species occur. Persistent winds and the general lack of plant cover large enough to give shelter to insect life on which perching birds feed, has also had its effect on numbers of species and populations.

Offshore islands with dense stands of tussock grass (Poa flabel-lata), a plant attaining a height of over two meters, remains one of the few habitats where a high density of passerine species occur and breed. Other important habitats for Falkland passerines are those created by man in the form of garden trees and bushes.

In this set of six designs the smallest species of passerines have been selected and a seventh species, the Cobb's Wren (Troglodytes aedon cobbi), is shown on the First Day Cover and liner design.

• Tussock bird (Cinclodes a. antarcticus)

A very common species in the Falklands but sadly restricted to smaller offshore islands or to those islands where rodents and cats are not found. Of all the bird species, excepting perhaps some penguins, the tussock bird is the most inquisitive and tame to man. Landing by boat on any offshore tussock island where the species is found, invariably brings one of these birds to the boat to inspect the intruders; even one's boots will be inspected closely, and a stone dislodged from the ground will bring a tussock bird seeking out forms of insect life. The birds frequently feed on marine invertebrates found amongst piles of rotting sea kelp thrown ashore by heavy seas, and they will scavenge among penguin, cormorant, albatross and seal colonies in their continuous search for food.

It is not a songster but it does have a distinct display call composed of a succession of notes which develop into a rapid trilling. At the same time the bird raises its wings vertically in a fast fluttering movement.

It is not restricted, as its name may imply, to tussock islands although these may be favoured, evident by the

It is not restricted, as its name may imply, to tussock islands although these may be favoured, evident by the larger populations found on such islands. Individuals may take advantage of many sites for nesting but normally nests are formed in or below ground. Vacated petrel burrows, natural fissures in coastal banks and hollows beneath rock slabs are commonly used. Nests are not elaborate, being formed from dry vegetation. Two to three glossy white eggs are laid and two broods may be reared.

The race Cinclodes a. antarcticus is restricted to the Falklands.

• Black-chinned Siskin (Spinus barbatus)

In the design shown the male bird is featured, distinguishable from the female by the black cap and chin.

The species is commonly seen in flocks often evident by their continuous calling and song as they flight from area to area. Trees, bushes and tussock grass are favoured and even at rest they are continually active, both in song and movement. Stands of tussock grass are an important habitat, the birds feeding on the seed of this grass. Settlement trees and bushes too are favoured and where such growth is establishing the bird is becoming more common. The design depicts the male bird on "box" Hebe elliptica, a native shrub once common to coastal areas in West Falkland and still an important habitat for the siskin.

Small, well formed cup-shaped nests composed of very fine vegetation, mosses and animal hair, will be situated several feet above the ground in tussock, box or trees with dense cover. Three or four eggs, off-white with red-brown markings, are laid from spring through summer. Quite often the pairs will raise three broods.

The species is not restricted to the Falkland Islands, being common in the southern regions of Chile and Argentina.

• Grass Wren or Short-billed Marsh Wren
(Cistothorus platensis falklandicus)

Smallest of the perching birds found in the Islands, the species is generally rather shy and of an elusive nature. During the period September to February - the austral spring and summer - the shrill song of this bird is often the first indication of its existence. Perched on some prominent stem of tussock grass, with head and tail erect, it issues forth a torrent of sound of amazing volume for such a small bird. As suddenly as it may appear, it vanishes into its habitat of deep grass, or launches into an unsteady whirring-like flight to its next perching place.

Nesting in deep grass, such as Cinnamon grass shown in the design, sedge or rushes, the nest is normally ball-shaped and formed from grassy vegetation with a lining of feathers and other fine matter. About six white eggs are laid during spring or early summer.

The race Cistothorus platensis falklandicus is only found in the Falklands.

• Black-throated Finch (Melanodera m. melanodera)

In this design the male bird is shown, contrasting to the female's rather sober plumage of streaked buffs and browns and yellow-edged tail.

Except in winter, when fairly large flocks are seen making short spasmodic flights across the open 'camp' in search of feed, the birds tend to be rather inconspicuous, making short, low, jerky flights between rather long periods spent seeking feed on the ground.

Like a number of the other species, it is the song of the male, a rather monotonous repetition of two notes, that so often denotes the presence of these birds. They are found in a fairly wide variety of habitats but appear to prefer open coastal areas where the ground is broken by numerous quartzite outcrops and boulders. Amongst such terrain the birds are often difficult to see, even the colourful plumage of the male blending with

the grey tones of the rock. The species nests on the ground, the nest often well concealed beneath other cover. Nesting commences in the spring and it is probable the bird raises a number of broods.

The race Melanodera m. melanodera is confined to the Falklands.

• Falkland or Correndera Pipit (Anthus correndera grayi)

Walks across the open tundra-like 'camp' or countryside of the Falklands in the early morning when the air is still, will be invariably in the company of the song of these birds. In a similar manner to a "skylark" the birds engage in song flights. As they sing they rise in a jerky flight to heights where they become almost invisible to the naked eye. The birds then descend quickly again while uttering a churring note.

On the ground their plumage pattern blends with the predominant browns and buffs of the grasslands so well that they are difficult to observe as they run through this vegetation. Nesting on the ground, a tightly formed cup-shaped nest of fine grass is usually well hidden. The normal clutch of four eggs can vary in colouration from an intricate pattern of blotches, specks and lines of a purple-brown to eggs of a grey-green with darker blotches increasing in number at the larger end of the egg to give a shading effect. The birds may nest from early spring to mid summer, probably rearing three broods.

This race is confined to the Falkland Island archipelago.

• Dark-faced Ground-tyrant (Muscisaxicola macloviana macloviana)

A rather solitary species with a slim, rather upright stance. In typical "flycatcher" style, the tyrant is rarely still, even perching, it has a habit of continually flicking its wings and tail, with frequent short flights from one perching place to another. It is also commonly observed flighting from fence posts a short distance, hovering in mid air, then returning to its perch.

During these movements the tyrant will often take small ghost moths, flies and other flying forms of insect on which it feeds. In some settlements it will frequently hover at windows probably in its search for moths and flies trapped inside. Not uncommonly the bird will tap and peer through a window in an inquisitive manner, an action which may have given it the local name of "news bird".

In nesting the bird appears to prefer the shelter of rocky outcrops, stone-runs, dry stone walls where the nest can be built in a deep crevice. Two or three white eggs spotted with red-brown are laid in a nest of dry grass and other vegetation often lined with small feathers.

The race depicted is restricted to the Falkland Islands.

I J Strange
Falkland Islands.

Sept 1981



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Mr F E Baker
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C A Ref: PH1/FALK STAMPS 8/19568

Your Ref: P&T/2/45

30 September 1981

Dear Mr Baker,

PASSERINES STAMP ISSUE

... I have pleasure in enclosing a set of bromides for the above stamp issue which has recently been produced.

2 The artwork has now been approved by Her Majesty the Queen and I will shortly be issuing tenders for the printing of the stamps.

Yours sincerely

MRS JANICE SMITH

*Bromides viewed by artist
19.10.81
J/S*

JS/IMP

P&T/2/45

DCS
SPT
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ACTION
COPY

AS 23/10
Ref
22/10

214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

22/10/81 15.30 TLX NR 620

FOR THE ATTENTION OF LEWIS CLIFTON PHILATELIC BUREAU MANAGER

1. MAURICE GALES WIFE IS KITTY
2. SARAH MATHEWS ADDRESS 46 KINGS HALL ROAD, BECKENHAM, KENT.
3. SHIPWRECKS LINER - I SUGGEST SELLING PRICE 25 P. IS THAT OK?
4. CHRISTMAS - SIEGER HAS INCREASED ORDER TO 103000 X 3P AND 15000 COMPLETE SETS WITH A FURTHER RESERVE OF 5000 SETS. HE IS DEVOTING FRONT PAGE IN COLOUR OF HIS MAGAZINE TO THIS ISSUE.

HE WOULD LIKE 10 FDC MAILED REGISTERED TO HIM AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

MESSRS HERMANN E SIEGER
7073 LORCH/WURTTBG
VENUSBERG 32-34
POSTFACH 1160
GERMANY.

FOR ATTENTION MR H W SIEGER

AND 10 FDC MAILED REGISTERED TO MRS GISELA SIEGER
WETZGAUER STR.63
D-7070 SCHWAEBISCH GMUEND - GROSSDEINBACH
GERMANY.

TRUST YOU CAN ARRANGE THIS FOR ME.

5. PASSERINES - STILL CHASING SALE TO AMERICA ON 10P VALUE. IT LOOKS FIFTY/FIFTY TO ME BUT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

JOHN SMITH DEPT PH3
CROWN SUTTON

PMB

214 GOVERNOR FK
267103 CASUTN G

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 1951

PT/2/45

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Passerines Issue

Bromides of this issue were viewed prior to the meeting.

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Telex 267103 Casutn G

No 315

Attention Mrs Janice Smith Dept PH1
Reference PH1N/Falkstamps Passerines

In this case prepared to accept your recommendation for contract to be awarded to W S Cowell, more so in view of price differences with other printers. As Cowell is an unknown could you provide further info by letter.

Secura like Burder Rosenbaum definitely out for Falklands BAT and FID as we have been badly let down several times by these printers and we would not consider them for future stamp production.

Agree for shipment via May AES.

Regards
Lewis Clifton
Bureau Manager



Crown Agents

PT/2/45 *Passerines Ltd*

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Mr D L Clifton
Bureau Manager
Philatelic Bureau
Stanley
Falkland Islands
South Atlantic

CA Ref. PH1N/FALKSTAMPS 8/195684

8 December 1981

Dear Lewis

Your telex no. 315 of 4 December advised that you were prepared to accept our recommendation that the contract for printing the "Birds (Passerines)" stamps should be awarded to W S Cowell. We have been considering this printer for about 18 months, and to date they have completed one set of stamps for us, and another is well underway.

2 They are a well-established printer, who have been approved for printing of government documents, such as HMSO passports. A large amount of their work involves the printing of high-quality illustrations for books, as well as high-quality certificates, such as university degree certificates.

3 Of course, any printer in Cowell's situation has a vested interest in meeting our every requirement, since a considerable amount of money must be invested by any printer proposing to produce stamps. For example, one set of perforating combs, together with the necessary perforating machine will set the printer back many thousands of pounds, and additional combs cost around £3000 per set. In addition, we require a printer to set up a security cage for storage of Crown Agents' paper, and to institute a security room in which quality-checking can be supervised. Since Cowells have undertaken all this, they are obviously eager to gain a return on their investment, and I have every hope that the "Passerines" stamps will turn out well.

Yours sincerely

Richard Nash

for MRS JANICE SMITH

With the Compliments
of the
Manager

The Passerines contract was awarded to Cowells. They are a new printer to me more so to F1 stamps and hence the go from Richard Nash.

MJS 5.1.82

Philatelic Bureau,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

POT/2/45

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Mr P Summers
Chief Secretary's Office
The Secretariat
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SOUTH ATLANTIC

CA Ref PH1N/FALKLAND ISLANDS
8/195684

18 February 1982

Dear *Mr. Summers*

BIRDS (PASSERINES) STAMP ISSUE

*...
DCS's safe*

I have pleasure in enclosing one colour proof of each denomination of the above stamp issue. These have been examined in this office on your behalf and have been approved subject to the following comments:

5p

The background green is too blue.
The bird is too dark and the detail does not show up.
The spot on the bird's head should be removed.

10p

The background should be lighter.
The bird is generally too dark and "heavy" especially on the head and wings.
The beak should be grey and not green and the green leaves are too dark.
Remove the spots on head and beneath the wing.

17p

The bird's eye should be brown and white.
The bird is too blue and should be more grey, especially in the head and breast.

34p

The blue is too green.
The bird is too green and the head is too dark.
The eye should be clearer.

2 There are no comments regarding the colours of the 13p and 25p denominations but the printers have been asked to correct all the spotting on all denominations.

3 Apart from the above corrections, which can be made before production is commenced, I hope you will agree that this is a most attractive set of stamps.

/4 Production

CS/MR/18

From THE CROWN AGENTS

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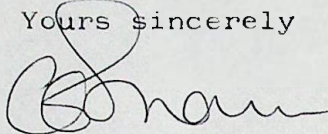
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Mr P Summers

Date 18 February 1982

4 Production of the stamps is now under way and despatch details will be advised to you as soon as these are known.

Yours sincerely



pp MRS J SMITH

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8th March

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Mrs Janice Smith
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
St. Nicholas House
Sutton
Surrey SM1 1EL

Dear

BIRDS (PASSERINES) STAMP ISSUE

Thank you very much for the colour proofs of the above issue enclosed with your letter 8/195684 of 18th February.

2. We note your comments on the corrections required and agree that they are an attractive set and hope that the Philatelic World also think that way.
3. Many thanks for your attention and we look forward to receiving the stamps in due course.

Yours sincerely



F.G. Summers
for CHIEF SECRETARY

DCS for advice for SPT & LC re

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23/6/82

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Mr F E Baker
Chief Secretary
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SOUTH ATLANTIC

CA Ref: PH1N/FALK IS 8/195684/1

29 June 1982

BIRDS "PASSERINES"

You may recall that early in March I sent you a letter concerning the running proofs of the six stamps for the above issue. Three of the running proofs from the printers, WS Cowe Ltd, were satisfactory but we advised the printer to reprint three of the values since they were totally unacceptable.

2 There was a few weeks delay with the carrying out of the reprinting since, when the troubles in the South Atlantic blew up we did not know whether to hold on all orders or not. However, the Printer was instructed towards the end of April to carry on with the reprinting of the three values and finally submitted revised running proofs earlier this month.

3 I now feel that the 10p value is satisfactory and the Printer is proceeding with the packing of this value. However, the 5p and the 34p are still well away from the artwork which the Printer has been instructed to match and in fact are even worse than the original proofs that they submitted in February. I have therefore told them that they should try once again to reprint these two values and match the artwork.

4 Incidentally, the Printer was having to go back to the machines to reprint these two values anyway since he came up with a 40% shortage .

5 I presume that, in view of recent events the Passerines issue will not be released in August as originally planned since the Darwin issue and the 21st Birthday issue have yet to be released. However, I will proceed with the despatch of these stamps as soon as the printer has come up with satisfactory items and they can be released towards the end of the year or whenever you think is suitable.

Yours sincerely

PP D. J. MARTIN.
MRS JANICE SMITH



Crown Agents

DCS

Could you inform
L.C. + S.P.T.-pl.

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Chief Secretary
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CA Ref PH1N/FALK IS 8/195684/1

24 March 1982

Dear Mr Baker,

BIRDS (PASSERINES)

.... Please find enclosed one set of running proofs of the above stamp issue. We were rather disappointed at the length of time that W S Cowell Ltd have taken to come up with these running proofs, and even more disappointed at the result. As you know, this printer has only done two previous jobs for us, and he is very much "on probation", but we feel that we must be very strict with them, especially in view of the fact that we have a couple of months to play with.

2 We intend to impose the delay clause starting from 5 March 1982, since the liquidated damages will offset the cost of airfreight despatch, rather than despatch on the "AES". It may be that we will be in time to meet the "AES" anyway.

3 I have made the following comments on these running proofs :-

5p

1. There is an overall red bias.
2. The running proof lacks detail, even more so than the colour proof.
3. The black is too heavy, and the lettering fills-in (the colour proof was fine).

10P

1. The Queen's Head is green (should be blue-grey) and there is mis-register of blue plate.
2. There are assorted mis-registers, varying across the running sheet.

34p

1. There is a white mark and mis-register on the royal silhouette.
2. The black is too heavy, and the lettering fills-in

13p

1. The bird has lost some of its red colouration.

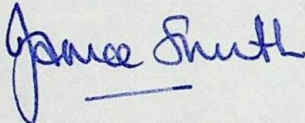
Chief Secretary

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3 I have advised Cowells that the 5p, 10p and 34p running proofs are rejected, and must be reprinted immediately. In spite of the comments above regarding the 13p, I have decided that the 13p, 17p and 25p denominations are sufficiently good to be acceptable. I trust that you are in agreement with my decision, and that Cowells will learn a lesson from our rather sharp reaction to these running proofs.

Yours sincerely



MRS JANICE SMITH

Spt,

I have spoken with IJS and viewed all three sets of proofs.

With some minor amendments the original proofs were almost acceptable, but everything else since then is second rate and we agree with Janice Smith's comments.

There is little we can do except to wait and see how Cowels produce the two remaining values.

This is the third time we have been let down by Crown Agents recommendation by accepting a bogus printer (others included Secura - Malaysia (Birds) and Bruder Rosenbaum - Vienna for the Plants and E Settlements) and I would suggest that in future we do not move from those well established British Security Printers.

It is impossible at this stage to even consider a release date - possibly by Xmas!!

DLC

19.7.52

22nd July

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Mrs Janice Smith,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey SM1 1EL.

Dear

Birds "Passerines" Stamp Issue

Thank you for your letter 8/195684/1 of 29th June, very nice to hear from you again after such a long time.

Your letter of 24 March with the running proofs was received sometime after the Argentine invasion. Luckily none of our stamp files or stamp proofs were destroyed and appear at first-sight anyway to be still intact.

The work put out by W C Cowell Ltd on this issue is indeed disappointing. With some minor amendments the original proofs were almost acceptable, but everything else since then is second rate and we agree with your comments.

There is little we can do now except to wait and see how Cowell produce the two remaining values.

It is impossible at this stage for us to give a release date but it could possibly be around xmas.

Yours faithfully,



P. G. Summers
for Chief Secretary

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FOR THE ATTI OF LEWIS CLIFTON
OUR REF PHIA FALK STAMP 9/07438

Pat 2/45

RE PASSIRINES, YOU RECALL COWELLS HAD TO REPRINT AS ORIGINAL PRINTING
AWFULLY REPRINT OF 5P AND 3AP WAS AS BAD AGAIN SO COWELLS
ARE CARRYING OUT FURTHER REPRINT WHICH SHOULD BE NEARLY
COMPLETE. WILL LET YOU KNOW PROGRESS AGAIN SHORTLY.
INCIDENTLY NO LONGER USING COWELLS BEC USE
OF POOR PERFORMANCE ON THIS AND OTHER JOBS.

RE 150TH ANNIVERSARY, ARTWORK WENT TO FCO FOR USUAL ROYAL APPROVAL
BUT I UNDERSTAND STILL AT FCO POLITICAL DESK AND THAT
FOR SOME UNDISCLOSED REASON THEY HAVE TELEXED MR HUNT.
WILL SOUND OUT FCO RE A 12TH STAMP FOR TASK FORCE
AND LET YOU KNOW.

RE CALENDERS CONFESS I HAVE NO IDEA OF COSTS BUT I WILL GET ONE
OR TWO QUOTES AND LET YOU KNOW
REGARDS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH 1 CROWN SUTTON

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JM
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With the Compliments
of the
Manager

Philatelic Bureau,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

P + T / 2/45

Secretary (33)
Janice

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FOR LEWIS CLIFTON

RE^PASSERINES. COWELLS HAVE FINALLY DELIVERED GOOD RUNNING PROOFS
OF 34P AND 5P VALUES. IT SEEMS OUR THREAT
TO PRINT ELSEWHERE MADE THEM DISCOVER SKILLS THEY DIDNT KNOW
THEY HAD. 10P 13P 17P AND 25P BOOKED FOR
10/10/82 VESSEL BFT 5P AND 24P WILL NOT BE PACKED
IN TIME. WILL DESPATCH NEXT WEEK VIA PARCEL POST
REGARDS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH 1 YROWN SUTTON

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STAMP
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE SECRETARIAT
ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1982

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3. Passerines Issue

A first day cover and liner were viewed by members. A report on production of the stamps to date, was given and confirmation on the acceptance of the two final stamps from W S Cowell was expected shortly.

PJT/2/45

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26 January 1983

Dear Lewis

PASSERINES

... Please find enclosed running proofs for two values of the above issue which I had omitted to forward earlier. These include the third rejection of the 5p and 34p values and the final accepted running proofs. I apologise for the presentation but the four proofs required of each value were submitted by Cowells as a small block.

AC's's safe

2 However, despite all the problems, I trust that you will agree with us that the final set of stamps were very attractive.

Yours sincerely

D J MARTIN

With the Compliments
of the
Manager

Phil
The attached to go with the packet I gave to you on Monday.
Lewis

Philatelic Bureau,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD
ON MONDAY 17 JANUARY 1983

5. Passerines Issue.

The issue was successfully released on Monday 6 December and first day covers are sold out.

A new philatelic item in the form of a presentation pack would be available for this issue shortly.





Falkland
Islands



34^P



Muscisaxicola m. macloviana

Falkland
Islands



Spinus barbatus



Black-chinned Siskin

10^P

Falkland
Islands



13^P



Grass Wren

Climacteris platensis falklandensis

Falkland
Islands



5^P



Tussock Bird

Circus hudsonius

Falkland
Islands



Melanodera m. melanodera



Black-throated Finch

17^P

Falkland
Islands



Anthus correndera grayi



25^P