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Dear Valued Customer,

This month we present to you the second stamp issue for 2020, once again featuring some of Namibia's spectacular avifauna (avifauna refers to the birdlife of an area). Birds provide boundless fascination, and the remaining stamp series still to be issued in 2020 will feature some more of our lesser-known birds.

Woodpeckers are widespread around the world, occurring on most continents. Yet southern Africa's woodpeckers have seldom appeared on stamps – and never on Namibian stamps. Five species occur in our country, and we've decided to depict all of them in this issue.

Sincerely,
Hannelie Maasdorp

WOODPECKERS OF NAMIBIA



DID YOU KNOW?

Woodpeckers have specially adapted skulls that enable them to hammer into wood with their bills without getting a headache. They can thus build their nests cavities, search for food – and drum on wood as a means of vocalisation. These birds also have very stiff tail feathers that allow them to use the tail as a brace while climbing along tree trunks and branches.



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