

5. Extreme Behavior

Palm Cockatoo (*Probosciger aterrimus*)
Ability - Using a stick as Musical Instrument

5.9 Best Drummer

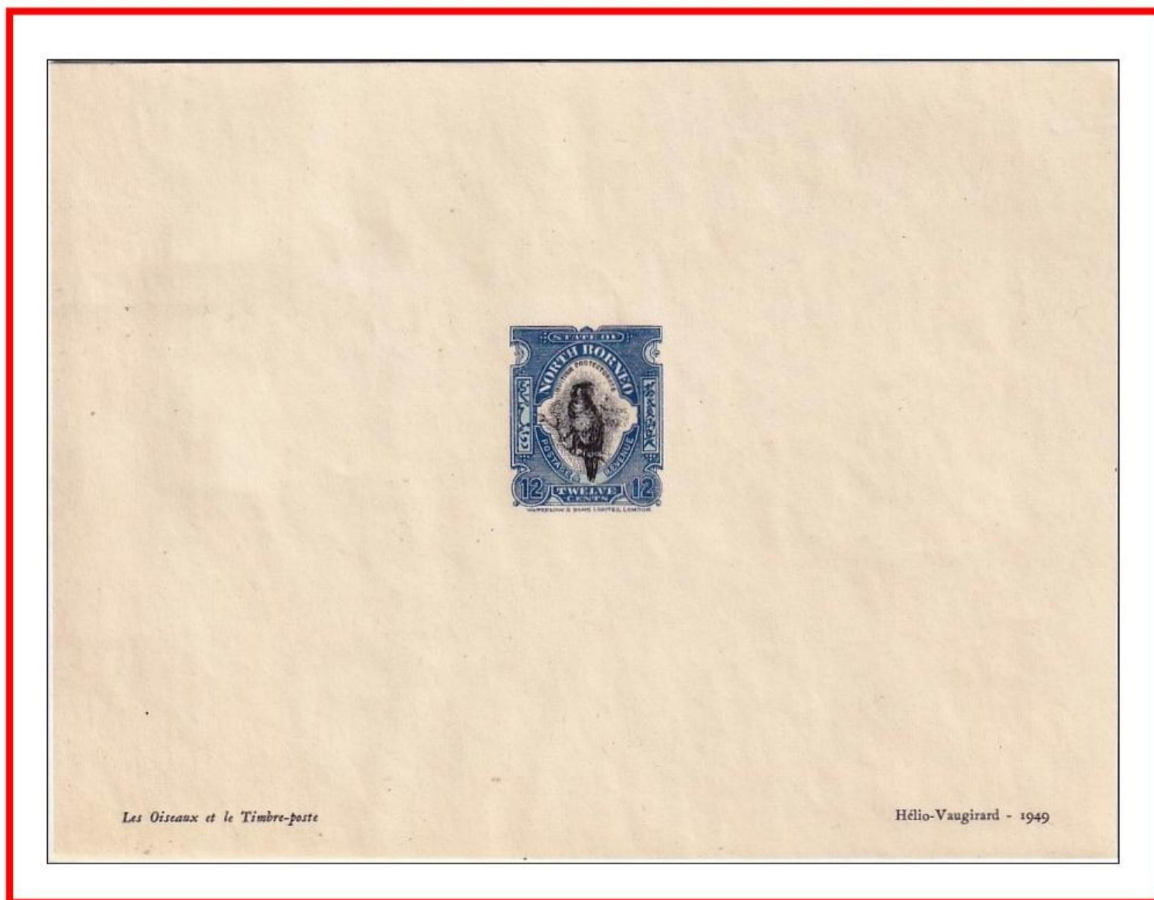
Geographical Distribution – Forests of Americas, Africa, Asia

For the bird is the percussionist of the avian world, the only species to fashion a musical instrument and make a sound with it. The point of the performance is to impress a female. Empty, hollow vertical trunk of dead eucalyptus tree works as sounding board against which the bird will play the beat. They use a small stick, devoid of leaves, to beat the drum. This performance is unique in the bird world. Woodpeckers and other birds use their bills to tap, or their feathers to make vibrating noises in the wind.

The magnificent wispy crest of the Palm cockatoo gives the bird its distinctive look of a drummer in a rock band.



01.01.1939 - Definitive 24.02.1941 Ovpt WAR TAX 17.12.1945-Ovpt BMA 22.12.1947 Ovpt GR 1909 1909 Imperf Proof from Archives



1949 North Borneo Helio-Vaugirard Proof of the 1909-23 12c Palm Cockatoo bird with inscription, 'Les Oiseaux et le Timbre-poste' at left and "Helio-Vaugirard - 1949" at bottom right