



MAMMALIA

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New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ESTONIA 2015 March 12 (Seal & Map of Baltic Sea) (SS of 1)				
782	€2.55	Grey Seal, <i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Phocidae	A*
FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERR. 2015 January 1 (Leopard Seal)				
517	€1.05	Leopard Seal, <i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	Phocidae	A*
GERMANY 2015 January 2 (Juvenile Animals) (Set of 2 & Bklt)				
2822	62c	Eurasian Red Squirrel, <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> (perf 13½×13¼)	Sciuridae	A*
2823	62c	Wild Cat, <i>Felis silvestris</i> (perf 13½×13¼)	Felidae	A*
2824	62c	Eurasian Red Squirrel, <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> (die cut 9¾)	Sciuridae	A*
2825	62c	Wild Cat, <i>Felis silvestris</i> (die cut 9¾)	Felidae	A*
2825a		Bklt pane 20 (10ea Sc#2824–25)		
JAPAN 2015 January 23 (Young Animals) (2 Sheets of 2ea five different)				
3786a	52¥	Coarse-haired Wombat, <i>Vombatus ursinus</i>	Vombatidae	A*
3786c	52¥	Black Rhinoceros, <i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Rhinocerotidae	A*
3786e	52¥	Crested Porcupine, <i>Hystrix cristata</i>	Hystricidae	A*
3787a	82¥	Red Panda, <i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	Ailuridae	A*
3787c	82¥	Japanese Macaque, <i>Macaca fuscata</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3787d	82¥	Snow Leopard, <i>Uncia uncia</i>	Felidae	A*
3787e	82¥	California Sea Lion, <i>Zalophus californianus</i>	Otariidae	A*
2015 February 2 (Flora & Fauna) (Set of 11)				
3789	3¥	Siberian Chipmunk, <i>Tamias sibiricus</i>	Sciuridae	A*
3790	5¥	Japanese Macaque, <i>Macaca fuscata</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3792	20¥	Sika Deer, <i>Cervus nippon</i>	Cervidae	A*
3793	30¥	Red Fox, <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Canidae	A*
3794	50¥	Japanese Serow, <i>Capricornis crispus</i>	Bovidae	A*
KOREA (D.P.R.) 2012 December 14 (Pandas) (Set of 2 & SS of 1)				
5139	70w	Giant Panda, <i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Ursidae	A*
5140	90w	Giant Panda, <i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Ursidae	A*
5141	SS 120w	Giant Panda, <i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Ursidae	A*
2013 April 10 (Monkeys) (SS of 2)				
5170a	10w	Assam Macaque, <i>Macaca assamensis</i>	Cercopithecidae (new)	A*
5170b	20w	Assam Macaque, <i>Macaca assamensis</i>	Cercopithecidae (new)	A*
2013 May 10 (Australia 2013 World Stamp Exhibition, Melbourne)				
5177	30w	Red Kangaroo, <i>Macropus rufus</i>	Macropodidae	A*
KYRGYZSTAN 2014 December 20 (Endangered Animals) (Set of 4)				
481	23s	Brown Bear, <i>Ursus arctos</i>	Ursidae	A*
482	30s	Pallas's Cat, <i>Otocolobus manul</i>	Felidae	A*
483	40s	Dhole, <i>Cuon alpinus</i>	Canidae	A*
484	52s	Eurasian Lynx, <i>Lynx lynx</i>	Felidae	A*

KYRGYZ EXPRESS POST**2014 November 19** (Wild Animals) (Single & MS of 4)

4	250s	Snow Leopard, <i>Uncia uncia</i>	Felidae	A*
5b	25s	Yak, <i>Bos grunniens</i>	Bovidae	A*
5c	125s	Siberian Ibex, <i>Capra sibirica</i>	Bovidae	A*

LIBERIA**2014 August 14** (Bats) (2ea MS of 4 & 2ea SS of 2)

2962a	\$100	Angolan Soft-furred Fruit Bat, <i>Lissonycteris angolensis</i>	Pteropodidae (new)	A*
2962b	\$100	Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat, <i>Epomophorus gambianus</i>	Pteropodidae	A*
2962c	\$100	Veldkamp's Bat, <i>Nanonycteris veldkampii</i>	Pteropodidae (new)	A*
2962d	\$100	Buettikofer's Epauletted Bat, <i>Epomops buettikoferi</i>	Pteropodidae (new)	A*
2967a	\$100	African Sheath-tailed Bat, <i>Coleura afra</i>	Emballonuridae	A*
2963b	\$100	Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat, <i>Epomophorus wahlbergi</i>	Pteropodidae	A*
2963c	\$100	African Long-fingered Bat, <i>Miniopterus africanus</i>	Vespertilionidae (new)	A*
2963d	\$100	Greater Horseshoe Bat, <i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	Rhinolophidae	A*
2964a	SS \$175	Greater Long-fingered Bat, <i>Miniopterus inflatus</i>	Vespertilionidae (new)	A*
2964b	SS \$175	Mauritian Tomb Bat, <i>Taphozous mauritanus</i>	Megadermatidae	A*
2965a	SS \$175	Peter's Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat, <i>Micropteropus pusillus</i>	Pteropodidae	A*
2965b	SS \$175	Egyptian Rousette, <i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	Pteropodidae	A*

2014 August 27 (Mongooses) (2ea MS of 4 & 2ea SS of 2)

2966a	\$100	Dwarf Mongoose, <i>Helogale parvula</i>	Herpestidae	A*
2966b	\$100	Selous's Mongoose, <i>Paracynictis selousi</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2966c	\$100	Long-nosed Kusimanse, <i>Crossarchus obscurus</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2966d	\$100	Long-nosed Mongoose, <i>Herpestes naso</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2967a	\$100	Black Slender Mongoose, <i>Galerella flavescens</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2967b	\$100	Yellow Mongoose, <i>Cynictis pencilata</i>	Herpestidae	A*
2967c	\$100	Desert Dwarf Mongoose, <i>Helogale hirtula</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2967d	\$100	Banded Mongoose, <i>Mungos mungo</i>	Herpestidae	A*
2968a	SS \$175	Meerkat, <i>Suricata suricatta</i>	Herpestidae	A*
2968b	SS \$175	Alexander's Kusimanse, <i>Crossarchus alexandri</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*
2969a	SS \$175	Slender Mongoose, <i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	Herpestidae	A*
2969b	SS \$175	Somalian Slender Mongoose, <i>Galerella ochracea</i>	Herpestidae (new)	A*

MICRONESIA**2014 July 31** (Polar Bears) (MS of 4 & SS of 1)

1092a	75c	Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	A*
1092b	75c	Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	A*
1092c	75c	Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	A*
1092d	75c	Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	A*
1092	Margin	Bot: Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	Z*
1093	SS \$2.50	Polar Bear, <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Ursidae	A*

NAMIBIA**2014 March 14** (Nocturnal Animals) (MS of 6 inscr. "Standard Mail")

1280a	(\$3.30)	South African Galago, <i>Galago moholi</i>	Galagonidae	A*
1280b	(\$3.30)	Cape Porcupine, <i>Hystrix africae australis</i>	Hystriidae	A*
1280c	(\$3.30)	Small-spotted Genet, <i>Genetta genetta</i>	Viverridae	A*
1280d	(\$3.30)	Ground Pangolin, <i>Manis temminckii</i>	Manidae	A*
1280e	(\$3.30)	Aardvark, <i>Orycteropus afer</i>	Orycteropodidae	A*
1280f	(\$3.30)	Aardwolf, <i>Proteles cristatus</i>	Hyaenidae	A*

2014 May 27 (Antelopes) (Set of 4 inscr. "Postcard Rate")

1283	(\$6)	Lechwe, <i>Kobus leche</i>	Bovidae	A*
1284	(\$6)	Bushbuck, <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Bovidae	A*
1285	(\$6)	Hartebeest, <i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	Bovidae	A*
1286	(\$6)	Springbok, <i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	Bovidae	A*

NAMIBIA (continued)		2014 July 28 (Flora and Fauna of the Kalahari Desert) (MS of 10)	
1293d	(\$6)	Giraffe, <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	Giraffidae A*
1293f	(\$6)	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae A*
1293h	(\$6)	Meerkat, <i>Suricata suricatta</i>	Herpestidae A*
PARAGUAY		2013 August 19 (Mammals) (Horiz strip of 5 & SS of 1)	
2966a	3000g	Pampas Fox, <i>Lycalopex gymnocercus</i>	Canidae A*
2966b	3000g	Giant Anteater, <i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	Myrmecophagidae A*
2966c	3000g	Brown Capuchin, <i>Cebus apella</i>	Cebidae A*
2966d	3000g	White-lipped Peccary, <i>Tayassu pecari</i>	Tayassuidae A*
2966e	3000g	South American Coati, <i>Nasua nasua</i>	Procyonidae (new) A*
2967	SS 6000g	Jaguar, <i>Panthera onca</i>	Felidae A*
		2014 May 20 (Itaipu Dam & Bush Dog)	
2996	16000g	Bush Dog, <i>Speothos venaticus</i>	Canidae B*
PERU		2014 November 3 (Mammals) (MS of 4)	
1866a	11s	Jaguar, <i>Panthera onca</i>	Felidae A*
1866b	11s	Pacarana, <i>Dinomys branickii</i>	Dinomyidae (new) A*
1866c	11s	Mountain Tapir, <i>Tapirus pinchaque</i>	Tapiridae A*
1866d	11s	Andean Mountain Cat, <i>Leopardus jacobitus</i>	Felidae A*
RUSSIA		2014 August 1 (Wild Cats) (Block of 4)	
7554a	15r	Pallas's Cat, <i>Otocolobus manul</i>	Felidae A*
7554b	16r	Wild Cat, <i>Felis silvestris</i>	Felidae A*
7554c	17r	Leopard Cat, <i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	Felidae A*
7554d	18r	Jungle Cat, <i>Felis chaus</i>	Felidae A*
SERBIA		2014 June 30 (Wild Animals) (Horiz strip of 4 + label)	
669a	23d	Wild Cat, <i>Felis silvestris</i>	Felidae A*
669b	35d	Red Fox, <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Canidae A*
669c	46d	Grey Wolf, <i>Canis lupus</i>	Canidae A*
669d	70d	Eurasian Lynx, <i>Lynx lynx</i>	Felidae A*
SIERRA LEONE		2014 April 2 (WWF) (2ea Block or Vert strip of 4)	
3206a	3900le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (head turned left)	Bovidae A*
3206b	3900le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing left)	Bovidae A*
3206c	3900le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing right)	Bovidae A*
3206d	3900le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing front)	Bovidae A*
3207a	4300le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (head turned left)	Bovidae A*
3207b	4300le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing left)	Bovidae A*
3207c	4300le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing right)	Bovidae A*
3207d	4300le	Bongo, <i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i> (facing front)	Bovidae A*
SRI LANKA		2014 August 22 (Pigeon Island Marine Natl. Park) (Set of 6 & SS of 6)	
1938	10r	Sperm Whale, <i>Physeter catodon</i>	Physeteridae A*
TAJIKISTAN		2014 June 11 (Mammals) (Set of 3 & SS of 6)	
425	1.60s	Argali, <i>Ovis ammon</i>	Bovidae A*
426	2s	Grey Wolf, <i>Canis lupus</i>	Canidae A*
427	2.50s	Wild Boar, <i>Sus scrofa</i>	Suidae A*
THAILAND		2014 February 15 (Zoological Park Organization 60th Anniv.)	
2803	3b	Schomburgk's Deer, <i>Cervus schomburgki</i>	Cervidae A*
TURKEY		2014 July 9 (Deer & Mushrooms in National Park) (SS of 1)	
3406	2.50L	Red Deer, <i>Cervus elaphus</i> (also in R margin)	Cervidae A*

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2012 March 30 (Wildlife) (4ea MS of 4 & 4ea SS of 1)

1928a	3400sh	De Brazza's Monkey, <i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
1928b	3400sh	Brown Greater Galago, <i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>	Galagonidae	A*
1928c	3400sh	Patas Monkey, <i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
1928d	3400sh	L'Hoest's Monkey, <i>Cercopithecus lhoesti</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
1928	Margin	Top: Angola colobus, <i>Colobus angolensis</i>	Cercopithecidae	Z*
1929a	3400sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	B*
		Thomson's Gazelle, <i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>	Bovidae	B*
1929b	3400sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
1929c	3400sh	Leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i>	Felidae	A*
1929d	3400sh	Caracal, <i>Caracal caracal</i>	Felidae	A*
1929	Margin	Ctr: Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	Z*
		Bot: Serval, <i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Felidae	Z*
1930a	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i> (also Ctr margin)	Elephantidae	A*
1930b	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
1930c	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
1930d	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
1937b	3400sh	African Golden Cat, <i>Profelis aurata</i>	Felidae	A*
1937c	4100sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
1937d	4100sh	Checkered Elephant Shrew, <i>Rhynchocyon cirnei</i>	Macroscelididae (new)	A*
1937	Margin	Bot: Lesser Kudu, <i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>	Bovidae	Z*
1938	SS 8300sh	Blue Monkey, <i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
	Margin	LL: Dusky Bush Baby, <i>Galago matschiei</i>	Galagidae	Z*
		UR: Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	Z*
		LR: Patas Monkey, <i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	Cercopithecidae	Z*
1939	SS 8300sh	Leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i>	Felidae	A*
	Margin	LL: Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	Z*
		MR: Serval, <i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Felidae	Z*
		LR: Caracal, <i>Caracal caracal</i>	Felidae	Z*
1940	SS 8300sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i> (also in R margin)	Elephantidae	A*
1947	SS Margin	LL: African Golden Cat, <i>Caracal aurata</i>	Felidae	Z*
		LR: Hippopotamus, <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Hippopotamidae	Z*

2012 April 11 (Chimpanzees) (2ea MS of 4)

1948a	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1948b	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1948c	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1948d	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1949a	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1949b	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1949c	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
1949d	3500sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*

2012 April 11 (Endangered Animals) (MS of 5)

1952a	3000sh	Addax, <i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	Bovidae	A*
1952b	3000sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
1952c	3000sh	Western Gorilla, <i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	Hominidae	A*
1952d	3000sh	Mountain Zebra, <i>Equus zebra</i>	Equidae	A*
1952e	3000sh	Dama Gazelle, <i>Nanger dama</i>	Bovidae	A*
1952	Margin	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	Z*

UGANDA**2012 November 8** (Endangered Animals) (7ea MS of 4 & 7ea SS of 1)

2003a	3400sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
2003b	3400sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
2003c	4100sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
2003d	4100sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Hominidae	A*
2004a	3400sh	Western Gorilla, <i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	Hominidae	A*
2004b	3400sh	Western Gorilla, <i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	Hominidae	B*
		Eastern Gorilla, <i>Gorilla beringei</i>	Hominidae	B*
2004c	4100sh	Western Gorilla, <i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	Hominidae	B*
		Eastern Gorilla, <i>Gorilla beringei</i>	Hominidae	B*
2004d	4100sh	Eastern Gorilla, <i>Gorilla beringei</i>	Hominidae	A*
2005a	3400sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2005b	3400sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2005c	4100sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2005d	4100sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2006a	3400sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2006b	3400sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2006c	4100sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2006d	4100sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*
2007a	3400sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
2007b	3400sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
2007c	4100sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
2007d	4100sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Felidae	A*
2008a	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2008b	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2008c	4100sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2008d	4100sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2009a	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2009b	3400sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2009c	4100sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2009d	4100sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephantidae	A*
2012	SS 8300sh	Chimpanzee, <i>Pan troglodytes</i> (also in LL margin)	Hominidae	A*
2013	SS 8300sh	Eastern Gorilla, <i>Gorilla beringei</i> (also in LL & LR margin)	Hominidae	A*
2014	SS 8300sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i> (also in LL margin)	Felidae	A*
2015	8300sh	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i> (also in LL & LR margin)	Felidae	A*
2016	SS 8300sh	Cheetah, <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> (also in LL margin)	Felidae	A*
2017	8300sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i> (also LL margin)	Elephantidae	A*
2018	8300sh	African Bush Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i> (also UL/LR marg)	Elephantidae	A*

URUGUAY**2014 September 16** (Intl Day of Biodiversity) (MS of 4)

2481b	15p	Burchell's Zebra, <i>Equus quagga</i>	Equidae	B*
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2014 September 29 (Pinnipeds) (Se-tenant pair)

2483a	15p	South American Fur Seal, <i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	Otariidae	A*
2483b	15p	South American Sea Lion, <i>Otaria flavescens</i>	Otariidae	A*

2014 November 5 (Fauna) (Set of 2)

2492	15p	Vampire Bat, <i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	Phyllostomidae	A*
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UZBEKISTAN**2014 May 30** (Fauna) (SS of 1)

745	3200s	Steppe Saiga, <i>Saiga tatarica</i>	Bovidae	A*
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VIETNAM**2014 August 11** (Endangered Primates) (Set of 4 & SS of 1)

3510	3000d	Tonkin Snub-nosed Monkey, <i>Rhinopithecus avunculus</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3511	5500d	White-headed Langur, <i>Trachypithecus poliocephalus</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3512	8500d	Grey-shanked Douc Langur, <i>Pygathrix cinerea</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3513	12500d	Delacour's Langur, <i>Trachypithecus delacouri</i>	Cercopithecidae	A*
3514	SS 18000d	Eastern Black-crested Gibbon, <i>Nomascus nasutus</i>	Hylobatidae (new)	A*

ZAMBIA**2013 March 19** (Dr. David Livingstone Birth Bi-centenary) (MS of 4)

1142b	30k	Black Rhinoceros, <i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Rhinocerotidae	A*
1142c	40k	Hippopotamus, <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Hippopotamidae	A*
		Bushbuck, <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Bovidae	A*
1142d	50k	Lion, <i>Panthera leo</i>	Felidae	A*

BONOBO BABBLING

Bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) are the closest living relatives of humans. Some scientists suggest that they may be living examples of our distant ancestors. Studies have shown that the DNA of bonobos are as much as 99.4 percent identical to that of humans.

On 12 February 1997, Zaire issued a block of four 20,000z commemorative stamps (Sc#1466a–d) including the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) logo and depicting bonobos in various poses. The stamps were printed by offset lithography and perforated 13¼.

According to new research at the University of Birmingham's School of Psychology in Great Britain, bonobo babbling may share a path with human baby talk.

The study focuses on “peeps,” or high-pitched squeaks, that the animals use to communicate in the wild. Researchers say that these peeps are very similar to the sounds human infants make before they learn to talk. The sounds do not vary acoustically based on the emotional context.

Bonobos use the same call to mean different things in different situations, and the other bonobos have to take the context into account when determining the meaning. This characteristic was previously known only in humans.

Bonobos are found only in the humid forests of the Congo Democratic Republic in an area south of the Congo River and north of the Kasai River. Wars in this area have taken a toll on the apes as well as humans. In addition, they are threatened by loss of habitat and hunting for bushmeat—all reasons that they are classified as an endangered species.

One hopes that conservation and protection efforts will succeed in saving these cousins of ours. Organizations such as the WWF, the African Wildlife Foundation, and others, are trying to focus attention on the extreme risk to the species.

