

VANUATU

2019 October 4 Set/4

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1112	90v	Swamp Harrier, <i>Circus approximans</i>	Accipitridae
1113	150v	Brahminy Kite, <i>Haliastur indus</i>	Accipitridae
1114	180v	Brown Goshawk, <i>Accipiter fasciatus vigilax</i> (ssp)	Accipitridae
1115	300v	Peregrine Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus nesiotes</i> (ssp)	Falconidae

Brilliant Bugs from the Royal Mail

All six Brilliant Bugs Special Stamps featuring wildlife illustrator Richard Lewington's stunning artwork are presented in a fold-out souvenir containing fascinating facts about the insects and pollination.

President of the Royal Entomological Society, Professor Helen Roy MBE, writes about pollination, the decline in pollinating insects and how we can conserve them.

The set includes three vertical se-tenant pairs of Special Stamps. Two First Class, two £1.45 and two £1.70 stamps.

First Class Common carder bee (*Bombus pascuorum*) This relatively widespread bumblebee feeds on flowers such as the large blue pea.

First Class Painted lady butterfly (*Vanessa cardui*) Thistles are a common source of nectar for these migratory butterflies in Britain.

£1.45 Longhorn beetle (*Rutpela maculata*) This wasp-mimicking beetle is a common visitor of hawthorn flowers in summer.

£1.45 Elephant hawk-moth (*Deilephila elpenor*) Honeysuckle is a favoured source of nectar for this striking species.

£1.70 Marmalade hoverfly (*Episyrphus balteatus*) An important pollinator of crops like oilseed rape, it is also often seen in gardens.

£1.70 Ruby-tailed wasp (*Chrysis ignita* agg.) The adult ruby-tailed wasp feeds on nectar from flowers such as angelica.



Stamp specifications

Stamp format: Over-square landscape. Stamp size 36.5mm x 34.7mm. Design Royal Mail Group Ltd. Illustrations: Richard Lewington. Printer: International Security Printers. Print process: Lithography. Perforations 14 x 14.5. Phosphor Bars as appropriate. Gum PVA.