



FUNGI

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Scott#	Denom	Binomial Name/Description	Family
CZECH REPUBLIC			
August 31, 2011			
3509	62k	Scott number applies to a souvenir sheet; none of the included stamps is listed in Linn's, suggesting a mushroom in the selvage of the sheet (Flora and fauna of Sumava UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)	
ECUADOR			
September 20, 2011			
2032e	75c	Listed simply as "Fungi." One of eight stamps and two seals in a self-adhesive booklet pane (Sc#2032)	
GUYANA			
October 12, 2011			
4088a	\$150	<i>Pseudotulostoma volvata</i>	??
4088b	\$150	<i>Inocybe ayangannae</i>	Cortinariaceae
4088c	\$150	<i>Amanita perphaea</i>	Amanitaceae
4088d	\$150	<i>Entoloma olivaceacoloratum</i>	Entolomataceae
4088e	\$150	<i>Panaeolus cyanescens</i>	Strophariaceae
4088f	\$150	<i>Tylopilus vinaceipallidus</i>	Boletaceae
4089a	\$225	<i>Boletellus dicymbophilus</i>	Boletaceae
4089b	\$225	<i>Inocybe epidendron</i>	Cortinariaceae
4089c	\$225	<i>Tylopilus pakaraimensis</i>	Boletaceae
4089d	\$225	<i>Amanita aurantiobrunnea</i>	Amanitaceae
4090	\$475	<i>Amauroderma gusmanianum</i>	Ganodermataceae
4091	\$475	<i>Craterellus excelsus</i>	Cantharellaceae
KOREA DPR (North)			
July 30, 2011			
5029	100w	Mushrooms in selvage of souvenir sheet for International Year of the Forests	
KYRGYZSTAN			
November 12, 2011			
389	16s	<i>Agaricus</i>	Agaricaceae
390	28s	<i>Pleurotus</i>	Polyporaceae
391	42s	<i>Marasmius oreades</i>	Marasmiaceae
392	72s	<i>Lycoperdon</i>	Lycoperdaceae
MEXICO			
October 18, 2011			
2757	42p	Mushrooms in selvage of miniature sheet commemorating "Agricultural and Food Safety in Mexico."	

SURINAM**February 24, 2010**

1399a	2r	<i>Amanita muscaria</i>	Amanitaceae
1399b	5r	<i>Boletus edulis</i>	Boletaceae
1399c	8r	<i>Agaricus xanthoderma</i>	Agaricaceae

Issued as a miniature sheet of three (one of each of the above)

ST THOMAS & PRINCE**May 25, 2006**

1601a	7000d	<i>Cortinarius triumphans</i>	Cortinariaceae
1601b	9000d	<i>Cortinarius subfulgens</i>	Cortinariaceae
1601c	10000d	<i>Agaricus augustatus</i>	Agaricaceae
1601d	14000d	<i>Leucortinarius bulbiger</i>	Cortinariaceae
1611	40000d	<i>Phodilus badius</i>	??

Miniature sheet (Sc#1601) also contains four non-denominated seals with mushrooms and owls

<i>Cortinarius multififormis</i>	Cortinariaceae
<i>Cantharellus cibarius</i>	Cantharellaceae
<i>Cortinarius glaucopus</i>	Cortinariaceae
<i>Kuehneromyces mutabilis</i>	Strophariaceae

And the souvenir sheet (SC#1611) has a mushroom cluster in the selvage

<i>Coprinus atramentarius</i>	Coprinaceae
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December 15, 2006

1639a	14000d	Mushroom & opal with Baden-Powell
1639c	14000d	Minerals & boletes with Baden-Powell
1639	4×14000d	Miniature sheet of four different including the above two

December 15, 2006

1645a/1665a	14000d	Unidentified mushrooms (<i>Coprinus?</i>)
1645b/1665b	14000d	Unidentified mushrooms (<i>Macrolepiota?</i>)
1645c/1665c	14000d	Unidentified mushrooms (<i>Russula?</i>)
1645d/1665d	14000d	Unidentified mushrooms (<i>Pleurotus? Lactarius? Cantharellus?</i>)
1655/1675	56000d	Unidentified mushrooms (<i>Hygrophorus? Agaricus?</i>)

Also found in the selvage of the souvenir sheet Sc#1655)

Unidentified mushrooms (*Lactarius?*)

Unidentified mushrooms (*Boletus?*)

Sc#1645 and 1655 have a silver background. Identical vignettes are found on stamps issued simultaneously with gold backgrounds numbered Sc#1665a–d and 1675, thus, the compound numbers above.

February 2, 2007

1679a	7000d	<i>Boletus badius</i> & Sir Alexander Fleming	Boletaceae
1679b	9000d	<i>Boletus edulis</i> & <i>Leccinum quercinum</i>	Boletaceae (both)
1679c	10000d	<i>Amanita pantherina</i> & <i>Russula vesca</i>	Amanitaceae Russulaceae
1679d	14000d	<i>Amanita muscaria</i> & Fleming	Amanitaceae

ST THOMAS & PRINCE (cont) March 15, 2007

1705a	7000d	<i>Pleurotus salignus</i>	Polyporaceae
		<i>Catathelasma</i>	Tricholomataceae
		<i>Suillus luteus</i>	Boletaceae
1705b	9000d	<i>Lactarius torminosus</i>	Russulaceae
		<i>Tricholoma portentosum</i>	Tricholomataceae
1705c	10,000d	<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>	Polyporaceae
		<i>Lactarius necator</i>	Russulaceae
1705d	14,000d	<i>Pleurotus eryngii</i>	Polyporaceae
		<i>Tricholomopsis rutilans</i>	Tricholomataceae
1715	40,000d	<i>Entoloma sinuatum</i>	Entolomataceae
		<i>Calocybe gambosa</i>	Tricholomataceae

Mea Culpa:

When Linn's took over Scott Stamp Monthly in October 2010, my single biggest letdown was that there was no "By Topic" listing in the new publication. Unfortunately, in my rush to try to overcome this apparent deficiency I went straight to the listings rather than reading the preface material.

Until now, I never noticed the obvious box preceding the listings for United States issues. Clearly stated in this box is the fact that the By Topics listings *were* being created by the Linn's staff, but were available online and not in the monthly published issues.

With apologies for my failure to spot the obvious, I am including immediately below an update going back to the beginning of the Linn's run (October 2010) of all of the items listed that I missed in that intervening time.

GREAT BRITAIN (Alderney) May 4, 2011

407	58p	Mushroom? on ground with a Woodcock
408a	304p	Souvenir sheet which includes Sc#507 and five other stamps (Sc#403-408)

AUSTRALIA**October 4, 2011**

3575	\$0.60	Fairy sitting on a mushroom cap (<i>Amanita muscaria?</i>)
		The above was noted in the last issue of Biophilately. However, not noted was the fact that this stamp also appears as one of six (Sc#3573–3580) in a souvenir sheet (SC#3380a), and as a self-adhesive stamp (Sc#3581), and in a self-adhesive booklet pane (Sc#3585b).

AUSTRIA**June 15, 2011**

2324	90c	Mushroom in stamp commemorating "Austria—Land of Forests"
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BELARUS**August 18, 2010**

741	500r	<i>Clavariadelphus pistillaris</i>	
742	500r	<i>Langermannia gigantea</i>	
743	500r	<i>Hericium coralloides</i>	
744	1000r	<i>Sparassis laminosa</i>	
745	1000r	<i>Polyporus umbellatus</i>	Polyporaceae

FRANCE**June 12, 2010**

- 3843 (56c) Mushrooms as a garnish for veal cutlet from Upper Normandy in a set of stamps commemorating regional cuisine in France.
- 3845a 4×(56c) Booklet pane of four different foods that includes Sc#3843 as one of the four foods.
- n/a 12×(56c) Full booklet of three panes of four different, each of which includes Sc#3843.

April 28, 2011

- 4007 58c This item and the next are listed in Linn's October 2011. Only Sc#4007 is illustrated and I am unable to identify a mushroom in the illustration.
- 4008 228c Sc#4008 includes Sc#4007

GREECE (Mount Athos)**November 16, 2010**

- 65 €3.50 Spiny puffball mushroom (Lycoperdaceae)

KOREA DPR (North)**April 9, 2010**

- 4907 3×30w Souvenir sheet of three bird stamps and three labels with (I presume) mushrooms in the selvage

June 30, 2010

- 4929 4var(268w) Souvenir sheet of four stamps commemorating children's animated films with mushrooms in the selvage.

February 16, 2011

- 4964 125w Zoo animal set, one of 4 (Sc#4961–4964) reported to have mushrooms in the design
- 4964b 309w Booklet pane with one each Sc#4961–4964)

NEW CALEDONIA**June 23, 2011**

- 1112 110f *Podoserpula miranda* Coniophoraceae

Correction:

Correct the listing for **Bulgaria** in the last issue of Biophilately. Sc# should read 4576a–d (not 457a–d)

New (not yet numbered):**CHINA TAIWAN****March 23, 2012**

Set of four plus a souvenir sheet including the four stamps.

GRENADA (Carriacou & Petite Martinique) December 16, 2011

Pane of four different mushroom stamps plus a souvenir sheet with a single stamp

Moving into personal preference territory

Zazzle is a company franchised by the USPS to print custom postage stamps. They are accessible on the web at <http://www.zazzle.com>. They offer a variety products, but for us "Photo gifts, Postage" are relevant. Generally they offer three sizes of custom stamps: small (1.8" × 1.3"), medium (2.1" × 1.3"), and large (2.5" × 1.5") that range between \$18.95 and \$20.95 per sheet of 20× \$0.45 stamps.

For the purposes of this review, I entered the Zazzle web site using the following address <http://www.zazzle.com/mushroom+stamps> and was rewarded with a catalog of 1116 available “mushroom” related stamps. It is completely unclear from their site, but I suspect that this is a catalog, much like the Sears or J.C. Penny catalogs. It advertises available products, but does not necessarily reflect, as does the Scott, Yvert, or Michel catalogs, stamps actually sold and used in the mail stream. Since I am uncertain as to how many, or even if any, of these items have seen postal use, or even have been purchased for potential postal use, I will present a summary of what I found when reviewing the 19 “pages” of images (60 images per page) of available stamps.

For the purposes of organizing my personal collection I have distinguished several general types of stamps: Stamps with mushrooms as the main subject in the vignette (M); Stamps with mushrooms in the design, but that are not the primary subject of the vignette (D); Stamps with mushroom look-alike vignettes (such as rock formations, ceramic mushrooms, A-bomb mushroom clouds, etc.) that look like, but are not actually mushrooms (X); and, stamps with mycologists as the subject of the vignette (P).

My summary will use these categories, with the addition of subcategories relating to the presentation (realistic [photo or accurate drawing] or fanciful [stylized drawing or outright cartoon]) in the vignette. Also, in the “D” group, I have distinguished mushrooms as food and graphic stamps (words but no illustration, or illustrations of completely fanciful “mushrooms.”

Mushrooms as main subject: Realistic (375) and Fanciful (158)

Mushrooms as a design element: Realistic (38), Fanciful (317), Food (41), and Graphic (26)

Mushroom look-alikes: Realistic (11) and Fanciful (1)

Mycologists: None seen

This accounts for 967 of the 1116 images sorted as “mushroom.” An additional pattern was not illustrated on the web site and is not included. The remaining 148 images did not contain identifiable mushroom(s) although stamps with fairies or Alice-in-Wonderland might liberally be added to a thematic collection by association (fairy rings of mushrooms, and the psychedelic mushrooms used in the Alice story). Others may also be so included, but I have chosen not to add them in.

A minor note here. Prices for these Zazzle offerings average slightly over \$1.00 for each stamp, but are only available in sheets of 20. Thus the 967 patterns would cost a collector somewhere around \$20,000 (unless he or she could muster 19 friends to take the surplus). And, I repeat my earlier observation as a caution: It is unclear that any of these 950+ stamps has seen use as postage.