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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Chris Dahle, BU 1269

Please welcome our newest associate editor. Koenraad Bracke of Belgium has submitted the first of his occasional columns featuring new issues of spiders. His column is titled "Arachnology."

Peter Voice has been busy all summer and has sent in the third part of his series on the 2024 Europa stamps, "Underwater Flora and Fauna." A final installment is in hand for the March 2025 issue. If you also belong to the Europa Study Unit of ATA you may see these articles appear there, too.

Most of our members already know the basics of stamp collecting. But there have been changes in how we collect with the advent of the internet. Michael Kogan gives us his take on "How to collect stamps in the XXI century." It will give you ideas on where to find catalogs, places to buy stamps and how two get in touch with collectors of similar interests.

In September I was on the jury at INDYPEX, in Indianapolis, IN. This was my first time to visit their show. It was held in a convention space at the local fairgrounds. The show committee was very welcoming and accommodating. They even came to get me at the airport after my flight was delayed for 7 hours, after an aborted takeoff.

When you are contacting the Editor, Secretary or Treasurer, please note that my mailing address has changed as of September 30. Email and phone contact information remain unchanged. You can find a list of mailing addresses and emails on page ii.

As we approach the end of 2024, I wish Happy Holidays to all.

Chris

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I am surrounded by a perfect Autumn day. The sun is shining from a clear blue sky. The temperature is in the low 60s. While taking a walk earlier, I watched the trees all aglow in shades of red, orange, and yellow. I get a laugh watching the squirrels scurry around preparing for winter. This is my favorite time of year.



Last month I decided to buy a larger aquarium. I picked out a 135 gallon tank. With all that weight, one has to worry about floor strength. Luckily there is a nice thick I-beam running under the floor. It was quite comical getting the six foot long tank into the house and up on to the stand. I got the gravel into the tank, but then was busy elsewhere. The one cat managed to get into the tank, but was unable to get back out. It was amusing to watch until she went to a corner and began digging in the gravel; then out she came! The store had so many shapes of driftwood and plants to choose from. After arranging the wood and plants, it took a week to cycle the tank. Finally it came time to move the fish from their former tank. The easiest to catch were the ancistrus catfish and little otocinclus. A few days later I tried to catch the tetras. After a couple of frustrating hours, only half had been caught and moved. The angelfish were easy to move. After a can of beer, I went after the remainder of the #*/:* tetras. Even a week later I saw a little one still in the old tank. There is so much more room for swimming/exploring and I spend so much more time watching them. Eventually the two puffer fish will go into the empty tank.

My latest topical collection is a bit different than usual. I decided to collect animal mascots used for mainly sporting events. The Olympics and regional competitions seem to frequently use animals. There was even a hedgehog from Israel. Interestingly, I have never found a stamp, M/S, or cachet with any one of the Sydney Olympics mascots. They used a platypus, a kookaburra, and an echidna. They were used on pins, t-shirts, medallions, and mugs. If anyone finds a stamp, M/S or cachet, please let me know!

The second half of this year has been long and difficult for me. I certainly look forward to the new year. I will have time to visit stamp shows again and catch up with everyone. I will have time to work in the garden. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Laurie

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Renewal time. It is time to renew your membership in the Biology Unit. All memberships are digital now. A subscription is only \$20 per year. You can pay an extra \$25 for postage to receive a print copy in the U.S. In general these are sent to members without computer access. You can pay by sending a check drawn on a U.S. bank, or using PayPal by sending payment of \$21 to dues@biophilately.org. The online renewal form has not been working for some members. I have not been able to determine what the issue is or how to fix it. I would encourage a payment directly through PayPal. If you are unsure if you have paid for membership in advance, please send an email to me at chris-dahle@biophilately.org.

News of Note

ATA My One-Page Exhibit Expands Submission Categories for 2025

By Michele M. Bresso and Thomas W. Broadhead

The American Topical Association My One-Page Exhibit Program begins its fifth year of virtual exhibiting December 15 by expanding to 14 entry categories. The exhibit program is free to enter and open to all. ATA membership is not required to participate.

Rather than offering judging or popularity votes, the program focuses on expression, storytelling and sharing. The program's reward is an opportunity to share new philatelic ideas and view a broad range of collecting interests. Exhibits are submitted as PDF file uploads on the ATA website during the submission period, ending February 15.

Literally a single page, either 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" in size, or A4 and A3 in international sizes, the exhibit represents an accessible way for philatelic exhibiting newcomers to engage in this aspect of the hobby. For experienced one- and multi-frame competitive exhibitors, the My One-Page Exhibit Program provides a place to explore new themes and topics and share important stories.

The previous years' entries realized nearly 850 exhibits from 20 countries around the globe. The more than 430 exhibitors' entries were submitted by ATA members giving the global philatelic family a glimpse of our topical and other philatelic interests covered myriad topics.

A new category, gastronomy, joins 13 other category options for 2025 submission on the ATA website including animals, arts, culture, health and safety, nature, philately, plans, postal history, science and technology, sports, transportation, U.S. history, and world history. Exhibits are not limited to these categories, and new categories are added as needed to accommodate the exhibits received.

For example, last year's exhibits shared how the discovery of ancient bones launched a scientific conundrum for paleontologists, introduced Andean musical instruments of Peru, suggested a sixth-century origin of today's modern chess game, explored numerical symmetry in postmarks, and heralded the history of tequila.

Narratives developed by exhibits can be serious, questioning, comic, and everything in between. Every exhibit offers an opportunity for viewers to be introduced to or learn more about a topic. For exhibitors, the My One-Page Exhibit Program provides a unique opportunity to try out storylines and do preliminary research in new or expanded collection areas, according to ATA Board President Dawn Hamman.

"Philatelists love to relate the stories they learn as they explore, research, and expand knowledge in their collection field," Hamman said. "ATA's My One-Page Exhibit Program provides an open-source opportunity for collectors to share those stories globally and hear from other collectors with intersecting philatelic interests."

My One-Page Exhibit allows exhibitors to create and share interesting items from their collections that may be outliers from their exhibits. Simultaneously, the ATA program lets participants share in promoting exhibiting to those who want to try it for the first time.

"ATA recently offered a Zoom presentation on how to create a virtual one-page exhibit for our program. It is linked on the My One-Page Exhibit Program page for all to view, making it even easier to participate this year," Hamman said.

The 2025 My One-Page Exhibit Program opens for entry submission on December 15, 2024 and closes on February 15, 2025. Exhibits will be submitted on the ATA website – americantopical.org. Exhibit instructions and requirements are posted on the ATA exhibit page. Exhibits in the 2025 program will be available for viewing on the ATA website by April 1, 2025 and will remain online throughout the year. Visit americantopical.org for updates and details.

Upcoming Issues of Interest – Europa Stamps Edition, Part 3

Peter Voice BU#1891

The Europa 2024 common theme is Underwater Flora and Fauna. This is a joint program between the European nations to issue stamps highlighting a specific theme each year. The program started in 1956 and has grown from 6 countries to over 50 countries participating. This year's theme, Underwater Flora and Fauna explores the organisms living in the waterways of Europe including both marine settings and freshwater streams and ponds. Many of the issues are based on underwater photographs of the animals and plants in their natural environments, others are more stylized artwork. Part 1 included the first 28 countries, territories, and even a few de facto states that had released information about their offerings in this year's Europa theme. Part 2 includes information for 27 additional countries and territories. The current part includes information on the remaining issues from 3 countries. The Republic of Kazakhstan lists an issue for the Underwater Flora and Fauna theme but has not yet released any more information about these stamps. The Europa Stamp Competition website lists a stamp for the Republic of Albania as well – but no information has shown up on the Albanian Post's website on when the stamp will be released. The preview image shown on the Europa Stamp Competition page is reproduced here. After describing the last few issues in the theme, this article will present a statistical summary of the issues. You can still vote for your favorite Europa Stamp from this year's theme, here: <https://www.europastamps.eu/europa2024>.



Images were taken from WOPA.com, <https://europa-stamps.blogspot.com>, or from the Postal Services of the individual countries.

Ireland released its Europa stamps on June 6. Two stamps were released – the “N” value stamps in mini-sheets of 8 stamps and the “W” value stamps in mini-sheets of 4 stamps. National stamps are



denominated as “N” stamps, which are currently valued at €1.35. Irish stamps denominated “W” are for international postage and are currently valued at €2.20. The “N” value stamp depicts the Carrageen or Irish Moss, *Chondrus crispus*. This species is a type

of red algae found along the rocky coasts of the Atlantic Ocean off Europe and North America. In Ireland, this alga is found along the entire coastline in the intertidal and shallow subtidal zones. The “W” value stamp depicts the Compass Jellyfish, *Chrysaora hysoscella*. This jellyfish is found in the northeastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, where it is found in coastal waters up to 30 m deep. The bell of the medusa has distinct brown V-shaped markings that radiate from the center of the bell towards the edges, which is shown nicely in the illustration on the stamp. They are quite common. The compass jellyfish eats a variety of marine invertebrates and plankton.



The cachet on the official first day cover includes sketches of a variety of diatoms, phytoplankton found in the waters of Ireland. The official postmark shows another sketch of the Compass Jellyfish.



On June 12, Armenia released its offering in the theme Underwater Fauna and Flora, a souvenir sheet with a single stamp. The stamp is denominated 500 AMD and depicts the large eye of a fish. Within the reflection in the fish's eye is an underwater scene with a variety of animals including crayfish, a snake, underwater plants and several species of fish including the Sevan Trout (*Salmo ischchan*) and the Sevan barbel (*Barbus goktschaicus*). This snapshot shows the fauna of Lake Sevan (east central Armenia) and the rivers of Armenia. The Sevan trout is endangered due to the introduction of competitive fish to Lake Sevan during the

Soviet era and commercial fishing of the species is prohibited. The stamp shows the gegharkuni breed – one of four breeds of the Sevan trout. The breeds are characterized by different breeding periods and places but are genetically identical. The gegharkuni breed breeds in rivers and migrates into Lake Sevan – Armenia rears this breed in hatcheries to maintain stocks in Lake Sevan and adjacent rivers. In the image below, the Sevan trout appears above the postmark on the FDC, while the Sevan barbel is present underneath the postmark. Crayfish are present at the top of the stamp and on the right side. The snake is present in the center of the stamp.

Hungary issued its Europa stamps on June 20. Both stamps in the set are denominated 1055 HUF. The stamps were issued in a mini-sheet of 4 stamps, with 2 stamps from each design. Both stamps depict fish – the Beluga (*Huso huso*) and the European

Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*). The Beluga sturgeon is a fish found in central Eurasia with a historic range including the Caspian Sea, Black Sea, Adriatic Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the rivers connecting these seas (including the Danube River). The modern range has been reduced to the Caspian Sea, the Black Sea, and a few rivers such as the Danube. Beluga are tolerant of a wide range of salinities – which allows them to live in both rivers and estuaries. Juveniles eat a variety of benthic invertebrates in shallow waters but become piscivorous (fish-eating) as they mature. Adults prefer fish, but have been observed eating mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic birds, and even young seals!

These fish are some of the largest bony fish – with one individual female recorded in 1827 from the Volga Estuary that weighed 3,463 pounds and was 23 ft 7 inches long! Beluga are of course important as a source of beluga caviar. These fish are also edible. The European Carp was originally native to the Danube Delta but has been spread nearly worldwide as a popular farmed fish – even the Romans built ponds to grow these carp. The native range of this fish includes the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and Aral Sea.



Ukraine released its Europa theme stamps on June 25. Both stamps are denominated “A”. The “A” rate is for international mail and is currently set at a value of one US dollar. The first stamp depicts the fish, *Symphodus tinca*, while the second stamp depicts the crab, *Eriphia verrucosa*. The East Atlantic peacock wrasse is a bony fish found in the shallow waters of the Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean



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it is usually found among seaweed.

They eat a variety of mollusks,

polychaete worms, and hermit crabs.

Individuals living in the Black Sea are also known to prey on the invasive snail

Rapana venosa. Pollution and eutrophication threaten their population in the Black Sea region.

Sea, and the Black Sea. This species prefers rocky habitats with eelgrass but is also found in lagoons to water depths of 50 m (164 ft). The males are more colorful with green, green-bluish, or green-yellowish body with rows of red spots running the length of the body, and dark blue on the upper part of the head. Females are more drab gray-green or brown fading to silver on the belly. These fish are used as food when caught but are not commercially fished. They are also sometimes sold in the aquarium trade. The Warty Crab or yellow Crab is found in the northeastern Atlantic (Brittany to the Azores and Mauritania), the Black Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea. In the Black Sea they have become an endangered species. This crab lives in shallow water

(Up to 15 m or 50 ft)

along rocky tlines, where



A variety of philatelic products were

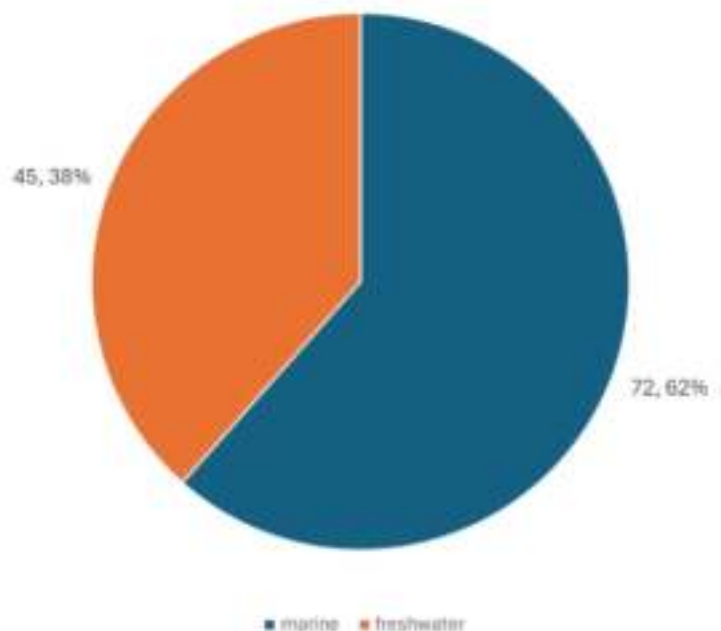
produced including first day covers and maxi-cards. The stamps were released in a mini-sheet of 8 stamps – with four stamps of the East Atlantic peacock wrasse in the upper half of the sheet separated by selva from four stamps of the Warty Crab. The selva shows a variety of mollusks (both bivalves and gastropods) and a shrimp. A special booklet with a souvenir sheet was released to premium subscribers – this booklet was limited to 3000 copies. The two stamps are significantly larger in the special booklet and the artwork on the souvenir sheet shows that the two stamps are part of a common scene.

Statistical Summary

The Europa 2024 Underwater Fauna and Flora theme was presented on 117 stamps from 57 countries and territories (Albania and Kazakhstan were not included in this tabulation). I created a database in Microsoft Excel with a row for each of the 117 stamps. Each stamp was coded for the following parameters:

- 1) Marine vs. freshwater
- 2) Larger taxonomic grouping – Vertebrate, Invertebrate, or Plants/Algae
- 3) Invertebrates were sorted into categories including: Cnidaria, Arthropoda, Mollusca, Echinodermata, and microfauna.
- 4) Vertebrates were sorted into fish, Amphibia, Reptilia, and Mammalia.
- 5) Plants/Algae were sorted into

Marine vs. Freshwater



green algae, red algae, brown algae, and plants

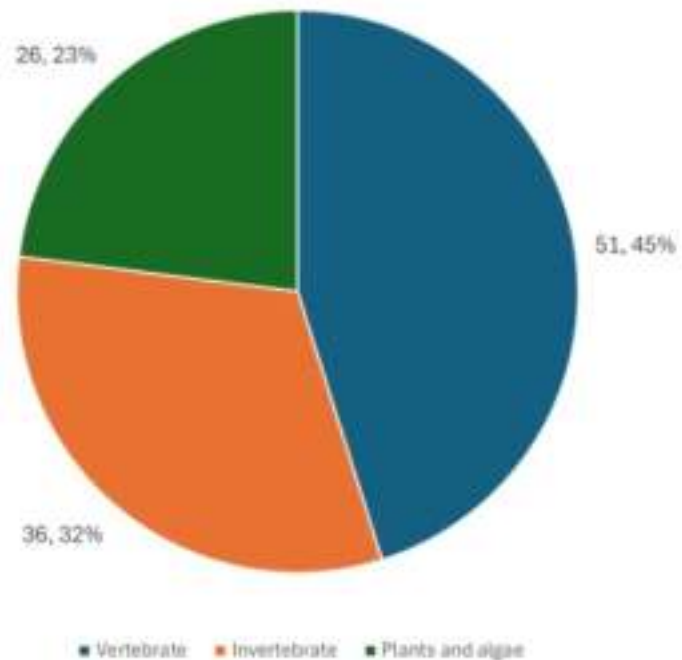
Total counts for each category within each parameter were compiled and used to create a series of pie charts showing the proportions of the Europa stamps for each parameter.

The first broad characterization was to sort the organisms by the aquatic environment that they live in – freshwater or marine. Marine organisms were portrayed on 72 of the stamps (61.5%), while 45 stamps depicted freshwater organisms (38.5%). It should not be a surprise with the broad coastline of Europe along the Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea that the theme's coverage was weighted towards marine animals. Landlocked nations tended to focus on their freshwater faunas.

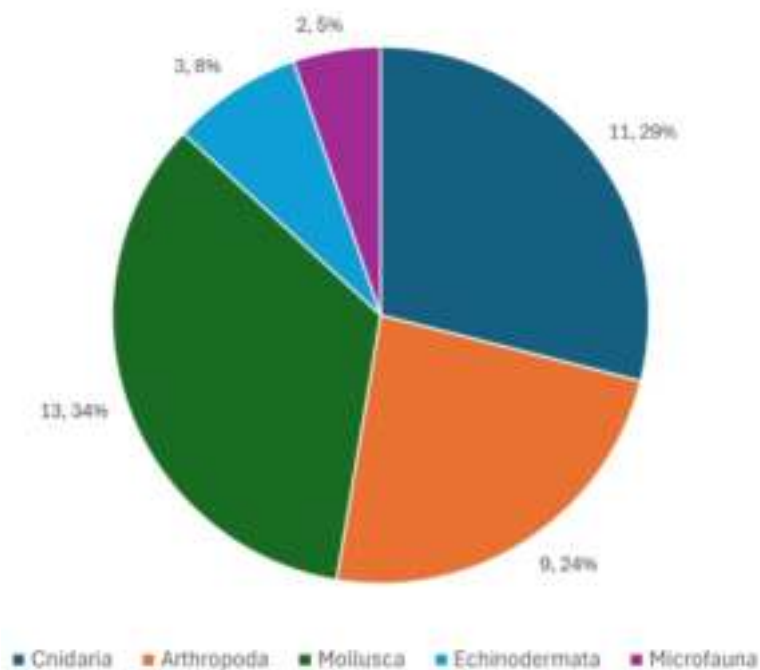
A large proportion of the stamps depict vertebrates (51 stamps, 45.1%). Invertebrates are depicted on 36 of the stamps (31.8%). Plants and algae made up the smallest proportion on the stamps, with 26 stamps depicting plants and algae (23%). Four stamps showed mixed faunas that included more than one major group of organisms.

While the invertebrates represent a wide diversity of body plans in the Kingdom Animalia, only 4 major invertebrate groups are depicted on the 2024 Europa Stamps: Cnidarians, Mollusks, Arthropods, and Echinoderms. A fifth category was lumped with this group – the microfauna representing protists (single-celled eukaryotes such as the epibionts on the eelgrass of the Åland Islands stamp). Mollusks are the most common invertebrates depicted on the Europa stamps with 13 stamps. Cnidarians are the second most common invertebrates portrayed on these stamps with 11 stamps (mostly jellyfish). Arthropods are depicted on 9 stamps, while Echinoderms are shown on 3 of the stamps.

Proportions of Major Groups

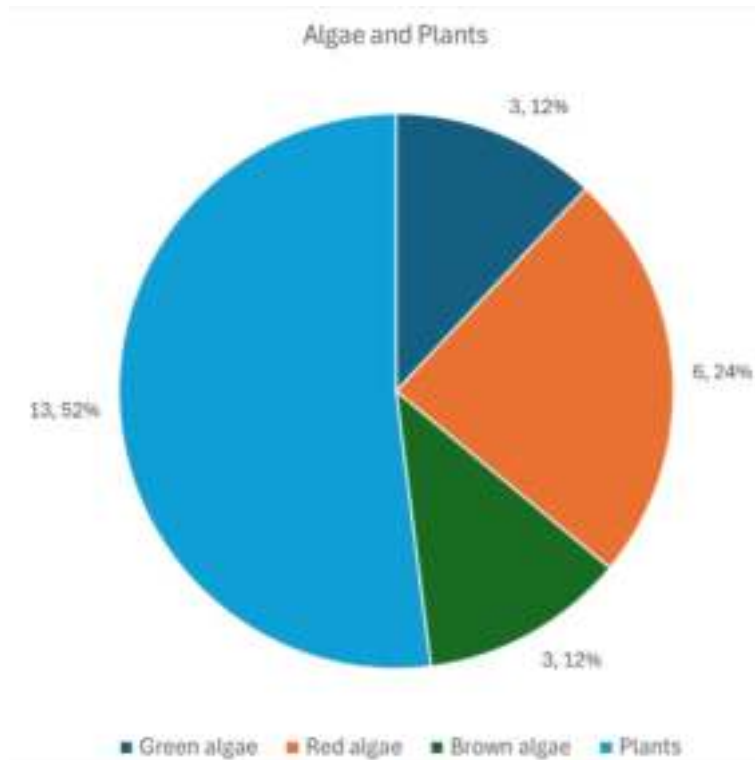


Invertebrates



Three major groups of algae are depicted on the 2024 Europa Stamps – green algae (3 stamps), red algae (6 stamps), and brown algae (3 stamps). Plants are shown on 13 stamps (approximately 50% of the photosynthesizers shown are plants).

Finally, vertebrates were represented by fish (35 stamps), amphibians (3 stamps), reptiles (7 stamps), and mammals (5 stamps). Two of the reptile stamps depict prehistoric



animals – a plesiosaur and an ichthyosaur on the Luxembourg stamps. The rest of the reptile stamps focus on turtles and one snake (in the mixed fauna shown on the Armenian stamp highlighted in this article). Both frogs and salamanders represent the amphibia on these stamps. Marine mammals including whales, dolphins, and seals were shown on multiple countries' stamps. Fish dominate the vertebrates shown with both bony fish (teleosts) and cartilaginous fish (sharks and rays) depicted. Oddly, no sea birds are depicted on any of the Europa 2024 stamps.

The Europa theme of Underwater Fauna and Flora generated a beautiful set of stamps this year. I encourage all readers to collect issues from this theme – as there are stamps to thrill any topical collector! While I normally collect only stamps depicting prehistoric life (and the Luxembourg

stamps were a highlight for my theme), several issues piqued my interest and were added to my collection including the Guernsey and Jersey sets and the gorgeous mollusks stamps from Greece. Below is an example of a personal FDC that the author acquired for the Greek set of Europa stamps. One thing that was not apparent in the images of these Greek stamps is that the stamps have an iridescent effect that is stunning when you can observe the actual stamps – almost gave the shells an actual mother of pearl luster.



The table below lists the Scott Catalog numbers that have already been issued for the Europa 2024 Underwater Fauna and Flora stamps (see also the Invertebrate column p.231)

New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
JERSEY		2024 January 8 (Underwater Flora and Fauna)	Set/8 +SS	
2652	60p	Snakelocks Anemone (<i>Anemonia viridis</i>)	Actiniidae	A
2653	98p	Bladder Wrack (<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>)	Fucaceae	A
2654	98p	Common Limpet (<i>Patella vulgata</i>)	Patellidae	A
2655	£1.65	Compass Jellyfish (<i>Chrysaora hysoscella</i>)	Pelagiidae	A
2656	£2.15	Flat Periwinkles (<i>Littorina obtusata</i>)	Littorinidae	A
2657	£2.95	Sea Lettuce (<i>Ulva lactuca</i>) and various rockpool algae	Ulvaceae	A
2658	£3.75	Carrageen (<i>Chondrus crispus</i>)	Gigartinaceae	A
2659	£4.85	Great Scallop (<i>Pecten maximus</i>)	Pectinida	A
SWITZERLAND		2024 May 2 (Europa)	Set/2	
1963a	120c	Freshwater whitefish (<i>Coregonus alpinus</i>)	Salmonidae	A
1963b	120c	Rhone Streber (<i>Zingel asper</i>)	Percidae	A
VATICAN CITY		2024 May 21 (Europa)	Set/2	
1858	€1.25	Greater Green Frog (<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>)	Ranidae	A
1859	€1.30	American Turtle (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>)	Emydidae	A

How to collect stamps in the XXI century

Michael Kogan, BU 1863

I started collecting stamps in the mid-1980s, when I was a schoolboy, while living in the Soviet Ukraine. Stamp collecting was a very popular hobby at the time for both children and adults. My major interest was the world-wide fauna, especially prehistoric animals.

I found my first fossil when I was 12-13 years old, in the mid-1980s. It was a tooth of a prehistoric fish in a piece of stone. I took it to the Natural History Museum where an employee explained to me what I had found. It was astonishing, because in Lviv, the Ukrainian city, where I grew up, there was no sea or even a river. Prehistoric creatures began to occupy my imagination.

At that time, there were not many opportunities to obtain stamps. Mixes of CTO (cancelled) stamps of the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries were offered in the magazine kiosks, usually in topical packages (sport, cosmos, animals ...). These packages were usually a bunch of stamps laid flat on a cardboard backing then wrapped with saran wrap/plastic wrap tightly.

Mint stamps were much more difficult to get: the Soviet stamps were available in a philatelic stores, where many of them were offered only to the members of the philatelic society. Once a month, my father took me to the trade meeting of the philatelic society of our city where it was possible to get some stamps from a wide range of countries, but many times only part of the sets. MICHEL or any other world-wide stamps catalog was very difficult to get as it was not sold in country. At the beginning of 1990s, after I finished school, I stopped collecting until 2010.



Mix of Soviet fauna stamps

I restarted my collection again, while living in Germany. Today I collect any kind of philatelic item which is related to Paleontology, Paleoanthropology and to Ukrainian resistance to Russian aggression. When I started collecting stamps again, I faced a different problem: not where to get stamps, but how to sort them out and not overpay. There are many offerings and a range of options to obtain stamps today. There are many internet resources which can be very helpful for philatelists.

Purchasing Stamps

Many Postal Authorities offer their recent stamps and associated philatelic and numismatic products on their online stores. The links to the Worldwide Philatelic Resources: philatelic bureaus, stamp



Screenshot of WOPA+ home page

issue plans/programs and catalogues are here. Some Postal Authorities offer their products from the last 2-3 years, while others have even older stamps still on sale. Many of them also provide technical



Screenshot of Delcampe home page



Screenshot of MICHEL online



Screenshot of Colnect online

information and a short background story about their stamps.

Another good resource to get recent stamps at their face values is WOPA+ agency. The Gibraltar based agency is an e-commerce platform for collectors which offers postage stamps of over 60 countries. WOPA+ works as an intermediary between you, the customer, and postal administrations and sellers around the globe. Orders are shipped to customers

from each Postal Administration within five business days of receipt from WOPA+. Sometimes it is even more convenient to order through the agency who accept all major credit cards and PayPal, than order from the online stores of the postal agencies directly.

Trade platforms such as eBay (ebay.com, ebay.co.uk, ebay.de ...) are good alternatives, especially for looking for older stamps or specialized philatelic products such as autographed or circulated covers. Delcampe and HipStamps are two major trade platforms dedicated to collectors (personally I prefer Delcampe as it has a wider choice of items and strong search options). These platforms allow collectors to not only purchase stamps, covers, postcards, but also sell their duplicates. I also have a small store there, where I sell my duplicate items. Many traditional, offline, philatelic stores offer their products on the Internet today, including the trading platforms for collectors.

Notes:

1. Please be careful purchasing at the trading platforms. Most of the sellers are serious dealers or collectors, but there are also some cheaters. Read the rules/conditions of the platform and check the ratings of the dealers before placing a bid or purchasing an item. Many platforms allow buyers the

opportunity to rate the item and leave comments about the service provided. If the seller has a rating less than 100% you better read the feedback before making any deal. If the seller has a rating less than 90%, avoid buying from them.

2. Payment. Check for the payment options offered by the trade platform and accepted by the seller. Some payment methods, such as PayPal offer "buyer warranty" – an option to return your money fully or partially, when the items were not received or arrived not in the conditions as described.

Many small or poor countries outsource production of their stamps to international agencies. The biggest agencies are: IGPC and Stamperija. Both agencies produce a lot of stamps per year on behalf of their clients and offer their products in their online stores. Stamperija might produce over 1.000 stamps per year for a single country they represent. The lists of their clients are listed here: IGPC and Stamperija.

Stamp catalogues

Many world-wide, commercial, stamp catalogue companies offer printed and online catalogues, but it might cost several hundred Euro per annum. Major catalogues are listed below.

MICHEL (Germany) online catalogue

Phildom (Spain)

Scott (USA) online catalogue

Stanley Gibbons (Great Britain) online catalogue

Yvert & Tellier (France)

Note:

If you collect specific countries, the best catalogues are usually the ones printed in that country - such as Scott Catalogues are authoritative for the United States, while Michel Catalogs are accurate for Germany, Austria, Switzerland.

Some catalogue publishers also produce specialized catalogues for specific types of philatelic materials, such as Machine (ATM) stamps for example, as well as for specific thematic/topical collections. In 2019, MICHEL printed "Dinos - Ganze Welt" - 160 A5 pages with approx. 2500 colour illustrations and about 20 000 price quotations of prehistoric animals stamps, mainly dinosaurs.

On top of the classic catalogues, there are some free alternatives.

Colnect - (collect + connect ==> Colnect) is a comprehensive online solution for collectors of mass-produced collectibles (stamps, coins, phonecards and so many more) revolutionizing the collecting experience by providing online personal collection management within a designated community.

This free catalogue, provide images and technical information, including catalogue numbers of all major stamp catalogues. Stamp prices are not included. Registered users (the registration is free of charge) have an option to have the option of inventorying their collection by assigning each stamp to "Collection", "Swap", "Wish" or "Ignore" categories.

This internet site provides opportunities to improve their catalogue. Users are welcome to write comments or corrections about every stamp in the database. The website has an option to search for the stamp, or any other collectible item, not only by the country name, but also by the title.



StampWorld – they claim to be “The most complete stamp catalogue in the world.”

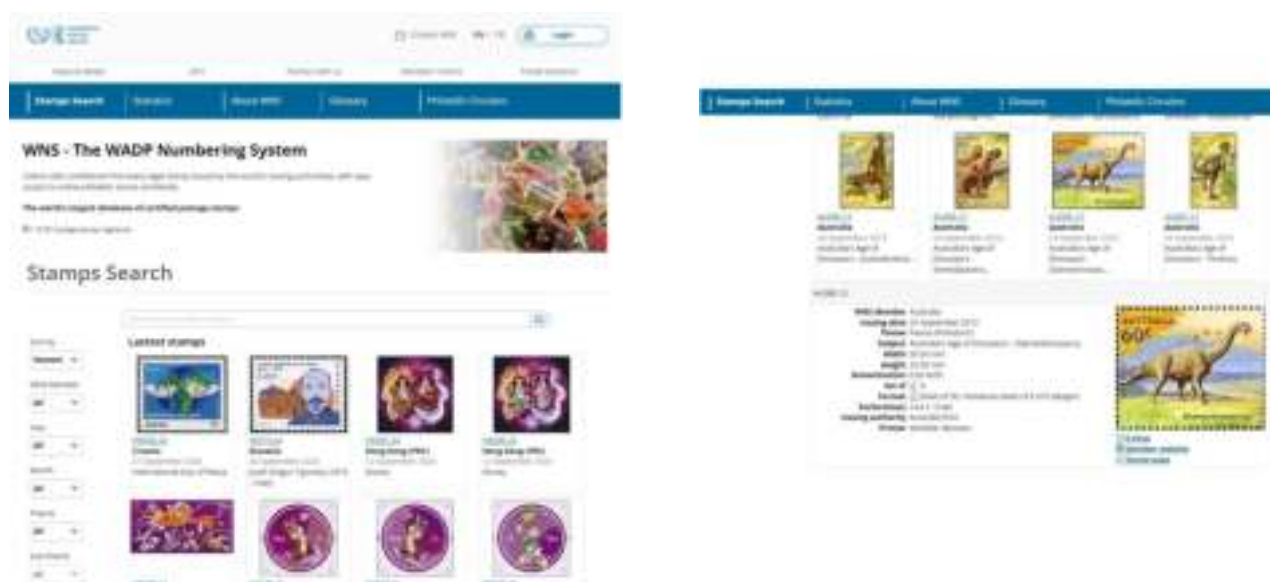
This website provides very basic technical details, including reference prices and options to buy the stamp from a registered user or sell your own stamps.

Stamps of the World is another free philatelic catalogue with over 384.000 images.

The Universal Postal Union maintains a catalogue - **WADP WNS** - of recent stamps of member countries back to 2002.

The World Association for the Development of Philately Numbering System (WADP WNS) was launched on 1 January 2002, with the primary aim of compiling a database of all postage stamps legally issued, from that date onwards, by the issuing postal authorities of UPU member countries and territories that have signed up to the WNS. The WNS therefore serves as a primary reference tool for checking postage stamp issues, helping to safeguard the philatelic industry against illegal issues. The WNS is a register of all official postage stamps issued by its members. It is the only system that provides collectors with a guarantee that a given stamp is official.

However, in many cases, the stamps are listed after some delay. For example, the newest stamp of Australia listed in October 2024 is from 2018 and many countries are not members of the WNS. The stamps in the database can be seen in high resolution. Basic technical information and links to the e-shop and the Post Authority (member) websites are provided.



Screenshots of WNS web pages

Information

Information about brand-new and coming stamps is also available on the Internet.

Linn's Stamp News (USA)

MICHEL (Germany)

Many Postal Administrations publish news about their issues on their websites. Some of them publish philatelic magazines and bulletins, and stamps issue plans. List of the links is here. Many philatelic organizations and enthusiasts run YouTube channels about various philatelic topics:

American Philatelic Society

American Topical Association

Exploring Stamps

Stanley Gibbons

To talk to other philatelists or search for information about the stamps, you can use the Facebook or philatelic forums such as: forum of American Philatelic Society, The Stamp Forum or Stampboards.

Thematic websites

There are many websites dedicated to thematic philatelists.

For example, this website, "PaleoPhilatelie.eu", is about representation of Paleontology and Paleoanthropology in Philately, including the list of brand new and future philatelic issues.

StampedOut is also dealing with prehistoric life on stamps, including prehistoric animals from cartoons, illustrations from fiction, children's artwork, etc.

Dinosaurs on Stamp provide information about dinosaur stamps only.

Thematic study units of international philatelic Associations are also present on the Internet.

Biology Study Unit of American Topical Association is dedicated to the international cooperative study of biological postage stamps and related material.

Germany based Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bergbau und Geowissenschaften, in English "Mining and Geosciences", study unit of German Philatelic Association is dedicated to study postage stamps related to mining, geology, paleontology, paleoanthropology, mineralogy and speleology.

These and many other study units issue magazines or bulletins on the regular base printed, on-line or both formats. Some of them, such as American Topical Association for example, provide thematic checklists for their members.

Swap partners

Many philatelists like to swap rather than purchase the stamps.

The swap partners may provide not only mint or CTO (Cancelled To Order) stamps, but also help to get addressed FDCs or send a cover or postcard with particular stamps on it.

TradeOnlyStamps is the website to search for swap partners, but its capability is very limited.

My favourite platform to find swap partners is **Facebook**.

See examples of circulated covers and FDCs sent to me by swap partners from Facebook on the right.

The platform has many public and private groups covering every topic you can imagine, such as politics, travel, cooking, and even philatelic topics. Many philatelic organizations, Postal Authorities, agencies have Facebook pages where the followers can check their news. Here are just few examples of philatelic groups on Facebook:

- American Topical Association
- Cover collectors
- Maximaphily, traditional and non-traditional
- STAMP COLLECTING
- PaleoPhilately - the group about representation of Paleontology in Philately
- Evolution of mankind and Philately



Examples of circulated covers and FDCs sent to the author by swap partners from Facebook.

Notes:

1. To see content on Facebook groups, you need to register in the platform. Registration is quick and not complicated. After registration, you do not need to add your image, share any private data, or connect to any other user. You have full control of the content in your profile and can even make your profile private.



2. As soon as you have registered with any Facebook group, you will receive updates about their activities. If you don't want these updates, go to "manage notifications" to adjust the notifications.

Screenshot of Facebook Privacy Controls

Have fun collecting, but be careful with anything you do online as there are always some cheaters mixed with the many serious users on the world wide web.

The Language Barrier

When I was young, I spoke only my mother language. Communication with foreign collectors was almost impossible for me, due to the language barrier. Today Internet makes it possible.

Many websites have an option to translate their page to another language. This website, for example, has a "Select Language" menu at the top side of every page.

In the case such an option does not exist, Google Translate provides an ability to translate websites to all major languages.

Google Translate can be also used to translate text messages of international friends. The translator is not perfect, but is good enough to enable communication between international swap partners.



BOTANY

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Scott #	Denom	Common Name	Botanical Name	Family	Code
Scott #	Denom	Common Name	Botanical Name	Family Code	
ARUBA		2023 September 27 (Flowers)			Set/4
704		Sheet of 4			
704a	320c	Mexican mimosa, <i>Mimosa distachya</i>	Fabaceae	Fl A MS	
704b	320c	Bulb nettlespurge, <i>Jatropha sp.</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Fl A MS	
704c	320c	Scarlet spiderling, <i>Boerhavia coccinea</i>	Nyctaginaceae	Fl A MS	
704d	320c	Lady of the night cactus, <i>Cereus hexagonus</i>	Cactaceae	Fl A MS	
BARBADOS		2024 April 15 (Gullies with plants: Definitive series)			Set/11
1334	25c	Chinese fan palm, <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Arecaceae	T B	
1335	65c	Star of Bethlehem, <i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Asparagaceae	Fl B	
1337	\$1.40	Blood root, <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Papaveraceae	Fl B	
1338	\$1.50	African tulip tree, <i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	Bignoniaceae	T B	
1339	\$1.80	Macaw palm, <i>Aiphanes minima</i>	Arecaceae	T B	
1342	\$5	Sandbox tree trunk, <i>Hura crepitans</i>	Euphorbiaceae	T B	
BERMUDA		2024 April 4 (Fruits)			Set/6
1209	5c	Pomegranates, <i>Punica granatum</i>	Punicaceae	Fr A	
1210	10c	Loquats, <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A	
1211	50c	Prickly pears, <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Cactaceae	Fr A	
1212	\$1	Surinam cherries, <i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	Myrtaceae	Fr A	
1213	\$1.15	Pawpaws, <i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Fr A	
1214	\$1.35	Bay grapes, <i>Coccolbis uvifera</i>	Polygonaceae	Fr A	
CAPE VERDE		2024 March 28 (Carnation revolution in Portugal 50y)			Set/2
1040-41		Stylized carnations, <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Caryophyllaceae	Fl A S	
CHILE		2022 December 9 (Diplomatic Relations with Japan 125y)			Single
1695	610p	Chilean bellflower, <i>Lapageria rosea</i>	Philesiaceae	Fl B	
		Cherry blossoms, <i>Prunus mume</i>	Rosaceae	Fl B	
COLOMBIA		2023 December 5 (Colombian Parks)			Set/16
1637		Sheet of 16			
1637j	200p	Palm trees	Arecaceae	T B U	
1637k	200p	<i>Ruilopezia cardonae</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A MS	
1637l	200p	<i>Espeletia brassicoidea</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A MS	
1637m	200p	<i>Espeletia chontalensis</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A MS	
		2024 March 8 (Colombian Stamps 165y; UPU 150y)			Set/8
1644		Sheet of 8, orchids named after Colombian women			
1644a	5000p	<i>Lepanthes laurarestrepoana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS	
1644b	5000p	<i>Lepanthes dianatrujilloana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS	

COLOMBIA (continued)

1644c	5000p	<i>Lepanthes dianauribeana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
1644d	5000p	<i>Lepanthes gloriagaleanoana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
1644e	5000p	<i>Lepanthes nubiamuñozana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
1644f	5000p	<i>Lepanthes nidiagongorana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
1644g	5000p	<i>Lepanthes paolaalzateana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
1644h	5000p	<i>Lepanthes margaritamarinoana</i>	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS

CROATIA**2024 March 21** (Camellia varieties) Set/3

1338	96c	Rubra Simplex, <i>Camellia japonica</i> 'Rubra Simplex'	Theaceae	Fl A
1338a		Booklet pane of 10		
1339	96c	Desire, <i>Camellia japonica</i> 'Desire'	Theaceae	Fl A
1339a		Booklet pane of 10		
1340	96c	Alba Plena, <i>Camellia japonica</i> 'Alba Plena'	Theaceae	Fl A
1340a		Booklet pane of 10		

2024 April 15 (Protected Agricultural Food Products) Set/3

1342	72c	Varazdinsko Zelje cabbage, <i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Brassicaceae	V A
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2024 April 24 (Tree Planting to Combat Climate Change) Single

1345	€1.70	Stylized trees and hand planting seedlings		T A S
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CZECH REPUBLIC**2024 September 4** (Adult and juvenile animals) Set/4

3975	Sheet of 4	Pine, <i>Pinus sp.</i>	Pinaceae	V B MS Z
		Oak, <i>Quercus robur</i>	Fagaceae	Fr B MS Z
		Cherry, <i>Prunus cerastus</i>	Rosaceae	Fr B MS Z
		Beech, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Fagaceae	Fr B MS Z
		Raspberry, <i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Rosaceae	Fr B MS Z
3975b	31k	Harebell, <i>Campanula sp.</i>	Campanulaceae	Fl B MS

CYPRUS**2024 May 2** (Europa) Set/2

1410	34c	Unidentified alga		V A U
1411a		Booklet pane, 4 each #1410-11		

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**2023 November 10** (Eugenio de Jesus Marciano, naturalist) Single

1760	75p	<i>Pereskia maracanoi</i>	Cactaceae	Fl A
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2024 May 24 (Botanists and plants named for them) Set/12

1766	60p	Sheet of 12		
1766a	60p	Guanito del Lago, <i>Coccothrinax jimenezii</i>	Arecaceae	T A MS
1766c	60p	<i>Miconia clasei</i>	Melastomataceae	Fl A MS
1766f	60p	<i>Tabebuia ricardii</i>	Bignoniaceae	Fl A MS
1766h	60p	<i>Cuatresia albertovelozii</i>	Solanaceae	Fl A MS
1766i	60p	<i>Miconia pegueroana</i>	Melastomataceae	Fl A MS
1766k	60p	<i>Garcia delia mejiae</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Fl A MS

ESTONIA**2024 April 11** Single

1027	€1.30	Oak tree, <i>Quercus robur</i>	Fagaceae	T A
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FRANCE**2024 January 19**

Set/2 perf 13

6576	€1.29	Stylized rose in heart, <i>Rosa x hybrida</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A S
6576a		Souvenir sheet of 5		
6577	€2.58	Stylized rose in heart, <i>Rosa x hybrida</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A S
		Set/2. SA, die cut		
6578	€1.29	Stylized rose in heart, <i>Rosa x hybrida</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A S
6579	€2.58	Stylized rose in heart, <i>Rosa x hybrida</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A S

FRANCE (continued)**2024 May 17** (Flower ptgs by Raoul Dufy) Set/12

6632	(€1.29)	Roses, <i>Rosa sp.</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A
6633	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6634	(€1.29)	Unidentified plant		V A U
6635	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6636	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6637	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6638	(€1.29)	Violets, <i>Viola sp.</i>	Violaceae	Fl A
6639	(€1.29)	Roses, <i>Rosa sp.</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A
6640	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6641	(€1.29)	Arums, <i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Araceae	Fl A
6642	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6643	(€1.29)	Unidentified flower		Fl A U
6643a		Booklet pane of 12		

FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERR.**2024 January 2**

Single

708	€1.16	Algae of the National Reserve		V A U
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GREAT BRITAIN**Guernsey**

2024 May 14

Single

1772	£4.29	Diana's Delight Clematis, <i>Clematis</i> 'Diana's Delight'	Ranunculaceae	Fl A SS Z
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Jersey**2024 July 4** (Fruits)Set/8

2695	60p	Brown Turkey figs, <i>Ficus carica</i>	Moraceae	Fr A
2696	98p	Cider apples, <i>Malus x domestica</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A
2697	98p	Medlars, <i>Mespilus germanica</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A
2698	£1.65	Damson plums, <i>Prunus domestica subsp. insititia</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A
2699	£2.15	Chaumontel pear, <i>Pyrus communis</i> 'Chaumontel'	Rosaceae	Fr A
2700	£2.95	Strawberries, <i>Fragaria ananassa</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A
2701	£3.75	Kiwi fruit, <i>Actinidia sp.</i>	Actinidiaceae	Fr A
2702	£4.85	Quinces, <i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Rosaceae	Fr A

GRENADA**2023 December 19** (Fish & Flower type of 2022)

Single

4474	25c	Lantana and butterfly, <i>Lantana camara</i>	Verbenaceae	Fl B
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2023 December 20 (Caribbean Flowers)

Set/4, SS/2

4475		Sheet of 4		
4475a	\$5	Anthuriums, <i>Anthurium andraeanum</i>	Araceae	Fl A MS
4475b	\$5	Butterfly jasmine, <i>Jasminum sp.</i>	Oleaceae	Fl A MS
4475c	\$5	Bauhinia (Misabeled Hibiscus), <i>Bauhinia sp.</i>	Fabaceae	Fl A MS
4475d	\$5	Orchids	Orchidaceae	Fl A MS
4476		Souvenir sheet of 2		
4476a	\$8	Lilies, <i>Lilium sp.</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A SS Z
4476b	\$8	Orchids	Orchidaceae	Fl A SS Z

JAPAN**2024 March 6** (My Travels) Set/20

4722		Sheet of 10		
4722c	¥84	Citrus fruits, <i>Citrus spp.</i>	Rutaceae	Fr A

2024 April 3 (Flower colors Series 2)

Set/10

4725		Sheet of 10		
4725a	¥63	Carnations, <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Caryophyllaceae	Fl A
4725b	¥63	Tulips, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
4725c	¥63	Peach blossoms, <i>Prunus mume</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A

JAPAN (continued)

4725d	¥63	Pansies, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	Violaceae	Fl A
4725e	¥63	Red currants, <i>Ribes rubrum</i>	Grossulariaceae	Fr A
4726		Sheet of 10		
4726a	¥84	Carnations, <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Caryophyllaceae	Fl A
4726b	¥84	Tulips, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
4726c	¥84	Peach blossoms, <i>Prunus mume</i>	Rosaceae	Fl A
4726d	¥84	Pansies, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	Violaceae	Fl A
4726e	¥84	Red currants, <i>Ribes rubrum</i>	Grossulariaceae	Fr A

JORDAN**2023 October** (Historical Olive Trees)

Set/3, SS/1

2540	50pi	Olive tree, <i>Olea europaea</i>	Oleaceae	T A
2541	50pi	Same species	Oleaceae	T A
2542	50pi	Same species	Oleaceae	T A
2543	60pi	Same species	Oleaceae	T A SS Z

LIBYA**2023 April 11**

1847	5,000d	Wheat, <i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Barley, <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
1848	10,000d	Wheat, <i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Barley, <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Poaceae	Fr A

2023 June 19 (Govt. of National Unity)

Set/3

1850a	1000d	Flag and wheat, <i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Poaceae	Fr B
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LIECHTENSTEIN**2024 June 3** (Europa: Underwater Flora & Fauna) Set/2

1930		Pair		
1930a	190rp	Pondweed, <i>Potamogeton acutifolius</i>	Potamogetonaceae	V A

2024 June 3 (Meadows)

Set/4

1831		Block of 4	Poaceae	V A
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LITHUANIA**2024 April 26** (Europa: Underwater Flora & Fauna) Set/2

1238	€1.70	Water lily, <i>Nymphaea candida</i>	Nymphaeaceae	Fl A
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MACEDONIA**2024 May 9** (Europa: Underwater Flora & Fauna) Single, SS/1

988	181d	Water lily, <i>Nymphaea alba</i>	Nymphaeaceae	Fl A
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MOLDOVA**2024 April 15** (Flowers)

Set/6

1213	5L	Bindweed, <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Convolvulaceae	Fl A
1214	5.10L	St John's Wort, <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Hypericaceae	Fl A
1215	5.20L	Clover, <i>Trifolium sp.</i>	Fabaceae	Fl A
1216	8.50L	Coltsfoot, <i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A
1217	13.50L	Milk thistle, <i>Silybum marianum</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A
1218	14L	Dense flower mullein, <i>Verbascum densiflorum</i>	Scrophulariaceae	Fl A

NEVIS**2023 December 15** (Centenarian Leonntine Clarke) Set/4, SS/2

2069	\$1	Roses, <i>Rosa x hybrida</i>	Rosaceae	Fl B SS Z
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SRI LANKA**2022 September 12** (Royal Botanic Garden, Peradeniya, 200y)

Set/4, 4xSS/1

1333	50r	Unidentified flowers		Fl B U
2333a		Unidentified flowers		Fl B U SS
2334	50r	Unidentified flowers		Fl B U
2334a		Unidentified flowers		Fl B U SS
2335	60r	Umbrella tree and National Herbarium, <i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Moraceae	T B
2335a		Umbrella tree and National Herbarium		T B SS

SRI LANKA (continued)

2336	60r	Unidentified flowers		Fl B U
2336a		Unidentified flowers		Fl B U SS

2023 June 15 (Fruits and Vegetables)

Set/20, 2xSS/10

2369		Sheet of 20		
2369a	50r	<i>Dialium ovoideum</i>	Fabaceae	Fr A
2369b	50r	Conkerberry, <i>Carissa spinarum</i>	Apocynaceae	Fr A
2369c	50r	Lolly berry, <i>Salacia chinensis</i>	Celastraceae	Fr A
2369d	50r	Wild mango, <i>Mangifera zeylandica</i>	Anacardiaceae	Fr A
2369e	50r	Longan, <i>Dimocarpus longan</i>	Sapindaceae	Fr A
2369f	50r	Hedge boxwood, <i>Drypetes sepiaria</i>	Putranjivaceae	Fr A
2369g	50r	Khirni, <i>Manikara hexandra</i>	Sapotaceae	Fr A
2369h	50r	Breadfruit, <i>Artocarpus nobilis</i>	Moraceae	Fr A
2369i	50r	Indian jujube, <i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i>	Rhamnaceae	Fr A
2369j	50r	Mangrove apple, <i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i>	Lythraceae	Fr A
2369k	50r	Okra, <i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i>	Malvaceae	Fr A
2369l	50r	Bitter melon, <i>Momordica charantia</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Fr A
2369m	50r	White morning glory, <i>Ipomoea alba</i>	Convolvulaceae	Fr A
2369n	50r	Wild eggplant, <i>Solanum insanum</i>	Solanaceae	Fr A
2369o	50r	Sponge gourd, <i>Luffa cylindrica</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Fr A
2369p	50r	Tomato, <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Solanaceae	Fr A
2369q	50r	Calabash, <i>Lagenaria siceraria</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Fr A
2369r	50r	Pumpkin, <i>Cucurbita maxima</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Fr A
2369s	50r	Black-eyed pea, <i>Vigna unguiculata</i>	Fabaceae	Fr A
2369t	50r	Tora, sickle senna, <i>Senna tora</i>	Fabaceae	Fl A
2369u		Souvenir sheet of 10, #2369a-j		
2369v		Souvenir sheet of 10, #2369k-t		

2023 October 9 (Intl. Year of Millet) Single

237+7	50r	Sonoran millet, <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Finger millet, <i>Eleusine coracana</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Kodo millet, <i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Sorghum, <i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Foxtail millet, <i>Setaria italica</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Little millet, <i>Panicum sumatrense</i>	Poaceae	Fr A
		Proso millet, <i>Panicum miliaceum</i>	Poaceae	Fr A

UNITED STATES**2024 July 18** (Low value definitives)

Set/5, Die cut 11¼ x 11

5897	1c	Fringed tulip, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
5998	2c	Daffodils, <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Amaryllidaceae	Fl A
5899	3c	Peonies, <i>Paeonia officinalis</i>	Paeoniaceae	Fl A
5900	5c	Red tulips, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
5901	10c	Poppies, <i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Papaveraceae	Fl A
		Coneflowers, <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A
		Coils, die cut 10 vert or 10¾ vert		
5902	1c	Fringed tulip, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
5903	2c	Daffodils, <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Amaryllidaceae	Fl A
5904	3c	Peonies, <i>Paeonia officinalis</i>	Paeoniaceae	Fl A
5905	5c	Red tulips, <i>Tulipa x hybrida</i>	Liliaceae	Fl A
5906	10c	Poppies, <i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Papaveraceae	Fl A
		Coneflowers, <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Asteraceae	Fl A

UNITED STATES (continued)**2024 August 16** (Autumn Colors) Set/10

5929	(73c)	Trees and shadows	TAU
5929a		Imperforate	TAU
5930	(73c)	Trees and wagon path	TAU
5930a		Imperforate	TAU
5931	(73c)	Trees and grassy path	TAU
5931a		Imperforate	TAU
5932	(73c)	Tree canopies	TAU
5932a		Imperforate	TAU
5933	(73c)	Trees with orange and brown leaves	TAU
5933a		Imperforate	TAU
5934	(73c)	Grove of trees	TAU
5934a		Imperforate	TAU
5935	(73c)	Trees with blue and purple shadows	TAU
5935a		Imperforate	TAU
5936	(73c)	Tree with red leaves, tree with green leaves	TAU
5936a		Imperforate	TAU
5937	(73c)	Tree with green and brown leaves	TAU
5937a		Imperforate	TAU
5938	(73c)	Tree with orange leaves	TAU
5938a		Imperforate	TAU

2024 September 14 Christmas) Set/5

5941	(73c)	Poinsettia, <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Euphorbiaceae	FLAS
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Koalas in Danger

This set of stamps contains all stamps from the Koalas in Danger stamp issue.

The images above are a guide only. This item may not be in the configuration shown above.

Our iconic Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) is facing a crisis. In its native habitat on the eastern and southern coastal regions of the mainland, the Koala is at risk, and in Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, this much-loved marsupial is listed as an endangered species under national environmental law. The dramatic decline in populations can be attributed to habitat loss, climate change and associated extreme weather events, including bushfires and flood. The destruction and fragmentation of habitat means Koalas must spend more time on the ground moving from tree to tree. This makes them much more vulnerable to being hit by cars and attacked by dogs, while elevated levels of stress make them prone to sickness and disease. Sadly, many Aussies are unaware we're at risk of losing this treasured species.

We need more people to advocate for nature, to become Koala champions and build awareness of the threats that are pushing Koalas to extinction.

That's why Australia Post is supporting World Wide Fund for Nature Australia (WWF-Australia) in its goal to double the number of Koalas across eastern Australia by 2050. This includes supporting efforts to protect and restore Koala habitat and to keep Koalas safe from disease. Learn more at auspost.com.au/environment.

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New Plants in the Philatelic Herbarium

By Christopher E. Dahle, BU 1269

Iris spuria subsp. demetrii IRIDACEAE

Common name: Dimitry iris

Synonyms: *Chamaeiris prilipkoana*, *Iris demetrii*, *I. prilipkoana*, *Xyridion demetrii*

Rhizomatous perennial. Leaves 60-90 cm x 10-18 mm. Flowers dark blue or blue-violet. Grows on dry hillsides in foothills and mountains of Azerbaijan and Armenia to 2,000 m.

Armenia Scott #1409. Issued 28 December 2023 in a set of four of Flora and Fauna of Armenia. Designed by Vahagn Mkrtchyan. Printed by Lowe Martin Group, Canada with a print run of 10,000 sheets of 10 and minisheets of 4.



Acetabularia acetabulum POLYPHYSAEAE

Synonyms: *Acetabularia integra*, *A. mediterranea*, *Acetabulum marinum*, *A. mediterraneum*, *Corallina androsace*, *Madrepora acetabulum*, *Olivia adrosace*, *Tubularia acetabulum*

Green alga growing at depth of 1-2 m in the Mediterranean Sea. Attaches to substrate by rhizoids from which a single-celled stalk grows vertically to 5 cm. A discoid cap to 1.5 cm is produced on the stalk.

Bosnia and Herzegovina (Croat Administration) Scott #480a. Issued on 5 April 2024 in a set of 2 for Europa: Underwater Flora and Fauna.



Artemisia annua ASTERACEAE

Common names: Sweet wormwood, sweet annie, sweet sagewort, annual mugwort

Synonyms: *Artemisia chamomilla*, *A. wedei*

Erect, annual herb to 1.5 m. Basal leaves petiolate, ovate, 3-pinnatifid, upper leaves lanceolate. Aromatic. Inflorescence panicle-like, heads often nodding. Corollas pale yellow. Found in fields and waste spaces, native to Asia and eastern Europe. Source of artemisinin antimalarial drug.

People's Republic of China, Scott # 4999a. Issued 11 October 2023 in a set of 6 featuring Medicinal Herbs. Designed by Yu Tianyi. Printed on 2 sheets of 12, four of each design.



Panax notoginseng ARALIACEAE

Common name: Chinese ginseng

Synonyms: *Aralia quinquefolia* var. *notoginseng*, *Panax pseudoginseng* var. *notoginseng*

Perennial herb, 20-60 cm. Leaves 3-6, palmately compound, 3.5-13 x 1.5-7 cm, leaflets obovate. Inflorescence solitary umbel 80-100 flowered, in July-August. Red berries August to October. From mountainous regions of south-central China to Vietnam.

People's Republic of China, Scott # 4999c. Issued 11 October 2023 in a set of 6 featuring Medicinal Herbs. Designed by Yu Tianyi. Printed on 2 sheets of 12, four of each design.





***Atractylodes macrocephala* ASTERACEAE**

Synonyms: *Atractylis macrocephala*, *A. macrocephala* var. *hunanensis*, *A. macrocephala* var. *macrocephala*, *A. nemotoiana*

Rhizomatous perennials 20-60 cm. Stem branched at base. Leaves divided, 3-5 segments, oblanceolate, terminal segment largest. Capitula 6-10, corolla purplish red, August to October. Found in grasslands and forests 600-2,800 m from Japan and Korea through south-central China to Vietnam.

People's Republic of China, Scott # 5000a. Issued 11 October 2023 in a set of 6 featuring Medicinal Herbs. Designed by Yu Tianyi. Printed on 2 sheets of 12, four of each design.



***Drynaria rigidula* POLYPODIACEAE**

Common name: Basket fern

Synonyms: 20

Epiphytic perennial to 1.5 m. Two types of frond: sterile, to 35 cm remaining for several years; and taller fertile fronds. Grows on trees, rock faces and cliffs in tropical forests and scrub up to 22,00 m. Range: southern China, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indo-China, Philippines to Australia.

Czech Republic Scott #3963a. Issued 10 April 2023 in a souvenir sheet of 3 to commemorate the Prague Botanical Garden. Designed by Adam Kašpar. Printed by offset in a run of 24,000.



***Blechnum insigne* BLECHNACEAE**

Synonyms: *Bowringia insignis*, *Brainea formosana*, *B. insignis*, *B. insignis* var. *formosana*

Stem blackish brown, stout, to 1 m; 10-15 cm diameter. Fronds terminal; stipe 10-30 cm; pinnae 30-55 pairs, opposite or alternate. Grows on dry slopes in less dense forests and clearings at 1,000-1,200 m in eastern Himalayas to Taiwan and W. & Central Malesia.

Czech Republic Scott #3963c. Issued 10 April 2023 in a souvenir sheet of 3 to commemorate the Prague Botanical Garden. Designed by Adam Kašpar. Printed by offset in a run of 24,000.



***Orchis anatolica* ORCHIDACEAE**

Common name: Anatolian orchid

Synonyms: 11

Tuberous perennial herb. Stem 15-40 cm. Leaves 2-5, basal, lanceolate to oblong. Inflorescence with 2-15 purple or pale pink flowers February to April. Grows on calcareous soils in dry to moist open woodland and scrub. Found from Crete through Greece, Turkey, Syria to Iran.

United Nations (New York) Scott #1335. Issued 26 April 2024 in the ongoing series of Endangered Species. Illustrated by Julia Izabela from São Paulo, Brazil. Designed by Rorie Katz. Printed by offset lithography in a run of 9,00 sheets of 16 by Joh. Enschedé Stamps Security Printers B.V.



***Aquilaria malaccensis* THYMELAEACEAE**

Common names: Malayan eaglewood, agarwood

Synonyms: 13

Tree to 40 m. Leaves acuminate with pronounced tip, 0.5-1 x 2-2.5 cm. Eight to 10 green or yellowish flowers on terminal inflorescence. Grow scattered in evergreen forest from Bengal, Burma, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo to Philippines.

United Nations (Geneva) Scott #743. Issued 26 April 2024 in the ongoing series of Endangered Species. Illustrated by Julia Izabela from São Paulo, Brazil. Designed by Rorie Katz. Printed by offset lithography in a run of 9,00 sheets of 16 by Joh. Enschedé Stamps Security Printers B.V.

***Ophrys cilicica* ORCHIDACEAE**

Synonyms: *Ophrys kurdica*, *O. kurdica* subsp. *kurdistanica*, *O. kurdistanica*
 Herbaceous perennial 15-30 cm. Leaves basal, 3-5. Spike with 3-8 flowers.
 Sepals greenish, petals 4-6 x 1-1.5 mm. Labellum 3-lobed. Middle lobe
 brown to purplish-brown, velvety. Grows on edges of meadows 500-1,250
 m. Endemic to eastern Mediterranean.

United Nations (Vienna) Scott #720 Issued 26 April 2024 in the ongoing series of
 Endangered Species. Illustrated by Julia Izabela from São Paulo, Brazil. Designed by Rorie Katz. Printed by
 offset lithography in a run of 9,00 sheets of 16 by Joh. Enschedé Stamps Security Printers B.V.

***Mimosa distachya* FABACEAE**

Common name: Mexican mimosa, huña di gato

Synonym: *Acacia remota*

Drought deciduous shrub to 4 m. Distally foliate young branches armed with
 recurved aculeus. Leaves double compound. Foliage pale green, leaflets
 puberulent. Flowers solitary in axils, white or pink. Inflorescence spike-like,
 stamens exserted. Fruit oblong or elipsoidal. Dry hillsides and desert washes to
 350 m in thorn forest, Arizona to Mexico, Caribbean, northeast Colombia to
 northwest Venezuela.

Aruba Scott #704a. Issued 27 September 2023 in a minisheet of 4 stamps. Photographs
 by the winners of the Aruba National Park Foundation Nature Photography Competition.
 Second place Amateur Nature Photographer: Jourelle Goeloe. Designed by Paul Wong.

***Boerhavia coccinea* NYCTAGINACEAE**

Common name: Scarlet spiderling, red spiderling

Synonyms: 22

Perennial herb, decumbent to 50 cm, woody. Leaves lanceolate, ovate or
 broadly ovate, 2-7 x 11-6 cm. Inflorescence axillary or terminal, forked
 unequally 3-6 times with 5-flowered clusters. Perianth maroon or
 magenta, campanulate. Grow on riverbanks and hillsides from 350 -
 2,000 m. Native to southwestern U.S. through Central America and the
 Caribbean to Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.



Aruba Scott #704c. Issued 27 September 2023 in a minisheet of 4 stamps. Photographs by the winners of the
 Aruba National Park Foundation Nature Photography Competition. Winner Professional Nature Photographer:
 Meliza Lopez. Designed by Paul Wong.

***Miconia clasei* MELASTOMACEAE**

Evergreen shrub to 1 m. Leaves opposite, elliptic, 1.1-3.2 x 0.9-1.7 cm.

Inflorescence terminal, erect 3-5 flowered. Grows in montane cloud forests, at
 1640-1650 m, in Sierra de Bahoruco in the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic Scott #1766c. Issued on 24 May 2024 in a minisheet of 12 honoring
 Dominican botanists and plants named after them. Designed by Alejandro Vignieri,
 printed by Litografía Ferrúa, Santo Domingo.

***Tabebuia ricardii* BIGNONIACEAE**

Tree to 12 m. Flowers white. Grows in humid forests in the northeast of the
 Dominican Republic in Loma Quita Espuela, Loma Guaconejo and La Jibara.

Dominican Republic Scott #1766f. Issued on 24 May 2024 in a minisheet of 12 honoring
 Dominican botanists and plants named after them. Designed by Alejandro Vignieri, printed
 by Litografía Ferrúa, Santo Domingo.





***Cuatresia albertovelozi* SOLANACEAE**

Shrub to 1 m. Leaves broadly elliptic, large leaves 30-50 x 35-49 mm, smaller leaves 12-21 x 5-20 mm. Inflorescence generally has single flower hanging below the leaf, violet, February to July. Fruit: a berry, round. Grows in cloudy, very humid broadleaf forest, with manacra palm, in the mountains of the Cordillera Central of the Dominican Republic, 1050-1700 m.

Dominican Republic Scott #1766h. Issued on 24 May 2024 in a minisheet of 12 honoring Dominican botanists and plants named after them. Designed by Alejandro Vignieri, printed by Litografía Ferrúa, Santo Domingo.



***Miconia pegueroana* MELASTOMACEAE**

Evergreen tree to 9 m. Leaves elliptical 1-13.6 x 0.4-6 cm. Inflorescence terminal with 15-33 flowers, petals white. Grow in calcareous soils in broad-leaved forest at 1635-1750 m. Found in the Sierra de Neiba in the provinces of Elias Piña and San Juan in the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic Scott #1766i. Issued on 24 May 2024 in a minisheet of 12 honoring Dominican botanists and plants named after them. Designed by Alejandro Vignieri, printed by Litografía Ferrúa, Santo Domingo.



***Garciadelia mejiae* EUPHORBIACEAE**

Shrub. Endemic to Hispaniola. Found in Sierra de Bahoruco of the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic Scott #1766k. Issued on 24 May 2024 in a minisheet of 12 honoring Dominican botanists and plants named after them. Designed by Alejandro Vignieri, printed by Litografía Ferrúa, Santo Domingo.



***Ruilopezia cardonae* ASTERACEAE**

Perennial terrestrial herb with woody stem. Leaves alternate, ovate, entire, Flowers yellow. Found in moorland ecosystems, in grasslands and steep slopes of the Páramo de Tamá in the Andes in Colombia and Venezuela at 3,185-2,357 m.

Colombia Scott #1637k. Issued 5 December 2023 in a minisheet of 16, the thirteenth and final set in the series of National Parks of Colombia since 2019. Print run of 51,1200. Printed in polychrome with special fluorescent ink by Cartor Security Printers.

***Espeletia brassicoidea* ASTERACEAE**

Common name: Frailejones

Perennial subshrub to 2 m with spongy, water collecting trunk. Leaves succulent, hairy in dense spiral, 30-40 x 7-10 cm. Inflorescence woody, to 120 cm. Floral bracts range from green to yellow. Found in Andes mountains of Colombia and Venezuela.

Colombia Scott #1637l. Issued 5 December 2023 in a minisheet of 16, the thirteenth and final set in the series of National Parks of Colombia since 2019.



***Espeletia chontalensis* ASTERACEAE**

Perennial subshrub to 2 m with spongy, water collecting trunk. Leaves succulent, hairy in dense spiral, 30-40 x 7-10 cm. Inflorescence woody, to 120 cm. Found in Andes mountains of Colombia and Venezuela.

Colombia Scott #1637l. Issued 5 December 2023 in a minisheet of 16, the thirteenth and final set in the series of National Parks of Colombia since 2019.





FUNGI

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Ed. Note: Occasionally in this section and also in the Herpetology section, we will note a species that is known to be poisonous or venomous by marking it with a ☠ symbol. One should not infer that other species that are not so marked are non-poisonous or non-venomous or safe to handle/eat.

New Issues

Scott #Denom.	Common name; Scientific name	Family name	Code
Just found. Not seen in any list I have encountered:			
ST. HELENA	2000 October 10		M
760c 20p	[Cartoon] Fly agaric, <i>Amanita muscaria</i> ☠	Amanitaceae	B
Issued in a strip of 5 different "Christmas Pantomimes"; Sc#760 as Sc#760a-e, 20p ea. single			

New Issues

Lichens?

COLOMBIA	2024 March 20		L
1645a 2000p	Lichens on branch (perch of an ornate hawk-eagle)		B
1645e 2000p	Lichens on branch (perch of a glossy-black thrush)		B
1645j 2000p	Lichens on branch (perch of a red-ruffed fruitcrow)		B
1645 20000p	Miniature sheet of 10 different stamps seen only in a relatively poor scan; possible misidentified moss as lichen in these three vignettes; it is also possible that there are one or two others with lichens mixed among the mosses on the branches in their vignettes.		

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Altai – IM/32 as 2 x 4ST/1of4d <M> 50p ea IS; The 4 diff ST strips are the strip with the stamps sequenced in different positions. Taken the ST/4d in Fig. 1 as items a, b, c, d; the remaining ST combinations are d, c, b, a; c, b, a, d; and, b, a, d, c. Note: the same sequences exist in vertical strips of 4. (Fig. 1)

Benin – MS/4d & IM/4d <M> ea SF/SI 50f (Fig. 2)

Benin – 2 MSsa/5d <D & E> ea MS 1 ea 200FCFA, 250FCFA, 300FCFA, 350FCFA & 400FCFA; owls & <M> with <M>s in selv. (Fig. 3)

Benin – MS/1of4d <M> 250FCFA in MS 15550FCFA SS (Fig. 4)



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

Burundi – MMS/4of8d <M> 245F, 315F, 405F & 505F [MS – 2950F]; <M> & birds (Fig. 5)

Bulgaria – IS <E> 65L; this IS may be legal as it merited the following note in Scott's: "This imperforate souvenir sheet with simulated perforations, released in May 2011, was produced in limited quantities." Scott does not assign it a number; [small cluster of <M>s to the left of the newspaper and pair of <M>s to the right of the ?hedgehog]. (Fig. 6)

Central African Republic – 6MS/3d <M> ea SF 650F (Fig. 7)

Central African Republic – 2MS/2of4d <M & E> ea SF 750F (Fig. 8)

Central African Republic – MS/3d & SS <B & E> ea SF in MS 1000F, SF in SS 2700F; Mycologists & <M>s; Scott numbered (Fig. 9)

Central African Republic – SS <E> 2700F; Scouts, & <M> in selv; Scott numbered (Fig. 10)



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14



Fig. 15



Fig. 16

Chad – MS & IM/2of4d <M & E> ea SF/SI 1000F; <M> & butterflies (Fig. 11)

Chad – MS/4d&MS/6d & IM/4d&MS/6d <M> MS/4=150F, 250F, 350F & 450F, MS/6=150F, 250F, 350F, 450F, 55F & 650F (Fig. 12)

Chad – MS/5d <M> ea SF 500F (Fig. 13)

Chad – MS/4d <M & P> ea SF 1000F; Alexander Fleming (4/4 SF) & a Penicillium sp.(1/4 SF) (Fig. 14)

Chuvashia – 23MS/8d <M> ea SF 25r; probably at least 2 more MSs [not seen but noted in my database] (Fig. 15)

Chuvashia – MS/4of8d <M> 15[r], 20[r], 5[r] & 50[r]; vignettes identical- 4x <M> & 4x trees (Fig. 16)



Fig. 17



Fig. 18



Fig. 19



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22



Fig. 23

Congo, Rep. – MS/6d & IM/6d <M> ea SF 300F (Fig. 17)

Congo, Rep. – 3MS/2of4d & 3IM/2of4d <M> ea MS 200F, 300F, 500F & 500F; <M> & orchids (Fig. 18)

Congo, Rep. Dem. – 3SS, 1MS/3d, 3MS/6s, 3IS, 1IM/3d & 6IM/6s <M & E> ea SF 1350FC (Fig. 19)

Dagestan – MS/1of6d <M> 10/- (Fig. 20)

Dagestan – MS/4d & SS <D & E> MS=10/-, 20/-, 25/- & 30/-, SS=100/-; <M> & faeries (Fig. 21)

Djibouti – 5MS/6d <M> 4MS= 50F, 100F, 200F, 330F, 400F & 5500F ea, 1MS=200F, 300F 2x 400F & 2x 500F (Fig. 22)

Djibouti – IM/6d <M> 10F, 20F, 30F, 45F, 50F & 60F (Fig. 23)



Fig. 24



Fig. 25



Fig. 26



Fig. 27



Fig. 28

Flanders – 7IM/4d & 8IS <M> MSs ea SF 2€, IS 4€ ea (Fig. 24)

Guinea-Bissau – MS/4d & SS <M & E> MS ea SF 750FCFA, SS 2900FCFA (Fig. 25)

Guinea-Bissau – MS/6d & SS <M> MS ea SF 550FCFA, SS 3100FCFA (Fig. 26)

Guinea, Republic – MS/4d & SS <M P & E> MS 2x 5000FG & 2x 10000FG, SS 40000FG; <M>s & Mycologists (Fig. 27)

Guinea, Republic – MS/3d <D & E> (Fig. 28)



Fig. 29



Fig. 30



Fig. 31



Fig. 32



Fig. 33

Ivory Coast – MS/1of4d <D> 650f ea SF (Fig. 29)

Khakassia, Republic of [also seen as **Hakassia**] – 22MS/4d <M> 50p ea SF (Fig. 30)

Malawi – MS/6d & IM/6d <M> K120 ea SF (Fig. 31)

Malawi – 2MS/2d, 1MS/4d, 2IM/2d & 1IM/4d <M> K150 & K250 ea MS/2d or IM/2d, 2 x K150 & 2 x K250 ea MS/4d or IM/4d (Fig. 32)

Mali – 1MS/2of4d <M> 850f ea SF (Fig. 33)



Fig. 34



Fig. 35



Fig. 36



Fig. 37



Fig. 38

Marj El, Republic of – 12MS/4d <M> ea MS 1SF of 10/- +5/-, 15/- +5/-, 20/- +5/- & 25/- +5/- (Fig. 34)

Mozambique – 1MS/4d & 1SS <M & P> MS = 2x 16m, 1x 66m & 1x 92m; SS = 175m; Alexander Fleming & Penicillium sp. or penicillin. Note that these stamps are Scott numbered [2287,a-d & 2299] (Fig. 35)

Mozambique – 1MS/6d & 1SS <M & P> MS 66m ea SF & SS 175m; ea SF picture 1 species of <M> & 1 Mycologist. Note that these stamps are Scott numbered [2468,a-d & 2496] (Fig. 36)

Northern Territories – 2MS/6d, 2IS & 2MS/8d+label <M> MS/6 = 140[r] ea SF, IS = 2100{[r] es & MS/8 = 1x ea 200r], 280[r], 360[r], 420[r], 540[r]680[r], 800[r] & 1020[r] + nondenom center label (Fig. 367)

Northern Territories – 7SS/1of2d, 1SS/2d & 1MS/1of8d +label <M D E>ea SS 1x 2100[r] & 1x 120[r]; all 8 SS have 1 SF ea. - a Naturalist (2100[r]) and a SF with a butterfly and a <M> (120[r], 1/8 SSs has the Naturalist (Mary Banning) surrounded by 10d spp. of <M>s & the MSs has 3 spp. of <M> in the bottom selv of the MS (Fig. 38)



Fig. 39



Fig. 40



Fig. 41



Fig. 42



Fig. 43

Rwanda – 3MS/5of9d & 3IM/5of9d <M> ea SF 300F (Fig. 39)

St. Thomas & Prince – 1MS/2d <M & E> 35000Db ea SF (Fig. 40)

Note: There is a second MS/2d issued by St. Thos... in 2011 in a format different from Fig. 39 which portrays edible fungi. It is Scott numbered, but I suspect that, despite the listing (Sc# 2398), it should be included here among the illegals.

Togo – 1MS/4d & 1SS <D> MS = 4x 750f, SS = 3000f; ea SF - <M> & R. G. Wasson, ethnomycologist; SS ha <M> in selv. (Fig. 41)

Togo – 1MS/4d & 1SS (+ imperf of both) <D> MS 750F ea SF, SS 3000F (+ <E>); SF vignettes ½ SF = <M> & ½ = nuclear power plant (Fig 42)

Togo – 1MS/1of4d <M> 750f (Fig. 43)



Fig. 44



Fig. 45



Fig. 46

Touva – 1MS/3d & 2MS/9d <M> MS/3 – 12* ea SF, MSs/9d – 1*, 2*, 3*, 5*, 10*, 16*, 24*, 50* & 100* ea, [r] (Fig. 44)

Touva – 1 MS/0of8d + center label <E> 151[r?]; owls, single <M> in corner of selv at LR (Fig 45)

Yakutia – 1MS/8s <D> ea SF 5r (Fig. 46)



MAMMALIA

Editor
Michael Prince, LM 68



New Issues

Scott #	Denom.	Common name; Scientific name	Family name	Code
ALGERIA				
2023 June 5 (Flora and Fauna)				
1881	40d	Common Hartebeest, <i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	Bovidae	
ARGENTINA				
2024 March (National Parks)				
2889F	2000p	South American Fur Seal, <i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	Otariidae	
ARMENIA				
2023 December 28 (Flora and Fauna)				
1407	320d	Caucasian Squirrel, <i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	Sciuridae	
1408	380d	Red Fox, <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Canidae	
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (Croat Admin.)				
2023 November 1 (Bats)				
472a	4m40	Blasius's Horseshoe Bat, <i>Rhinolophus blasii</i>	Rhinolophidae	
472b	4m40	Lesser Horseshoe Bat, <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	Rhinolophidae	
472c	4m40	Kolombatovic's Long-eared Bat, <i>Plecotus kolombatovici</i>	Vespertilionidae	
472d	4m40	Common Noctule, <i>Nyctalus noctula</i>	Vespertilionidae	
BURMA (MYANMAR)				
2022 September 5 (International Tiger Population Forum, Vladivostock)				
500	200k	Tiger, <i>Panthera tigris</i>	Felidae	
501	200k	Same species	Felidae	
502	200k	Same species	Felidae	
COSTA RICA				
2022 August 24 (La Amistad International Park)				
735	1215col	Jaguar, <i>Panthera onca</i>	Felidae	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC				
2023 October 2 (Family Farming)				
1758	35p	Domestic Goat, <i>Capra hircus</i>	Bovidae	
FALKLAND ISLANDS				
2023 November 3 (Falkland Islands Development Corporation, 40y)				
1368	£1.40	Border Collie, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1369	£1.55	Domestic Sheep, <i>Ovis aries</i>	Bovidae	
2024 January 20 (Falkland Islands Working Dogs)				
1374	35p	Shiba Inu, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1375	50p	Kelpie, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1376	80p	Border Collie, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1377	£1.09	Huntaway, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1378	£1.40	German Short-haired Pointer, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
1379	£1.55	German Shepherd, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae	
FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERRITORIES				
2024 May 30 (Wildlife)				
721b	€1.16	Weddell Seal, <i>Leptonychotes weddellii</i>	Phocidae	
721c	€1.16	Sperm Whale, <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Physeteridae	
GIBRALTAR				
2024 April 25 (Europa – Underwater Fauna)				
1913	£3.16	Orca (Killer Whale), <i>Orcinus orca</i>	Delphinidae	
ISRAEL				
2024 February 13 (Ramat Hanadiv Gardens and Nature Park)				
2375	5s59	Mountain Gazelle, <i>Gazella gazella</i>	Bovidae	

KYRGYZSTAN**2023 February 13** (Endangered Animals)

711	65s	Eurasian Water Shrew, <i>Neomys fodiens</i>	Soricidae
712	75s	Goitered Gazelle, <i>Gazella subgutturosa</i>	Bovidae
713	140s	Vinogradov's Jerboa, <i>Allactaga vinogradovi</i>	Dipodidae NEW

PERU**2023 December 21** (Woman, Llama & Smartphone)

2095	1s20	Llama, <i>Lama glama</i>	Camelidae
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SURINAM**2024 March 6** (Primates)

1702a	\$97.50	Senegal Galago, <i>Galago senegalensis</i>	Galagidae
1702b	\$120	Grey Mouse Lemur, <i>Microcebus murinus</i>	Cheirogaleidae
1702c	\$130	Spectral Tarsier, <i>Tarsius tarsier</i>	Tarsiidae
1702d	(\$150.50)	Aye-aye, <i>Daubentonia madagascariensis</i>	Daubentoniidae

SWITZERLAND**2023 May 2** (Dog and Swiss Crosses)

1922	900c	Cartoon Dog, <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Canidae
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UNITED NATIONS**New York****2024 April 26** (Endangered Species)

1336	\$1.55	Mainland Clouded Leopard, <i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	Felidae
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Geneva**2024 April 26** (Endangered Species)

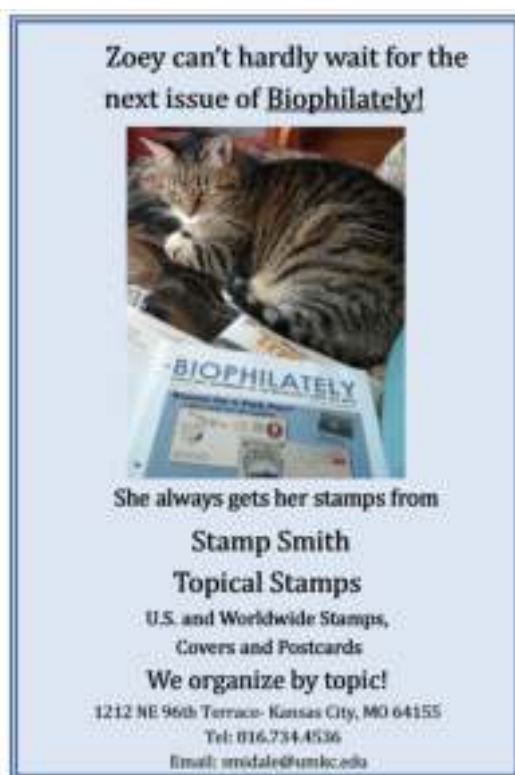
744	1fr90	Vicuña, <i>Vicugna vicugna</i>	Camelidae
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Vienna**2024 April 26** (Endangered Spewcies)

721	€1.50	Guanaco, <i>Lama guanicoe</i>	Camelidae
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UNITED STATES**2024 June 17** (Horses Heads)

5891	NVI(68c)	Domestic Horse, <i>Equus caballus</i>	Equidae
5892	NVI(68c)	Same species	Equidae
5893	NVI(68c)	Same species	Equidae
5894	NVI(68c)	Same species	Equidae
5895	NVI(68c)	Same species	Equidae





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Corrections/Updates

MOZAMBIQUE, V65(3), p220, & V66(1), p47.

Correction: In my Clements Checklist Excel spreadsheet, I recently created another cell to capture the first date that a stamp was first issued for any of the plus 4,000 birds that have been issued. I've been using Kjell Sharning's, "Theme on birds, where he logs all the stamps issued by country by family and scientific name and the date issued.

As I go through each of the families for each bird, looking for each bird having a postage date issued for each bird, by both the English name and the scientific name. My Clements Checklist Excel was programmed to record all the birds in a family that have a postage stamp issued and I also record the number of birds in each family to get totals of the number of birds in that family having had a bird issued and get a total count for that family.

In the process of viewing all the birds in the family of Picidae, I had a species of Gilded Flicker checked in the Clements Checklist book, but did not find Gilded Flicker listing a country that had issued that stamp. In Kjell's website he has a photo of every issue with the photo of the stamps listed by that country and the English and scientific name. In my communication by Email, I asked him why no photo listing and the appropriate names of each of the stamps in that issue.

He initiated that he listed Gilded Flicker in the family listing of Picidae but before appending a photo of the stamp it was on he looked again at the stamp and realized it was not a Gilded Flicker, and but a Gila Woodpecker, *Melanerpes urogyialis* and then placed the stamp photo and name under that species listing. He let me know that I caught the error of Gilded Flicker. I have therefore, removed the checkmark I had listed in the Clements Checklist book and Excel spreadsheet count of birds with a stamp issued date, as no stamp has yet been issued featuring the Gilded Flicker.

New Issues

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERR. 2023 November 19 (Antarctic Territory 60y) Set/5 A*				
649a	(80p)	Emperor Penguin, <i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i> (adult)	Spheniscidae	
650a	(74p)	Same bird, S.A.	Spheniscidae	
649b	(80p)	Same bird, of a chick	Spheniscidae	
650b	(74p)	Same bird, S.A.	Spheniscidae	
649c	(80P)	Same bird, juvenile	Spheniscidae	
650c	(74p)	Same bird, S.A.	Spheniscidae	
649d	(80p)	Same bird, a pair of two	Spheniscidae	
650d	(74p)	Same bird, S.A.	Spheniscidae	
649e	(80p)	Same bird, Single penguin swimming	Spheniscidae	
650e	(74p)	Same bird, S.A.	Spheniscidae	
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 2023. November 15 (Endangered Birds) Set/4, 2xSS/1 A*				
N/A	1000fr	Kagu, <i>Rhynchotos jubatus</i>	Rhynchotidae	
N/A	1000fr	Northern Royal Albatross, <i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Diomedidae	
N/A	1000fr	Whooping Crane, <i>Grus americana</i>	Gruidae	
N/A	1000fr	Kea, <i>Nestor notabilis</i>	Strigopidae	
N/A	3600fr SS1	Erect-crested Penguin, <i>Eudyptes sclateri</i>	Spheniscidae	
In margin:		Gray-crowned Crane, <i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Gruidae	
N/A	3600fr SS2	Yellow-headed Parrot, <i>Amazon oratrix</i>	Psittacidae	
In margin:		Steppe Eagle, <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Accipitridae	
DJIBOUTI 2023 August 1 (Disappearance of Alexander Wilson, 210y) Set/5 A*				
N/A	200fr	Ruffed Grouse, <i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	Phasianidae	
N/A	200fr	Gadwall, <i>Anas strepera</i>	Anatidae	
		Common Eider, <i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Anatidae	
		Smew, <i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Anatidae	
		Ruddy Duck, <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	200fr	Wilson's Plover, <i>Anarhynchus wilsonia</i>	Charadriidae	
		Eurasian Coot, <i>Fulica atra</i>	Rallidae	
		Purple Gallinule, <i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Rallidae	
		Red Phalarope, <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Scolopacidae	
N/A	200fr	Greater Prairie-chicken, <i>Tympanuchus cupido</i>	Phasianidae	
N/A	200fr	Bald Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Accipitridae	
2023 August 1 (Birds of Paradise) Set/4, SS/1 A*				
N/A	300fr	Paradise Riflebird, <i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>	Paradisaeidae	
N/A	300fr	Brown Sickbill, <i>Epimachus meyeri</i>	Paradisaeidae	
N/A	300fr	Arfak Astrapia, <i>Astrapia nigra</i>	Paradisaeidae	
N/A	300fr	Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise, <i>Paradisaea raggiana</i>	Paradisaeidae	
N/A	1100fr SS	Goldie's Bird-of-Paradise, <i>Paradisaea decora</i>	Paradisaeidae	
2023 August 1 (Cactus and birds) Set/4, SS/1 A*				
N/A	300fr	Ruby-throated Hummingbird, <i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Trochilidae	
N/A	300fr	Dickcissel, <i>Spiza americana</i> (LS)	Cardinalidae	
		American Goldfinch, <i>Spinus tristis</i> (RS)	Cardinalidae	
N/A	300fr	Scarlet Tanager, <i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Cardinalidae	
NA	300fr	Eastern Bluebird, <i>Sialia sialis</i>	Turdidae	
N/A	1100fr SS	Baltimore Oriole, <i>Icterus galbula</i>	Icteridae	
In margin:		Sooty Tyrannulet, <i>Serpophaga nigricans</i> (UL)	Tyrannidae	
		Snow Bunting, <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Calcariidae	

DJIBOUTI (continued)

	Red-winged Blackbird, <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> (UR)	Icteridae	
	2023 August 1 (Water birds)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	300fr Yellow-billed Loon, <i>Gavia adamsii</i>	Gaviidae	
N/A	300fr Soft-plumaged Petrel, <i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Procellariidae	
N/A	300fr Royal Tern, <i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Laridae	
N/A	300fr Bonaparte's Gull, <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	Laridae	
N/A	1100fr SS Barolo Shearwater, <i>Puffinus baroli</i> (V73(4))	Procellariidae	
	2023 August 1 (Birds of Prey)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	300fr Black-breasted Kite, <i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	300fr Wedge-tailed Eagle, <i>Aquila audax</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	300fr Brown Falcon, <i>Falco berigora</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	300fr Eurasian Kestrel, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	1100fr SS White-bellied Sea-Eagle, <i>Ichthyophaga leucogaster</i>	Accipitridae	
In margin:	Swamp Harrier, <i>Circus approximans</i> (U-CTR)	Accipitridae	
	Madagascar Harrier-Hawk, <i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>	Accipitridae	
	2023 August 11 (Aquatic Birds of Djibouti)	Set/16	A*
N/A	300fr Greater Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Phoenicopteridae	
N/A	300fr Gray Heron, <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Ardeidae	
N/A	300fr Great White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Pelecanidae	
N/A	300fr Little Grebe, <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Podicipedidae	
N/A	300fr Yellow-billed Stork, <i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Ciconiidae	
N/A	300fr White Stork, <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Ciconiidae	
N/A	300fr Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	300fr Malachite Kingfisher, <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Alcedinidae	
	2023 August 11 (Disappearance of Alexander Wilson, 210y)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	300fr Wilson's Storm-Petrel, <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Oceanitidae	
N/A	300fr Red-cockaded Woodpecker, <i>Dryobates borealis</i>	Picidae	
	(Stamp has genus of <i>Leuconotopicus</i>)		
N/A	300fr Mourning Warbler, <i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i> V73(4)	Parulidae	
N/A	300fr Wilson's Warbler, <i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	Parulidae	
In margin:	Clark's Nutcracker, <i>Nucifraga columbiana</i> (LS)	Corvidae	
N/A	1100fr SS Brown Thrasher, <i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Mimidae	
In margin:	Wilson's Phalarope, <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i> (LS)	Scolopacidae	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler, <i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	Parulidae (UR)	
	2023 September 10 (Hornbills)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	200fr Rufous Hornbill, <i>Buceros hydrocorax</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	200fr Wreathed Hornbill, <i>Rhabdotorrhinus leucocephalus</i>	Bucerotidae	
	(Stamp has genus name of <i>Aceros</i>)		
N/A	200fr Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill, <i>Tockus flavirostris</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	200fr Knobbed Hornbill, <i>Rhyticeros cassidix</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	200fr Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill, <i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	Bucorvidae	
N/A	200fr Monteiro's Hornbill, <i>Tockus monteiri</i>	Bucerotidae	
In margin:	Wrinkled Hornbill, <i>Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	1100fr SS Oriental Pied-Hornbill, <i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	Bucerotidae	
In margin:	African Gray Hornbill, <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	Bucerotidae	
	2023 September 10 (Sunbirds)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	200fr Tacazze Sunbird, <i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>	Nectariniidae	
N/A	200fr Orange-breasted Sunbird, <i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	Nectariniidae	
N/A	200fr Crimson Sunbird, <i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>	Nectariniidae	

DJIBOUTI (continued)

N/A	200fr	Magnificent Sunbird, <i>Aethopyga magnifica</i>	Nectariniidae		
N/A	200fr	<i>Cinnyris</i> species not identified	Nectariniidae		
N/A	200fr	Pygmy Sunbird, <i>Hedydipna platura</i>	Nectariniidae		
N/A	1100fr	SS Souimanga Sunbird, <i>Cinnyris souimanga</i>	Nectariniidae		
In margin:		Pale Spiderhunter, <i>Arachnothera dilutior</i> (LR)+	Nectariniidae		
2023 September 10 (Warblers) Set/6, SS/1 A*					
N/A	200fr	Chestnut-headed Tesia, <i>Cettia castaneocoronata</i> V73(4)	Scotoceridae		
N/A	200fr	Pallas's Leaf Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i> V73(4)	Phylloscopidae		
N/A	200fr	Common Grasshopper-Warbler, <i>Locustella naevia</i>	Phylloscopidae		
N/A	200fr	Marsh Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Acrocephalidae		
N/A	200fr	Asian Desert Warbler, <i>Curruca nana</i>	Sylviidae		
N/A	200fr	Common Reed Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Acrocephalidae		
N/A	1100fr	SS Cetti's Warbler, <i>Cettia cetti</i>	Scotocercidae		
In margin:		Gray-bellied Tesia, <i>Tesia cyaniventer</i> (RS) V73(4)	Scotocercidae		
		Moustached Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	Acrocephalidae (UL)		
2024 May 28 (Charles Darwin 215y) SS/1 A*					
N/A	1100fr	SS Lesser Rhea, <i>Rhea pennata</i>	Rheidae		
ESTONIA 2024 April 25 (Bird of the year) Single A*					
1028	€1.30	Common Cuckoo, <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuculidae		
GREAT BRITAIN					
Guernsey 2024 February 14 (GSPCA 150y) Set/6 A*					
1756	£1.30	Senegal Parrot, <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	Psittacidae		
1757	£1.68	Atlantic Puffin, <i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Alcidae		
GUINEA-BISSAU 2023 October 9 (Parrots) Set/3, 2xSS/1 A*					
N/A	1200fr	Orange-fronted Parakeet, <i>Eupsittula canicularis</i> V73(4)	Psittacidae		
N/A	1200fr	Budgerigar, <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Psittaculidae		
N/A	1200fr	Red-capped Parrot, <i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i>	Psittaculidae		
N/A	3600fr	SS1 Golden-capped Parakeet, <i>Aratinga auricapillus</i>	Psittaculidae		
In margin:		Yellow-billed Parrot, <i>Amazona collaria</i> (LS)	Psittacidae		
		Blue-cheeked Parrot, <i>Amazona dufresniana</i> (RS)	Psittacidae		
N/A	3600fr	SS2 Red-rumped Parrot, <i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>	Psittaculidae		
In margin:		White-winged Parakeet, <i>Brotogeris versicolurus</i>	Psittacidae		
		Australian Ringneck, <i>Barnardius zonarius zonarius</i> (ssp)	Psittacidae		
2023 October 9 (Birds of Africa) Set/3, 2xSS/1 A*					
N/A	1200fr	Common Ostrich, <i>Struthio camelus</i>	Struthionidae		
N/A	1200fr	Coastal Cisticola, <i>Cisticola haematocephalus</i>	Cisticolidae		
		Ethiopian Cisticola, <i>Cisticola lugubris</i> (RS)	Cisticolidae		
N/A	1200fr	Bateleur, <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Accipitridae		
N/A	3600fr	SS1 Somali Ostrich, <i>Struthio molybdophanes</i>	Struthionidae		
N/A	3600fr	SS2 Lesser Flamingo, <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Phoenicopteridae		
2023 October 9 (Birds and their Young) Set/3, 2xSS/1 A*					
N/A	1200fr	Whinchat, <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Turdidae		
		(Genus name on stamp spelled as <i>Sacvicola</i>)			
N/A	1200fr	Cobb's Wren, <i>Troglodytes cobbi</i>	Troglodytidae		
N/A	1200fr	Great Tit, <i>Parus major</i>	Paridae		
N/A	3600fr	SS1 Marsh Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Acrocephalidae		
In margin:		White-throated Dipper, <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Cinclidae		

GUINEA-BISSAU (continued)

N/A	3600fr SS2	Ring Ouzel, <i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Turdidae
In margin:		Mistle Thrush, <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Turdidae
2023 October 9			Set/3 A*
N/A	1200fr	Snowy Owl, <i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	Strigidae
In margin:		Atlantic Puffin, <i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Alcidae
2023 October 9 (Flying dinosaurs)			Set/3, 2xSS/1 A*
N/A	1200fr †	Pterodactylus, <i>Pterodactylus antiquus</i>	† Pterodactylidae
N/A	1200fr †	Sordes, <i>Sordes pilosus</i>	† Rhamphorhynchidae
N/A	1200fr †	Pterosaur, <i>Dimorphodon macronyx</i>	† Dimorphodontidae
In margin:	†	Scaphognathus, <i>Pterodactylus crassirostris</i>	† Rhamphorhynchidae
N/A	3600fr SS1	† Pterodactylus, <i>Pterodactylus antiquus</i>	† Pterodactylidae
In margin:	†	Pterosaur, <i>Dimorphodon macronyx</i>	† Dimorphodontidae
N/A	3600fr SS2	† Alanqa, <i>Alanqa saharica</i>	† Azhdarchidae
In margin:	†	Zhejiangopterus, <i>Zhejiangopterus linalensis</i>	† Azhdarchidae
2023 December 22 (Warblers)			Set/4, SS/1 A*
N/A	1000fr	Bluethroat, <i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Muscicapidae
N/A	1000fr	Zitting Cisticola, <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	V73(4) Cisticolidae
N/A	1000fr	Green Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	V73(4) Phylloscopidae
N/A	1000fr	Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin, <i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	Muscicapidae
N/A	3600fr SS	Spectacled Warbler, <i>Curruca conspicillata</i>	Sylviidae
In margin:		Aquatic Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i> (LR)	Acrocephalidae
		Moustached Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	V73(4) Acrocephalidae
2023 December 22 (Birds of Prey)			Set/4, SS/1 A*
N/A	1000fr	Pallas's Fish-Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	1000fr	Rough-legged Hawk, <i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	1000fr	Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	1000fr	Tawny Eagle, <i>Aquila rapax</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	3600fr SS	Wedge-tailed Eagle, <i>Aquila audax</i>	Accipitridae
In margin:		Golden Eagle, <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> (UR)	Accipitridae
2023 December 22 (Hornbills)			Set/4, SS/1 A*
N/A	1000fr	Oriental Pied-Hornbill, <i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	Bucerotidae
N/A	1000fr	Indian Gray Hornbill, <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	Bucerotidae
N/A	1000fr	Wreathed Hornbill, <i>Rhyticeros undulatus</i>	Bucerotidae
N/A	1000fr	Visayan Hornbill, <i>Penelopides panini</i>	Bucerotidae
(Previously shown on a Togo 2021 SS in margin:)			
N/A	3600fr SS	Rhinoceros Hornbill, <i>Buceros rhinoceros</i>	Bucerotidae
2023 December 22 (Flora & Fauna)			Set/5, 2xSS/1 A*
N/A	850fr	Crimson-collared Grosbeak, <i>Periporphyrus celaeno</i>	V73(4) Cardinalidae
N/A	850fr	Eurasian Blue Tit, <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Paridae
N/A	3000fr SS1	Crimson-collared Grosbeak, <i>Periporphyrus celaeno</i>	Cardinalidae
N/A	3000fr SS2	Eurasian Blue Tit, <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Paridae
In margin:		Ortolan Bunting, <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Emberizidae
JORDAN			2023 March 8 (Migratory Birds of Jordan) Set/8 A*
2522a	30p	Montagu's Harrier, <i>Circus pygargus</i>	Accipitridae
2522b	30p	Steppe Eagle, <i>Circus nipalensis</i>	Accipitridae
2522c	30p	Slender-billed Gull, <i>Larus genei</i>	Laridae
2522d	30p	Black-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Ardeidae
2522e	309	Great White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Pelecanidae

JORDAN (continued)

2522f	30p	Greater Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Phoenicopteridae
2522g	30p	Little Egret, <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Ardeidae
2522h	30p	Little Stint, <i>Calidris minuta</i>	Scolopacidae

KYRGYZSTAN**2023 February 13 (Dodo)**

Set/3 A*

714	65s	†Dodo, <i>Raphus cucullatus</i>	Columbidae
715	75s	Same species	Columbidae
716	140s	Same species	Columbidae

LIBERIA**2023 June 30 (Extinct Birds)**

Set/6, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$150	†Mauritius Blue-Pigeon, <i>Alectroenas nitidissimus</i>	Columbidae
N/A	\$150	†Archaeopteryx, <i>Archaeopteryx lithografica</i>	†Archaeopterygidae
N/A	\$150	†Laughing Owl, <i>Sceloglaux albifacies</i>	Strigidae
N/A	\$150	†Kangaroo Island Emu, <i>Dromaius baudinianus</i>	Casuariidae
N/A	\$150	†Hawaii Mamo, <i>Drepanis pacifica</i>	Fringillidae
N/A	\$150	†Norfolk Island Kaka, <i>Nestor productus</i>	Strigopidae
N/A	\$850	SS †Hawaii Oo, <i>Moho nobilis</i>	Mohoidae
In margin:		†Parisian Gastornis, <i>Gastornis parisiensis</i>	†Gastornithidae

2023 June 30 (Birds of Prey)

Set/6, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$150	Gray Goshawk, <i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	\$150	Nankeen Kestrel, <i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Falconidae
N/A	\$150	Pacific Baza, <i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	\$150	Spotted Harrier, <i>Circus assimilis</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	\$150	Black Kite, <i>Milvus migrans</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	\$150	Black-shouldered Kite, <i>Elanus axillaris</i>	Accipitridae
N/A	\$850	Letter-winged Kite, <i>Elanus scriptus</i>	Accipitridae
In margin:		Swamp Harrier, <i>Circus approximans</i>	Accipitridae
		Peregrine Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus submelanogenys</i> (ssp)	Falconidae

2023 June 30 (Scouts & Owls)

Set/6, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$150	Eurasian Scops-Owl, <i>Otus scops</i>	Strigidae
N/A	\$150	Shelley's Eagle-Owl, <i>Ketupa shelleyi</i>	Strigidae
N/A	\$150	Rufous Fishing-Owl, <i>Scotopelia ussheri</i>	Strigidae
N/A	\$850	Not identified	Strigidae
In margin:		Guatemalan Pygmy-Owl, <i>Glaucidium cobanense</i>	Strigidae (LS)
		(Now a ssp of Northern Pygmy-Owl)	
		Red-chested Owlet, <i>Glaucidium tephronotum</i> (RS)	Strigidae

2023 June 30 (Fruits & Birds)

Set/4, 2xSS/1 A*

N/A	\$300	Great Tit, <i>Parus major</i>	Paridae
N/A	\$300	Azure Tit, <i>Cyanistes cyanus</i>	Paridae
N/A	\$300	European Goldfinch, <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Fringillidae
N/A	\$300	Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Hirundinidae
In margin:		Gray-headed Chickadee, <i>Poecile cinctus</i> (LR)	Paridae
N/A	\$1200	SS#1 Crested Tit, <i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	Paridae
In margin:		Bearded Reedling, <i>Panurus biarmicus</i> (RS)	Panuridae
N/A	\$1200	SS#2 Lesser Gray-Shrike, <i>Lanius minor</i>	Laniidae
In margin:		Long-tailed Tit, <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Aegithalidae

2023 December 15 (Parrots)

Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$300	Black-winged Parrot, <i>Hapalopsittaca melanotis</i>	V73(4) Psittacidae
N/A	\$300	Scarlet Macaw, <i>Ara macao</i>	Psittacidae
N/A	\$300	Palm Cockatoo, <i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>	Cacatuidae

LIBERIA (continued)

N/A	\$300	Yellow-billed Lorikeet, <i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>	Psittaculidae	
N/A	\$1200	SS Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot, <i>Loriculus stigmatus</i>	V73(4) Psittaculidae	
In margin:		Kakapo, <i>Strigops habroptila</i> (LL)	Strigopidae	
		Senegal Parrot, <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	Psittacidae	

2023 December 15 (Owls) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$300	Eurasian Eagle-Owl, <i>Bubo bubo</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	\$300	Great Gray Owl, <i>Strix nebulosa</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	\$300	Barred Owl, <i>Strix varia</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	\$300	Snowy Owl, <i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	\$1200	SS Great Horned Owl, <i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Strigidae	
In margin:		Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	Tytonidae	

2023 December 15 (Trees, Shrubs & Birds) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$300	Song Thrush, <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Turdidae	
N/A	\$300	Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	\$300	European Turtle-Dove, <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Columbidae	
N/A	\$300	Great Gray Shrike, <i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Laniidae	
N/A	\$1200	SS Eurasian Blackbird, <i>Turdus merula</i>	Turdidae	
In margin:		Eurasian Blackbird, <i>Turdus merula</i> (LL)	Turdidae	
		Red-footed Falcon, <i>Falco vespertinus</i> (UR & LR)	Falconidae	

2023 December 15 (Pigeons) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	\$300	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove, <i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Columbidae	
N/A	\$300	Stock Dove, <i>Columba oenas</i>	Columbidae	
N/A	\$300	Spotted Sandgrouse, <i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	Pteroclididae	
N/A	\$300	Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove, <i>Ptilinops lozonus</i>	V73(4) Columbidae	
		(Previously shown on 1982 Berner local issue)		
N/A	\$1200	SS Common Woodpigeon, <i>Columba palumbus</i>	Columbidae	

NIGER 2023 April 20 (Biodiversity of Niger) Set/13 A*

N/A	1250fr	Peruvian Pygmy-Owl, <i>Glaucidium peruanum</i>	Strigidae	
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2023 April 20 (Cactus & Birds) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	1000fr	Black-and-Red Broadbill, <i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos</i>	Eurylaimidae	
N/A	1000fr	Silver-breasted Broadbill, <i>Serilophus lunatus</i>	Eurylaimidae	
N/A	1000fr	Gray-lored Broadbill, <i>Serilophus rubropygius</i>	Eurylaimidae	
N/A	1000fr	Orange-breasted Trogon, <i>Harpactes oreskios</i>	V73(4) Trogonidae	
N/A	3600fr	SS Dusky Broadbill, <i>Corydon sumatranus</i>	Eurylaimidae	
In margin:		Gray-lored Broadbill, <i>Serilophus rubropygius</i> (UL)	Eurylaimidae	

(Both listing have species of *Serilophus lunatus rubropygius*, but the ssp of *rubropygius* was elevated to a full species)

Indian Hoopoe, *Upupa nigripennis* Upupidae

(A John Gould portrait of an exotic bird, all lumped in *Upupa epops* of Eurasian Hoopoe)

2023 April 20 (Owls) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	1000fr	Northern Saw-whet-Owl, <i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	Strigidae	
		(Top stamp top left)		
N/A	1000fr	Buffy Fish-Owl, <i>Ketupa ketupu</i>	Strigidae	
		(Top stamp top right)		
N/A	1000fr	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, <i>Ketupa lactea</i>	Strigidae	
		(Bottom bird of the left two)		
N/A	1000fr	Long-eared Owl, <i>Asio otus</i>	Strigidae	
		(Bottom bird on right two)		

NIGER (continued)

In margin:	Burrowing Owl, <i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Ural Owl, <i>Strix uralensis</i>	Strigidae	
In margin:	Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i> (UR)	Tytonidae	
	Eurasian Eagle-Owl, <i>Bubo bubo</i> (LR)	Strigidae	
	2023 April 20 (Birds of Africa)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	1000fr Eurasian Griffon, <i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	1000fr Common Kingfisher, <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	1000fr Bluethroat, <i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Muscicapidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	Tytonidae	
In margin:	African Swamphe, <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	Rallidae	
	2023 April 20 (Indigo Bunting)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Indigo Bunting, <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Cardinalidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Same bird species on stamp and in the margin:		
	2023 April 20 (Lighthouses and birds)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Great Skua, <i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Stercorariidae	
N/A	1000fr Osprey, <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Pandionidae	
N/A	1000fr Herring Gull, <i>Larus argentatus</i>	Laridae	
N/A	1000fr Cory's Shearwater, <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Procellariidae	
N/A	3600fr SS African Fish-Eagle, <i>Ichthyophaga vocifer</i>	Accipitridae	
In margin:	Sabine's Gull, <i>Xema sabini</i> (LL)	Laridae	
	2023 April 20 (Fossils & Extinct Birds)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr †Bonin Pigeon, <i>Columba versicolor</i>	Columbidae	
N/A	1000fr †Hispaniolan Macaw, <i>Ara tricolor</i>	Psittacidae	
N/A	1000fr †Reunion Starling, <i>Fregilupus varius</i>	Sturnidae	
N/A	1000fr †Lord Howe Swamphe, <i>Porphyrio albus</i>	Rallidae	
In margin:	†Passenger Pigeon, <i>Ectopistes migratorius</i> (Ctr top)	Columbidae	
	†New Zealand Pigeon, <i>Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae spadicea</i> (species of Norfolk Island Pigeon)	Columbidae	
N/A	3600fr SS †Paradise Parrot, <i>Psephotus pulcherrimus</i>	Psittaculidae	
In margin:	†Carolina Parakeet, <i>Conuropsis carolinensis</i>	Psittacidae	
	2023 June 28 (Flying Dinosaurs)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	650fr †Sinopterus, <i>Sinopterus dongi</i>	†Tapejaridae	
N/A	650fr †Caupedactylus, <i>Caupedactylus ybaka</i>	†Tapejaridae	
N/A	650fr †Zhenyuanopterus, <i>Zhenyuanopterus longirostris</i>	†Boreopteridae	
N/A	650fr †Pterosaur, <i>Dimorphodon macrorynx</i>	†Dimorphodontidae	
N/A	650fr †Pteranodon, <i>Pteranodon longiceps</i>	†Pteranodontidae	
N/A	650fr †Hatzegopteryx, <i>Hatzegopteryx thambema</i>	†Azhdarchidae	
N/A	3600fr SS †Harpactognathus, <i>Harpactognathus gentryi</i>	†Rhamphorhynchidae	
In margin:	†Pteranodon, <i>Pteranodon longiceps</i> (UR)	†Pteranodontidae	
	†Azhdarcho, <i>Azhdarcho lancicollis</i> (LR)	†Azhdarchidae	
	2023 June 28 (Kingfishers)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	650fr Banded Kingfisher, <i>Lacedo pulchella</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	650fr Sulawesi Lilac Kingfisher, <i>Cittura cyanotis</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	650fr Great-billed Kingfisher, <i>Pelargopsis melanorhyncha</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	650fr Rufous-collared Kingfisher, <i>Actenoides concretus</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	650fr Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, <i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i> V73(4)	Alcedinidae	
N/A	650fr Blue-and-white Kingfisher, <i>Todiramphus diops</i>	Alcedinidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Crested Kingfisher, <i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	Alcedinidae	

NIGER (continued)

In margin:	Stork-billed Kingfisher, <i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	Alcedinidae	
	2003 June 28 (Falcons)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	650fr Nankeen Kestrel, <i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Mauritius Kestrel, <i>Falco punctatus</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Greater Kestrel, <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Fox Kestrel, <i>Falco alopex</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Red-footed Kestrel, <i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Rock Kestrel, <i>Falco rupicolus</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Eurasian Kestrel, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Falconidae	
In margin:	Spotted Kestrel, <i>Falco moluccensis</i>	Falconidae	
	2023 June 28 (Birds of Europe)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	650fr Common Crane, <i>Grus grus</i>	Gruidae	
N/A	650fr Comme Murre, <i>Uria aalge</i>	Alcidae	
N/A	650fr Red-crested Pochard, <i>Netta rufina</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	650fr Common Raven, <i>Corvus corax</i>	Corvidae	
N/A	650fr Gryfalcon, <i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Falconidae	
N/A	650fr Black Stork, <i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Ciconiidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Stock Dove, <i>Columba oenas</i>	Columbidae	
In margin:	Western Capercaillie, <i>Tetrao urogallus</i> (LR)	Phasianidae	
	2023 June 28 (Extinct Species)	Set/6, SS/1	A*
N/A	650fr †Bruto Flycatcher, <i>Pyrocephalus dubius</i> (ssp)	Tyrannidae	
N/A	650fr †Tahiti Rail, <i>Hypotaenidia pacificus</i>	Rallidae	
N/A	650fr †North Island Piopio, <i>Turnagra capensis</i>	Oriolidae	
N/A	650fr †Lord Howe Gerygone, <i>Gerygone insularis</i>	Acanthizidae	
N/A	650fr †Hesperornis, <i>Hesperornis regalis</i>	†Hesperornithidae	
N/A	650fr †Laysan Honeycreeper, <i>Himatione fraithii</i> V73(4)	Fringillidae	
N/A	3600fr SS †Bishop's Oo, <i>Moho bishopi</i>	Mohoidae	
In margin:	†Kosrae Starling, <i>Aplonis corvina</i> (LL) V 73(4)	Sturnidae	
	†Javan White-eye, <i>Zosterops flavus</i> (UR) V73(4)	Zosteropidae	
	†O'ahu Akialoa, <i>Akialoa ellisiana</i> (LR)	Fringillidae	
	2023 October 9 (Birds of Prey)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Black-winged Kite, <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	1000fr Cinereous Vulture, <i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	1000fr American Goshawk, <i>Accipiter atricapillus</i>	Accipitridae	
	(Stamp has species of <i>tachiro</i> , which is a missing ssp, from what I get from Google)		
N/A	1000fr Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, <i>Ketupa lacteal</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Eurasian Kestrel, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Falconidae	
In margin:	White-tailed Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Accipitridae	
	2023 October 9 (Bee-eaters)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Blue-throated Bee-eater, <i>Merops viridis</i>	Meropidae	
N/A	1000fr Black Bee-eater, <i>Merops gularis</i>	Meropidae	
N/A	1000fr Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, <i>Merops persicus</i>	Meropidae	
N/A	1000fr Rainbow Bee-eater, <i>Merops ornatus</i>	Meropidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Southern Carmine Bee-eater, <i>Merops nubicoides</i>	Meropidae	
In surround	White-fronted Bee-eater, <i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Meropidae	
	2023 October 9 (Parrots)	Set/4, SS?1	A*
N/A	1000fr Great Green Macaw, <i>Ara ambiguus</i>	Psittacidae	
N/A	1000fr Red-bellied Macaw, <i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	Psittacidae	
N/A	1000fr Scarlet Macaw, <i>Ara macao</i>	Psittacidae	

NIGER (continued)

N/A	1000fr Sun Parakeet, <i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	Psittacidae	
N/A	3600fr SS Red-and-green Macaw, <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Psittacidae	
In margin:	Hyacinth Macaw, <i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>	Psittacidae	
	2023 October 9 (Raptors of Niger)	Set/2	A*
N/A	5,000fr Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	Tytonidae	
N/A	5,000fr White-headed Vulture, <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Accipitridae	
	2023 October 9 (Birds of Niger)	Set/8	A*
N/A	2,000fr Yellow-billed Stork, <i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Ciconiidae	
N/A	2,000fr Ferruginous Duck, <i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	2,000fr Pharaoh Eagle-Owl, <i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	2,000fr Great White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Pelecanidae	
N/A	2,000fr Common Ostrich, <i>Struthio camelus</i>	Struthionidae	
N/A	2,000fr Black Crowned-Crane, <i>Baelearica pavonina</i>	Gruidae	
N/A	2,000fr Black-billed Wood-Dove, <i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	Columbidae	
N/A	2,000fr Greater Flamingo, <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Phoenicopteridae	

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	2023 October 9 (Owls)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	35Le Short-eared Owl, <i>Asio flammeus</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	35Le Tawny Owl, <i>Strix aluco</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	35Le Barred Owl, <i>Strix varia</i>	Strigidae	
N/A	35Le Lesser Sooty-Owl, <i>Tyto multipunctata</i> (Now lumped into Greater Sooty-Owl)	Tytonidae	
N/A	135Le Eurasian Eagle-Owl, <i>Bubo bubo</i>	Strigidae	
In margin:	Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	Tytonidae	

2023 October 9 (Sunbirds) Set/4, SS/1 A*

Two of the species are printed as Nectariniidae sp. Chuck Braun and Kjell Sharning are unable to identify them.

N/A	35Le Malachite Sunbird, <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	Nectariniidae	
N/A	35Le Vigors's Sunbird, <i>Aethopyga vigorsii</i>	Nectariniidae	
N/A	135Le Fire-tailed Sunbird, <i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>	Nectariniidae	
In margin:	Black-throated Sunbird, <i>Aethopyga saturata</i>	Nectariniidae	

2023 October 9 (Barbets) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	35Le Crested Barbet, <i>Trachyphonus vaillanti</i>	Lybiidae	
N/A	35Le Black-collared Barbet, <i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Lybiidae	
N/A	35Le Blue-throated Barbet, <i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>	Mcgalaimidae	
N/A	35Le Pied Barbet, <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Lybiidae	
N/A	135Le Gilded Barbet, <i>Capito auratus</i> V73(3)	Capitoniidae	
In margin:	Blue-throated Barbet, <i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i> (LL)	Megalaimidae	
	Gold-whiskered Barbet, <i>Psilopogon chrysopogon</i> (UR)	Megalaimidae	

2023 October 9 (Endangered birds) Set/4, SS/1 A*

N/A	35Le Martial Eagle, <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Accipitridae	
N/A	35Le White-headed Duck, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	Anatidae	
N/A	35Le Black-faced Spoonbill, <i>Platalea minor</i>	Threskiornithidae	
N/A	35Le South Island Takahe, <i>Porphyrio hochstetteri</i>	Rallidae	
N/A	135Le SS Egyptian Vulture, <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Accipitridae	
In margin:	Purple-naped Lory, <i>Lorius domicella</i>	Psittaculidae	

TOGO

	2023 December 23 (Hummingbirds)	Set/4, SS/1	A*
N/A	1000fr Fawn-breasted Brilliant, <i>Heliodoxa rubinoides aequatorialis</i> (ssp) V73(4)	Trochilidae	
N/A	1000fr Merida Sunangel, <i>Helianthus spencei</i>	Trochilidae	

TOGO (continued)

N/A	1000fr	Black Inca, <i>Coeligena prunellei</i>	Trochilidae	
N/A	1000fr	Turquoise-throated Puffleg, <i>Eriocnemis godini</i>	Trochilidae	
N/A	3600fr	SS Sparkling Violetear, <i>Colibri coruscans coruscans</i> (ssp)	Trochilidae	
In margin:		Black-eared Fairy, <i>Heliothryx auritus phainolaemus</i> V73(4)	Trochilidae	
2023 December 23 (Hornbills)				Set/4,SS/1 A*
N/A	1000fr	Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, <i>Bycanistes subcylindricus</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	1000fr	Malabar Gray Hornbill, <i>Ocyrceros griseus</i>	Bucerotidae	
		(Prior shown on a St. Thomas SS in margin on 2014)	Bucerotidae	
N/A	1000fr	Southern Red-billed Hornbill, <i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	1000fr	Great Hornbill, <i>Buceros bicornis</i>	Bucerotidae	
N/A	3600fr	SS Sri Lanka Gray Hornbill, <i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>	Bucerotidae	
In the margin:		Great Hornbill, <i>Buceros bicornis</i> (LS)	Bucerotidae	
2023 December 23 (African Birds)				Set/4, SS/1 A*
N/A	1000fr	Secretary-bird, <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	Sagittariidae	
N/A	1000fr	African Finfoot, <i>Podica senegalensis</i>	Heliornithidae	
N/A	1000fr	Zebra Waxbill, <i>Amandava subflava</i>	Estrildidae	
N/A	1000fr	Variable Sunbird, <i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Nectariniidae	
N/A	3600fr	SS Black Guinea fowl, <i>Agelastes nigra</i>	Numididae	
In margin:		Bateleur, <i>Terathopus ecaudatus</i> (LS)	Accipitridae	
		Cassin's Hawk, <i>Aquila africana</i> (RS)	Accipitridae	

UNITED NATIONS

New York		2024 April 26 (Endangered Species)	Set/4	A*
1337	\$1.55	Straw-headed Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	Pycnonotidae	
Vienna		2024 April 26 (Endangered Species)	Set/4	A*
722	€1.50	White-rumped Shama, <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	Muscicapidae	



New Birds in the Philatelic Aviary

By Charles E. Braun, BU 1364

New Birds



JUNIN GREBE, *Podiceps taczanowskii* Podicipedidae

Peru, 2024, not yet cataloged, 2.60s

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. A flightless bird, dark above and white below, with a gray face.

Habitat: Mountain lakes.

Range: Lake Junin, central Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

WHITE-CHESTED EMERALD, *Chrysuronia brevirostris chionopectus* Trochilidae Subspecies



Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Shining bronze-green above and white below, with iridescent turquoise green crown and cheeks, copperish rump and upper tail and green-spotted flanks.

Habitat: Open valleys and plantations.

Range: Trinidad.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT, *Heliodoxa rubinoides aequatorialis* Trochilidae Subspecies



Togo, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 5 inches, Sexes similar, resident. Shining bronzy-green above and cinnamon-buff below, with a green chin and a rosy violet throat patch.

Habitat: Understory of humid highland forest;

Range: Western slope of the Andes in Colombia and Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

TURQUOISE-THROATED PUFFLEG, *Eriocnemis godini* Trochilidae

Togo, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr



Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Shining golden-green above and glittering green below, with white leg puffs and a blue-black slightly forked tail.

Habitat: Highland forest and shrubby forest edges.

Range: Northwestern Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY, *Heliothryx aurita phainolaemus* Truchiludae Subspecies

Togo, 2023 not yet cataloged, 3600fr Surrounds

Length: 4 to 5 inches, sexes similar resident. Shining green above and white below, with glittering purple ear coverts.

Habitat: Wet lowland forest, forest edges and secondary growth.

Range: Southeastern Colombia to central Bolivia and eastern Brazil.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



ORANGE-BELLIED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus iozonus* Columbidae
Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300 Previously on a local from Berniera
Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green, with an orange belly and blue-gray spots on the lower back.

Habitat: Forest, woodland, mangroves and savanna.

Range: New Guinea and West Papuan Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



GOLDEN DOVE, *Ptilinopus luteovirens* Columbidae

Fiji, 2024, not yet cataloged, \$1.50

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male is velvety pale greenish gold; the female is bright green, with a buffy belly.

Habitat: Forest and scrub.

Range: West-central Fiji.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE, *Cathartes melambrotus*

Cathartidae

Grenada, 2023, not yet cataloged, eight values, \$1 to \$8

Length: 30 to 32 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black, with a bright-yellow head, whitish crown and orangeish neck.

Habitat: Undisturbed lowland tropical forest.

Range: Northern South America.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



CINEREOUS OWL, *Strix sartorii* Strigidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 2000fr

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Buff-barred brown above and brown-streaked buffy white below, with whitish facial discs.

Habitat: Forest and woodland.

Range: Mountains of central Mexico.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World.



RUFOUS-BELLIED KOOKABURRA, *Dacelo gaudichaud* Alcedinidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 650fr

Length: 11 to 12 inches, resident. The male (upper bird) is black above and rufous below, with a white collar and stripe behind the eye, glossy black cap and blue wings, lower back and tail; the female (lower bird) has a rufous tail.

Habitat: Forest, palm scrub, mangroves and gardens.

Range: New Guinea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



SULAWESI HANGING-PARROT, *Loriculus stigmatus* Psittaculaceae

Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$1200

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green, with a red crown and throat patch and a maroon rump; the female lacks the red crown.

Habitat: Forest, forest edge, scrub, mangrove and coconut plantations.

Range: Sulawesi and adjacent islands, Indonesia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.





BLACK-WINGED PARROT, *Hapalopsittica melanotis* Psittacidae

Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with black wings.

Habitat: Highland forest.

Range: Central Peru to west-central Bolivia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



†**MASCARENE GRAY PARAKEET, †*Psittacula bensoni*** Psittacidae

Mauritius, 2024, not yet cataloged, 2r Extinct 1730s

Length: 20 inches, sexes similar, resident, Dark gray, with a pale gray head.

Habitat: Forest.

Range, Mauritius and Rodrigues, Indian Ocean.

Reference: Check, A. J.. and J. P. Hume, Lost Land of the Dodo, 2008.



†**RODRIGUES PARROT, †*Necropsitticus rodericanus*** Psittacidae

Mauritius, 2024, not yet cataloged, 10r Extinct 1760s

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with a red head, shoulders and tail.

Habitat: Shrubs.

Range: Rodrigues, Indian Ocean.

Reference: Check, A. J.. and J. P. Hume, Lost Land of the Dodo, 2008.



ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET, *Eupsittula canicularis* Psittacidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1200fr

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and yellowish below, with an orange-peach fore-head

Habitat: Forest, wood land, savannas, and arid thorn scrub.

Range: Western Mexico to western Costa Rica.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



CHESTNUT-HEADED TESIA, *Cettia castaneocoronata* Cettidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged, 200fr

Length: 3,5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark above and bright yellow below, with a chestnut head and greenish flanks.

Habitat: Forest undergrowth and thorn scrub.

Range: Northeastern India to southern China, northwestern Thailand, Laos and northern Vietnam.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.



ZITTING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola juncidis* Cisticolidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, largely resident. Blackish-streaked brown above and creamy-buff below, with creamy lores and eyering.

Habitat: Open grasslands.

Range: Southern Europe, Africa and eastern Afghanistan to Japan and Australia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

GRAY-BELLIED TESIA, *Tesia cyaniventer* Scotocertidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged 1100fr Surrounds

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bright olive-green above and pale gray below, with a pale crown and a light green supercilium.

Habitat: Dense forest undergrowth.

Range: Northeastern India to southern China. northwestern Thailand and Vietnam.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**NORFOLK ROBIN, *Petroica multicolor*** Petroicidae

Norfolk Island, 1970, Scott #131, 1c

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black, with a white forehead, wing patch and crissum; the female is brown with a white throat and an orange-scarlet breast and belly.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Norfolk Island.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER, *Acrocephalus melanopogon***

Acrocephalidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 3600fr Upper surrounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Black-streaked rufous-brown above and whitish below, with a blackish-brown crown, white superciliary and throat and a blackish moustache.

Habitat: Low wetlands.

Range: Breeds from northern Morocco and southern Spain to eastern Kazakhstan; winters from northwestern Africa to northwestern India.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**PALLAS'S LEAF-WARBLER, *Phylloscopus proregulus*** Phylloscopidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged, 200fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish-green above and pale gray below, with a white supercilium, dark eyestripe and two wingbars.

Habitat: Breeds in highland forest; winters in broadleaf forests.

Range: Breeds in southern Siberia, northeastern China and Mongolia; winters in northern Thailand, northern Vietnam and southeastern China.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**GREEN WARBLER, *Phylloscopus nitidus*** Phylloscopidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Green above and yellowish-white below, with a whitish supercilium and wingbar.

Habitat: Breeds in high-altitude forest; winters in forest, gardens and orchards.

Range: Breeds from northern Turkey to northwestern Afghanistan; winters in southern India and Sri Lanka.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.





†**KOSRAE STARLING, *Aplonis corvina*** Sturnidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 3600fr Lower left surrounds Extinct mid 1800s

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black, with a long bill and tail.

Habitat: Highlands.

Range: Kesrae Island, Carolines.

Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.

AMUR STONECHAT, *Saxicola stejnegeri* Muscicapidae

North Korea, 1988, Scott #2749, 15c

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and rufous-chestnut below, with a white collar, wing patch and rump; the female is buff-streaked dark brown above.

Habitat: Breeds in open areas; winters in buffalo pastures, paddyfields and marshes.

Range: Breeds sfrom eastern Siberia to northeastern China, Korea and Japan; winters.from southeast Asia to the Malay Peninsula.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



CHESTNUT WEAVER, *Ploceus rubignosus* Ploceidae

Namibia, 2023, not yet cataloged, Postcard rate

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is chestnut-brown, with a black head and throat; the female is brown above and buffy below, with a white throat and superciliary.

Habitat: Dry thornveld.

Range: Western Eritrea to Tanzania and southwestern Angola to northwestern Botswana,

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.



QUAILFINCH, *Ortygspiza atricollis* Estrildidae

Botswana, 2024, not yet cataloged, 3p

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and pale chestnut below, with black-and-white striped sides.

Habitat: Grassland.

Range: Senegal and Sudan to South Africa.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.



†**LAYSAN HONEYCREEPER, *Himatione fraithii*** Fringillidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 650fr Extinct 1923

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Red, with black wings and tail.

Habitat: Montane forest, subalpine scrub and flowering trees.

Range: Laysan Island, Hawaii.

Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.

New Birds in the Philatelic Aviary

By Charles E. Braun, BU 1364

New Birds



JUNIN GREBE, *Podiceps taczanowskii* Podicipedidae

Peru, 2024, not yet cataloged, 2.60s

Length: 13 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. A flightless bird, dark above and white below, with a gray face.

Habitat: Mountain lakes.

Range: Lake Junin, central Peru.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 1.

WHITE-CHESTED EMERALD, *Chrysuronia brevirostris chionopectus* Trochilidae Subspecies



Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Shining bronze-green above and white below, with iridescent turquoise green crown and cheeks, copperish rump and upper tail and green-spotted flanks.

Habitat: Open valleys and plantations.

Range: Trinidad.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT, *Heliodoxa rubinoides aequatorialis* Trochilidae Subspecies



Togo, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 5 inches, Sexes similar, resident. Shining bronzy-green above and cinnamon-buff below, with a green chin and a rosy violet throat patch.

Habitat: Understory of humid highland forest;

Range: Western slope of the Andes in Colombia and Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

TURQUOISE-THROATED PUFFLEG, *Eriocnemis godini* Trochilidae

Togo, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr



Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, resident. Shining golden-green above and glittering green below, with white leg puffs and a blue-black slightly forked tail.

Habitat: Highland forest and shrubby forest edges.

Range: Northwestern Ecuador.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 5.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY, *Heliothryx aurita phainolaemus* Truchiludae Subspecies

Togo, 2023 not yet cataloged, 3600fr Surrounds

Length: 4 to 5 inches, sexes similar resident. Shining green above and white below, with glittering purple ear coverts.

Habitat: Wet lowland forest, forest edges and secondary growth.

Range: Southeastern Colombia to central Bolivia and eastern Brazil.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



ORANGE-BELLIED FRUIT-DOVE, *Ptilinopus iozonus* Columbidae
Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300 Previously on a local from Berniera
Length: 8 to 9 inches, sexes similar, resident. Green, with an orange belly and blue-gray spots on the lower back.

Habitat: Forest, woodland, mangroves and savanna.

Range: New Guinea and West Papuan Islands.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



GOLDEN DOVE, *Ptilinopus luteovirens* Columbidae

Fiji, 2024, not yet cataloged, \$1.50

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male is velvety pale greenish gold; the female is bright green, with a buffy belly.

Habitat: Forest and scrub.

Range: West-central Fiji.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE, *Cathartes melambrotus*

Cathartidae

Grenada, 2023, not yet cataloged, eight values, \$1 to \$8

Length: 30 to 32 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black, with a bright-yellow head, whitish crown and orangeish neck.

Habitat: Undisturbed lowland tropical forest.

Range: Northern South America.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



CINEREOUS OWL, *Strix sartorii* Strigidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 2000fr

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Buff-barred brown above and brown-streaked buffy white below, with whitish facial discs.

Habitat: Forest and woodland.

Range: Mountains of central Mexico.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World.



RUFOUS-BELLIED KOOKABURRA, *Dacelo gaudichaud* Alcedinidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 650fr

Length: 11 to 12 inches, resident. The male (upper bird) is black above and rufous below, with a white collar and stripe behind the eye, glossy black cap and blue wings, lower back and tail; the female (lower bird) has a rufous tail.

Habitat: Forest, palm scrub, mangroves and gardens.

Range: New Guinea.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.



SULAWESI HANGING-PARROT, *Loriculus stigmatus* Psittaculaceae

Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$1200

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green, with a red crown and throat patch and a maroon rump; the female lacks the red crown.

Habitat: Forest, forest edge, scrub, mangrove and coconut plantations.

Range: Sulawesi and adjacent islands, Indonesia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.





BLACK-WINGED PARROT, *Hapalopsittica melanotis* Psittacidae

Liberia, 2023, not yet cataloged, \$300

Length: 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with black wings.

Habitat: Highland forest.

Range: Central Peru to west-central Bolivia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



†**MASCARENE GRAY PARAKEET, †*Psittacula bensoni*** Psittacidae

Mauritius, 2024, not yet cataloged, 2r Extinct 1730s

Length: 20 inches, sexes similar, resident, Dark gray, with a pale gray head.

Habitat: Forest.

Range, Mauritius and Rodrigues, Indian Ocean.

Reference: Check, A. J.. and J. P. Hume, Lost Land of the Dodo, 2008.



†**RODRIGUES PARROT, †*Necropsitticus rodericanus*** Psittacidae

Mauritius, 2024, not yet cataloged, 10r Extinct 1760s

Length: 20 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green, with a red head, shoulders and tail.

Habitat: Shrubs.

Range: Rodrigues, Indian Ocean.

Reference: Check, A. J.. and J. P. Hume, Lost Land of the Dodo, 2008.



ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET, *Eupsittula canicularis* Psittacidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1200fr

Length: 9 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and yellowish below, with an orange-peach fore-head

Habitat: Forest, wood land, savannas, and arid thorn scrub.

Range: Western Mexico to western Costa Rica.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.



CHESTNUT-HEADED TESIA, *Cettia castaneocoronata* Cettidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged, 200fr

Length: 3,5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dark above and bright yellow below, with a chestnut head and greenish flanks.

Habitat: Forest undergrowth and thorn scrub.

Range: Northeastern India to southern China, northwestern Thailand, Laos and northern Vietnam.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.



ZITTING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola juncidis* Cisticolidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, largely resident. Blackish-streaked brown above and creamy-buff below, with creamy lores and eyering.

Habitat: Open grasslands.

Range: Southern Europe, Africa and eastern Afghanistan to Japan and Australia.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

GRAY-BELLIED TESIA, *Tesia cyaniventer* Scotocertidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged 1100fr Surrounds

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Bright olive-green above and pale gray below, with a pale crown and a light green supercilium.

Habitat: Dense forest undergrowth.

Range: Northeastern India to southern China. northwestern Thailand and Vietnam.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**NORFOLK ROBIN, *Petroica multicolor*** Petroicidae

Norfolk Island, 1970, Scott #131, 1c

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black, with a white forehead, wing patch and crissum; the female is brown with a white throat and an orange-scarlet breast and belly.

Habitat: Forest.

Range: Norfolk Island.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 12.

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER, *Acrocephalus melanopogon***

Acrocephalidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 3600fr Upper surrounds

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Black-streaked rufous-brown above and whitish below, with a blackish-brown crown, white superciliary and throat and a blackish moustache.

Habitat: Low wetlands.

Range: Breeds from northern Morocco and southern Spain to eastern Kazakhstan; winters from northwestern Africa to northwestern India.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**PALLAS'S LEAF-WARBLER, *Phylloscopus proregulus*** Phylloscopidae

Djibouti, 2023, not yet cataloged, 200fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes similar, migratory. Grayish-green above and pale gray below, with a white supercilium, dark eyestripe and two wingbars.

Habitat: Breeds in highland forest; winters in broadleaf forests.

Range: Breeds in southern Siberia, northeastern China and Mongolia; winters in northern Thailand, northern Vietnam and southeastern China.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.

**GREEN WARBLER, *Phylloscopus nitidus*** Phylloscopidae

Guinea-Bissau, 2023, not yet cataloged, 1000fr

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Green above and yellowish-white below, with a whitish supercilium and wingbar.

Habitat: Breeds in high-altitude forest; winters in forest, gardens and orchards.

Range: Breeds from northern Turkey to northwestern Afghanistan; winters in southern India and Sri Lanka.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 11.





†**KOSRAE STARLING, *Aplonis corvina*** Sturnidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 3600fr Lower left surrounds Extinct mid 1800s

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Black, with a long bill and tail.

Habitat: Highlands.

Range: Kesrae Island, Carolines.

Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.

AMUR STONECHAT, *Saxicola stejnegeri* Muscicapidae

North Korea, 1988, Scott #2749, 15c

Length: 5 inches, migratory. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and rufous-chestnut below, with a white collar, wing patch and rump; the female is buff-streaked dark brown above.

Habitat: Breeds in open areas; winters in buffalo pastures, paddyfields and marshes.

Range: Breeds sfrom eastern Siberia to northeastern China, Korea and Japan; winters.from southeast Asia to the Malay Peninsula.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.



CHESTNUT WEAVER, *Ploceus rubignosus* Ploceidae

Namibia, 2023, not yet cataloged, Postcard rate

Length: 6 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is chestnut-brown, with a black head and throat; the female is brown above and buffy below, with a white throat and superciliary.

Habitat: Dry thornveld.

Range: Western Eritrea to Tanzania and southwestern Angola to northwestern Botswana,

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.



QUAILFINCH, *Ortygspiza atricollis* Estrildidae

Botswana, 2024, not yet cataloged, 3p

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-brown above and pale chestnut below, with black-and-white striped sides.

Habitat: Grassland.

Range: Senegal and Sudan to South Africa.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 15.



†**LAYSAN HONEYCREEPER, *Himatione fraithii*** Fringillidae

Niger, 2023, not yet cataloged, 650fr Extinct 1923

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar, resident. Red, with black wings and tail.

Habitat: Montane forest, subalpine scrub and flowering trees.

Range: Laysan Island, Hawaii.

Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.



HERPETOLOGY

Dick Roman, LM



ANTIGUA		2023 March 28 (Turtles)	Set/6	
3665a	\$3.50	Eastern Mud Turtle, <i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>	Kinosternidae	A
		Caption: Common mud turtle		
3665b	\$3.50	Southwestern Pond Turtle, <i>Actinemys pallida</i>	Emydidae, Emydinae	A
		Caption: Western pond turtle,		
3665c	\$3.50	Escambia Map Turtle, <i>Graptemys ernsti</i>	Emydidae, Deirochelyinae	A
3665d	\$3.50	Smooth Softshell Turtle, <i>Apalone mutica</i>	Trionychidae	A
		Caption: Smooth soft shell turtle,		
3665e	\$3.50	Florida Softshell Turtle, <i>Apalone ferox</i>	Trionychidae	A
3665f	\$3.50	Blanding's Turtle, <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Emydidae, Emydinae	A
3666 SS	\$14.00	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell Turtle, <i>Apalone spinifera</i>	Trionychidae	A
		Caption: Spiny softshell turtle,		

ARGENTINA **2023 May 15** (Zodiac)

2984 240p Chinese zodiac snake

AUSTRALIA **2023 September 4** (Large Australian statues)

5657 \$1.20 stylized crocodile, big jumping crocodile

5657a SS\$1.20 Same species

5662 \$1.20 Booklet stamps, same species

5662a \$1.20 Booklet pane

2023, October 3 (Walt Disney Company 100y)

5671 \$1.20 Ariel at Great Barrier Reef plus herp per Linn's

5673a Same species

5675 Booklet same species

5677a Booklet sheet, same species

AZERBAIJAN **2021 June 24** (Europa, endangered animals)

1311 60g Pleske's Racerunner, *Eremias pleskei* Lacertidae A

BOLIVIA **2018** (Endangered Animals)

1559A like 1559 with red handstamp

BRAZIL **2022 December 13** (Forro musicians and dancers)

501 6.50r Stylized turtle in right margin

BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY **2021, February 22** (Sea slugs)

522 60p Unidentified turtle in margin

BULGARIA **2023 October 13** (Veterinary education in Bulgaria, 100y)

5070 SS 1.90L Medical snake, Caduceus

CANADA **2024 April 15** (Endangered frogs)

3420 SS Sheet of 2 with a and b

3420a P Oregon Spotted Frog, *Rana pretiosa* Ranidae A

3420b P Fowler's toad, *Anaxyrus fowleri* Bufonidae A

CANADA (continued)

3421	P	Oregon Spotted Frog, <i>Rana pretiosa</i>	Ranidae	A
3422	P	Fowler's toad, <i>Anaxyrus fowleri</i>	Bufonidae	A

CHINA PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC **2021 December 4** (Protected animals)

4857f	\$1.20	Chinese Crocodile Lizard, <i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i>	Shinisauridae	A
4857h	\$1.50	Green Sea Turtle, <i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Cheloniidae, Cheloniinae	A

CHRISTMAS ISLAND **2023 November 1** (Christmas)

638	\$3.00	Styllized turtle		
638b	SS 2	Same		
639		Booklet, same species		
639a		Booklet pane, same species		

COOK ISLANDS **2022 November 7** (overprints)

1744c	70c on \$1.00	overprint on 1515c		
			2023 February 20 (Stop ocean plastics pollution)	
1750d	\$1	Stylized turtle		

CZECH REPUBLIC **2024 May 7** (Freshwater Flora and Fauna)

3965	E	Unidentified turtle on large picture stamp		
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ECUADOR **2003** (Hernandez Marine Reserve)

2257	50c	Loggerhead Sea Turtle, <i>Caretta caretta</i>	Cheloniidae	A
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GAMBIA **2022 November 15** (Panther Chameleon)

3977a	50d	Panther chameleon, <i>Furcifer pardalis</i>	Chamaeleonidae	A
3977b	60d	Same species facing left		
3977c	70d	Same species facing left center		
3977d	80d	Same species, full body on branch		
3977a	90d	Same species, head facing right		
3977f	100d	Same species on branch with tail visible		
3978	230d	Same species		

GREAT BRITAIN **2023 May 17** (Black adder television series, 40y)

4376		Sheet of 10, actors playing the Black Adder in the serie		
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2023 August 10 (Discworld Series of Novels by Terry Pratchett, 40y)

4411	£2.20	Picture of Great A'Tuin, giant star turtle of fictional species <i>Chelys galactica</i>		
4412h	£2.20	Same species		

Jersey **2023 June 13** (Illustrations from Children's books by Judith Kerr)

2588	98p	Crocodile under the bed		
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2023 November 11 (Christmas)

2638	65p	Stylized frogs		
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GUYANA **2022 July 4** (Rainbow Boa)

4706a	\$250	Rainbow boa red morph, <i>Epicrates cnechria</i>	Boidae, Boinae	A
4706b	\$250	Same species orange morph		
4706d	\$250	Same species yellow orange morph		
4706d	\$250	Same species green morph		
4706e	\$250	Same species blue violet morph		
4707	SS \$800	Same species		

JAPAN**2025 June 28** (Sea life)4677f ¥84 Hawksbill Sea Turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata* Cheloniidae A**2023 August 21** (Diplomatic relations Japan and Peru, 150y)

4686 ¥84 Stylized snake in left margin

MEXICO**2023 July 3** (WHO 75y)

3296 9p Stylized snake

2023 August 16 (Veterinary education in Mexico, 170y)

3300 7p Stylized snake

MOLDOVA**2023 May 30** (Animals in Chisinau Zoo)1174 10.30L Cuban Crocodile, *Crocodylus rhombifer* Crocodylidae A**2023 August 11** (Protected reptiles and batrachians from Red Book of Moldova)1189 3.30L European Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea* Hylidae A1190 3.40L Crimean Wall Lizard, *Podarcis tauricus* Lacertidae A1191 10.30L Northern Crested Newt, *Triturus cristatus* Salamandridae A1192 15.60L Caspian whipsnake, *Dolichophis caspius* Colubridae, Colubrinae ACaption: has *Coluber caspius*, a lesser synonym**MONGOLIA****2022 December 28** (Flora and fauna from Red Book of Mongolia)

3026a 1000t stylized lizard in BL margin

3026b 1000t Same

3026c 1000t Same

3026d 1000t Yangihissar Gecko, *Cyrtopogon elongatus* Gekkonidae A

3027a 3000t Stylized lizard in BL margin

3027b 3000t Siberian newt, *Salamandrella keyserlingii* Hynobiidae A

3027c 3000t Stylized lizard in BL margin

3027d 3000t Stylized lizard in BL margin

2023 August 15 (Astrology)

3033 3000t Zodiac snake

NETHERLANDS**2023 August 15** (Flora and fauna of Osterwijk Woods and fens)1669d €1.01 Smooth newt, *Lissotriton vulgaris* Salamandridae, Pleurodelinae A

Caption: Kleine watersalamander

1669g €1.01 Common frog, *Rana temporaria* Ranidae A

Caption: Bruine kikker

NEW CALEDONIA**2023 September 15** (Jean Leques, First President of New Caledonia)

1300 460fr Stylized turtle in background, likely a loggerhead

PORTUGAL**Madeira****2023 September 8** (Fauna)404 61c Selvagens gecko, *Tarentola bischoffi* Phyllodactylidae A406 €1.10 Madeira Wall Lizard, *Teira dugesii* Lacertidae A**ROMANIA****2023 June 12** (Pharmacy faculty centenary emblem)

6907 290L Medical snake, Caduceus

6908 34L Same

6907a SS Same

2023 September 6 (Fauna of Vacaresti natural park)6957 22L European Pond Turtle, *Emys orbicularis* Emydidae, Emydinae A

6957a 22L Same species, tete-beche pair

2023 November 3 (Long lived creatures)6976 3.50L Seychelles Giant Tortoise, *Aldabrachelys gigantea* Testudinidae A

ROMANIA (continued)

6976a 3.50L Same species, tete-beche pair

6976b 3.50L Same species, SS of 5

ST. VINCENT**2021 December 7 (Crocodiles)**

4241a \$3.50 Unidentified crocodile

4241b \$4.00 Unidentified crocodile, different

4241c \$4.50 Unidentified crocodile, different

4241d \$5.00 Unidentified crocodile, different

4241e \$5.50 Unidentified crocodile, different

4242 SS \$14 Unidentified crocodile, different

SERBIA**2023 November 22 (Endangered amphibians)**1127a 48d Alpine newt, *Ichthyosaura alpestris* Salamandridae.Pleurodelinae A1127b 48d Common Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea* Hemiphractidae A1127c 48d Fire salamander, *Salamandra salamandra* Salamandridae,Salamandrinae A**SINGAPORE****2023 January 6 (Zodiac year of the rabbit)**

2196 SS \$10 Zodiac snake

TONGA**2022 November 15 (#1326-29 surcharged)**

1470 5.50 pa on 2.2pa Stylized turtle #1326

1471 9.20pa on 6.50pa Stylized turtle #1327

1472 9.50pa on 6.50pa Stylized turtle #1328

1473 11.50pa on 8pa Stylized turtle #1329

Niuafu'ou**2022 August 22 (Animals of the Amazon Rainforest)**456b 4pa Ecuador poison frog, *Ameerega bilinguis* Dendrobatidae A

456e 4pa Common caiman, Caiman crocodilus Alligatoridae A

UNITED STATES**2024 June 11 (Protect sea turtles)**5865 68c Kemp's Ridley Seaturtle, *Lepidochelys kempii* Cheloniidae A

5865a 68c Same species, imperf

5866 68c Green Sea Turtle, *Chelonia mydas* Cheloniidae, Cheloniinae A

5866a 68c Same species, imperf

5867 68c Leatherback Sea Turtle, *Dermochelys coriacea* Dermochelyidae A

5867a 68c Same species, imperf

5868 68c Loggerhead Sea Turtle, *Caretta caretta* Cheloniidae A

5868a 68c Same species, imperf

5869 68c Hawksbill Sea Turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata* Cheloniidae A

5869a 68c Same species, imperf

5870 68c Olive Ridley Sea Turtle, *Lepidochelys olivacea* Cheloniidae A

5870a 68c Same species, imperf

VATICAN CITY**2024 May 24 (Europa)**1858 €1.25 Common green frog, *Hyla ranaerythraea* Hylaranaerythraea A

Caption: stamp has Greater green frog

1859 €1.30 Common box turtle, *Terrapene carolina* Emydidae A



INVERTEBRATES

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This list compiles every marine invertebrate and select freshwater and terrestrial invertebrates (snails, land crabs, etc.) published in the Linn's Stamp News Updates from the August 2024 to the November 2024 issue.

New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ASCENSION				
2024 February 2 (Marine Life)*			Set/4	
1266	35p	Brisingid Starfish	Indeterminate	A
1267	50p	Crinoidea	Indeterminate	A
1268	65p	Hexactinellid Sponge	Indeterminate	A
1269	£1.60	Paragorgia Coral	Indeterminate	A
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (Croat Admin.) 2024 April 5 (Europa)**			Set/2	
480a	3.50m	<i>Acetabularia acetabulum</i> (green alga)	Polyphysaceae	A
480b	3.50m	Date mussel, <i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i>	Mytilidae	A
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY 2021 February 22 (Sea Slugs)***			Set/6	
522a	60p	<i>Chromodoris cavae</i>	Chromodorididae	A
522b	£1	<i>Chromodoris gleniei</i>	Chromodorididae	A
522c	£1	<i>Chromodoris elisabethina</i>	Chromodorididae	A
522d	£2	<i>Phyllidia marindica</i>	Phyllidiidae	A
522e	£2	<i>Cadlinella ornatissima</i>	Chromodorididae	A
522f	£3	<i>Glossodoris cincta</i>	Chromodorididae	A
CROATIA			2024 May 9 (Europa – Underwater Flora & Fauna)**	Set/2
1349a	€2.20	Fan mussel, <i>Pinna nobilis</i>	Pinnidae	A
1349b	€2.20	Neptune grass, <i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Posidoniaceae	A
CYPRUS			2024 May 2 (Europa – Underwater Flora and Fauna)**	Set/2
1410	34c	Algae	Indeterminate	A
1411	64c	Sea anemone	Indeterminate	A
1411a	Booklet pane of 8, 4 each of 1410-1411, perf. 13 ¼ x 13 ¾ on 3 sides			
CZECH REPUBLIC			2024 May 7 (Europa)	Set/1
3965	E	Freshwater flora and fauna – mix of aquatic invertebrates and vertebrates	Multiple	A
FRANCE			2024 May 10 (Europa – Underwater Flora & Fauna)	Set/1
6630	€1.96	Underwater scene with variety of animals	Multiple	A
FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERRITORIES 2024 January 2 (People at Work)			Set/5	
717c	€1.00	Man holding lobster	Indeterminate	B
			2024 January 2 (Adélie Land Marine Life)	Set/2#
720a	€1.65	<i>Molgula pedunculata</i>	Molgulidae	A
720b	€1.65	Blunt Scalyhead, <i>Trematomous eulepidiotus</i>	Nototheniidae	A

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Guernsey		2024 May 14 (Marine Life)**	Set/6	
1766	65p	Ormer, <i>Haliotis tuberculata</i>	Haliotidae	A
1767	88p	Crawfish, <i>Palinurus elephas</i>	Palinuridae	A
1768	£1.20	Yellow Cluster Anemone, <i>Parazoanthus axinellae</i>	Parazoanthidae	A
1769	£1.36	Sea fan, <i>Eunicella verrucosa</i>	Gorgoniidae	A
1769a	Souvenir Sheet of 2 #1768-1769			
1770	£1.68	Cuckoo Wrass, <i>Labrus mixtus</i>	Labridae	A
1771	£1.74	Red Starfish, <i>Fromia milleporella</i>	Goniasteridae	A

GRENADA		2023 March 20 (Crabs)	Set/6 + SS/2	
4464a-f	\$4 all six crabs are labeled "Crab Brachyura"		Unlabeled	A
4465a-b	\$8 both stamps are labeled "Crab Brachyura"		Unlabeled	A

JAPAN		2024 March 6 (Definitives)	Set/10	
4721e	¥63	Corals and Coral Products	Indeterminate	S

LITHUANIA		2024 April 26 (Underwater Flora and Fauna)**	Set/2	
1238	€1.70	Water lily, <i>Nymphaea candida</i>	Nymphaeaceae	A
1239	€1.70	European crayfish, <i>Astacus astacus</i>	Astacidae	A

MACEDONIA		2024 May 9 (Europa)**	Set/1 + SS	
988	181d	Water lily, <i>Nymphaea alba</i>	Nymphaeaceae	A
989	184d	<i>Chirocephalus pelagonicus</i>	Chirocephalidae	A

MOLDOVA		2024 April 19 (Underwater Fauna)**	Set/2	
1219	5L	European crayfish, <i>Astacus astacus</i>	Astacidae	A
1220	12L	Beluga, <i>Huso huso</i>	Acipenseridae	A

SLOVENIA		2024 May 31 (Europa)^**	Set/2	
1595	C	Noble Pen Shell, <i>Pinna nobilis</i>	Pinnidae	A
1596	D	Graphoderus bilineatus (beetle)	Dytiscidae	A

SURINAME		2024 February 7 (Shells)^^^	Set/7	
1694	\$47.50	Common Bonnet, <i>Cassidix vibex</i>	Cassidae	A
1695	\$90	Bulmouth or red helmet shell, <i>Cypraea rufa</i>	Cassidae	A
1696	\$100	Galapagos Cowrie-helmet, <i>Cypraea tenuis</i>	Cassidae	A
1697	\$110	Spiny Bonnet, <i>Galeodea echinophora</i>	Cassidae	A
1698	\$120	Bonnet shell, <i>Phalium craticulatum</i>	Cassidae	A
1699	\$130	Grooved helmet, <i>Phalium umbilicatum</i>	Cassidae	A
1700	E	<i>Cassidix norai</i>	Cassidae	A

Notes

*The Ascension stamps are not labeled with enough information to determine the species – the labels on the stamps are at the order or suborder level taxonomically.

**The Europa 2024 Underwater Flora and Fauna stamps include examples of both marine/freshwater invertebrates and other aquatic animals including fish, other vertebrates, insects, as well as aquatic plants and algae.

***The Scott's Monthly August issue shows an image of the December 8, 2020 Butterfly fishes of the British Indian Ocean Territory instead of the Sea Slugs issue. The 60p stamp depicts *Chromodoris cavae* – this species has been reclassified as *Geniobranchus cavae* (as listed in the World Register of Marine Species). Like the 60p stamp, the £1 stamp is labeled *Chromodoris gleniei* – this species has also been assigned to a new genus, in this case *Goniobranchus gleniei*. This set was released in sheets of 6 stamps.

^C rate stamps are international rate stamps that were sold at 1.69€ on the date of release. The D rate stamp shows a beetle and is an international rate stamp for up to 50 gr and for postcards. On the date of release the D rate stamp was sold at 1.96€.

^^*Cassis vibex* is now referred to *Casmaria erinaceus*. The E rate stamp was sold at \$150.50 on the date of release. Linns August Monthly notes that “Nos. 1694-1700 were printed in sheets containing two of each stamp plus a central label.”

#French Southern & Antarctic Territories #720 was released in a souvenir sheet with both 720a and 720b. Stamp 720a shows the tunicate *Molgula pedunculata*, a marine invertebrate chordate. The second stamp depicts a fish, the Blunt Scalyhead.



Figure 1: Images of stamps from the new listings – note that this does not include the Europa issues which have been reproduced in the series of Europa articles. A) Ascension Marine Life issue, B) Suriname Shells stamps, C) First day cover of the British Indian Ocean Territory Sea Slugs issue, D. Marine life of the Adélie Islands, French Southern & Antarctic Territories, E) Crabs (Scott 4464a-f), Grenada.

Related issues:

French Southern & Antarctic Territories also released a souvenir sheet with a pair of stamps on January 2, 2024 in honor of the Proteker Ecological Monitoring Program. The pair of stamps (Scott Catalog #719a and b) depict stylized marine life including fish, sea urchins, and a crinoid(?).

Upcoming issues of interest:

On September 9, Romania issued a set of stamps depicting corals from around the world. These stamps were issued in four mini-sheets of five stamps with a vignette panel in the lower right corner. Each stamp was also released in sheets of 30 stamps arranged as three columns of 6 stamps on the left, a central vignette panel, and two columns of 6 stamps on the right. The vignettes from the 30-stamp sheets are gorgeous panels showing coral reef scenes with abundant life. Romfilatelia also



released official first day covers and maxi-cards for this issue. The corals depicted include *Diploria labyrinthiformis* (on the Lei 5 stamp), *Acropora palmata* (Lei 10 stamp), *Acropora cervicornis* (Lei 12 stamp), and *Zoanthus sp.* (Lei 13 stamp).



Thailand Post issued on September 26, a set of four stamps depicting the small cave snails living in Thailand's caves. The stamps are denominated 5 Baht.

The first stamp depicts *Plectostoma kubuensis* which in Thailand is commonly referred to as the Tiny Orange-white Kettle Snail or White-ridged Orange Kettle Snail. The second stamp depicts *Diplommatina khwantongae*, or Kwhantong's Spingle Micro Snail. On the third



stamp is *Aulacospira nutadhirai*, or the Teacher Bird's Micro Snail. The final stamp in the issue shows *Anauchen srakeoensis* or Sa Kao's Trumpet Mouth Micro Snail. The cachet on the first day cover shows sketches of the four species next to a ruler – showing that all these animals are tiny, less than 5 mm (0.2 inches) in height.

On October 1, the Netherlands issued a set of stamps with the theme “Underwater Life Bonaire” which highlighted marine life in the waters surrounding Bonaire. This set includes three postcards that depict larger versions of the images shown on the stamps. This is the second stamps this year that Netherlands has issued honoring the marine life of Bonaire (the second set was released on June 10 – the Experience Nature – Bonaire's Marine Life issue). One of the stamps depicts an octopus, while the other two show fish and sea turtles. The selva of the mini-sheet shows an underwater scene with corals and sponges with fish swimming in the background.



Australia Post issued on October 8, a souvenir sheet with 3 stamps depicting various species of hermit crab (*Coenobita rugosus*, *C. perlatus*, and *C. brevimanus*) on the behalf of Cocos (Keeling) Islands. All three species are found on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. More information about the issue is available here:

<https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/stamp-issues/cocos-keeling-islands-hermit-crabs>

On October 16, the Dutch island of Curaçao released a set of 12 stamps highlighting the “Underwater World” in the reefs around this Caribbean Island. The stamps are based on photographs of marine life including a variety of marine invertebrates, fish, and a sea turtle.





ARACHNOLOGY

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New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
BELGIUM				
3017	Sheet of 10			
3017a	1 (€1.36)	Goldenrod Crab Spider, <i>Misumena vatia</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Thomisidae	
3017b	1 (€1.36)	Green Huntsman Spider, <i>Micrommata virescens</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Sparassidae	
3017c	1 (€1.36)	Heather Crab Spider, <i>Thomisus onustus</i> (Walckenaer, 1805)	Thomisidae	
3017d	1 (€1.36)	European Garden Spider, <i>Araneus diadematus</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Araneidae	
3017e	1 (€1.36)	Wasp Spider, <i>Argiope bruennichi</i> (Scopoli, 1772)	Araneidae	



GREAT BRITAIN

2024 September 26

2nd	Sand Bear Spider, <i>Arctosa perita</i> (Latreille, 1799)	Lycosidae
2nd	Cucumber Spider, <i>Araniella cucurbitina</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Araneidae
2nd	Woodland Jumping Spider, <i>Evarcha falcata</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Salticidae
2nd	Four-spotted Orbweb Spider, <i>Araneus quadratus</i> Clerck, 1757	Araneidae
2nd	Nurseryweb Spider, <i>Pisaura mirabilis</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Pisauridae
1st	Ladybird Spider, <i>Eresus sandaliatus</i> (Martini & Goeze, 1778)	Eresidae
1st	Candy-striped Spider, <i>Enoplognatha ovata</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Theridiidae
1st	Wasp Spider, <i>Argiope bruennichi</i> (Scopoli, 1772)	Araneidae
1st	Zebra Spider, <i>Salticus scenicus</i> (Clerck, 1757)	Salticidae
1st	Heather Crab Spider, <i>Thomisus onustus</i> (Walckenaer, 1805)	Thomisidae



PORTUGAL

Azores

634 €0.61 *Pardosa acorensis* (Simon, 1893) 2023 August 14 (Fauna) Set/3, SS/1 Lycosidae A

Madeira

407 €3.00 Deserta Grande Wolf Spider, *Hogna ingens* (Blackwall, 1857) 2023 September 13 (Fauna) Set/3, SS/1 Lycosidae A SS Z





ENTOMOLOGY

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New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ARUBA				
		2023 February 1 (Nature Photographers Competition)		
d, 320c	Western Honeybee, <i>Apis mellifera</i> L.		API, Apinae	B
BEEPOST (A private post operated in Estonia, Lithuania & Finland)				
	A stylized BEE is located in the corner of all these "stamps"		API, Apinae	C
BELARUS				
		2024 (Mushrooms & Insects)		
a, M	Common Scorpionfly, <i>Panorpa communis</i> L.		PAN,	
Panorpinae	A			
b, M	Firebug, <i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i> L.		PYRH, Pyrrhocorinae	A
c, M	<i>Ampedus sanguineus</i> L.		ELA, Elaterinae	A
d, M	Violet Oil Beetle, <i>Meloe violaceus</i> Marsham		MEL, Meloinae	A
e, M	Latticed Heath Moth, <i>Chiasmia clathrata</i> L.		GEO, Sterrhinae	A
f, M	<i>Nicrophorus vespillo</i> L.		SIL, Nicrophorinae	A
BELGIUM				
		2024 August 26		
2nd	Central European Firefly, <i>Lamprohiza splendidula</i> L.		LAM, Lamprohizinae	A
		2024 August 26		
	1st Dragonfly wings on flying pig. In margin		Odonata	Z
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA – Serb Republic 2023 December 4				
1.10m	Alpine Longhorn Beetle, <i>Oryctes nasicornis</i> L., ♂		SCA, Dynastinae	A
1.10m	Great Capricorn Beetle, <i>Rosalia alpina</i> L.		CER, Cerambycinae	A
1.10m	Beech Longhorn Beetle, <i>Cerambyx cerdo</i> L.		CER, Cerambycinae	A
1.10m	<i>Morimus asper funereus</i> Mulsant		CER, Lamiinae	A
CAMBODIA				
		2024 May 15		
1000r	Kidney-Spotted Ladybird, <i>Chilocorus renipustulatus</i> Scriba		COC, Chilocorinae	A
1500r	Pine Lady Beetle, <i>Exochromus quadripustulatus</i> L.		COC, Chilocorinae	A
2000r	Cream-Streaked Ladybird, <i>Harmonia quadripunctata</i> Pontoppidan		COC, Epilachninae	A
2500r	7-Spot Ladybird, <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.		COC, Coccinellinae	A
3000r	Asian Ladybird, <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> Pallas		COC, Epilachninae	A
6500r	2 <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L. Also in UL margin		COC, Coccinellinae	AZ
Margin UML, LML, LL, R & Bottom: 6 LADYBIRDS			Coccinellidae	Z
CANADA				
		2024 June 21 (Indigenous Leaders)		
3452 99c	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L. With Christi Belcourt		NYM, Danainae	C
CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS-Bonaire 2024 June 3				
NOTE: Names are on all stamps, but some are too fuzzy to read. We are working on these names.				
a, 99c	<i>Pyrgus</i> sp.,		HES, Pyrginae	A
b, 99c	Apricot, <i>Phoebis argante</i> Fabr.		PIE, Coliadinae	A
c, 99c	Salt Marsh Skipper, <i>Panoquina panoquinoides</i> Spinner		HES, Hesperinae	A
d, 99c	White Peacock, <i>Anartia jatrophae</i> Johansson		NYM, Nymphalinae	A
e, 99c	Crimson-patched Longwing, <i>Heliconius erato</i> L.		NYM, Heliconiinae	A

CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS-Bonaire (continued)

f, 99c	Ligia Hairstreak, <i>Ministrymon ligia</i> Hewitson	LYC, Theclinae	A
g, 99	Great Southern White, <i>Ascia monuste</i> L.	PIE, Pierinae	A
h, 99c	Tropical Buckeye, <i>Junonia genoveva</i> Cramer	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
i, 99c	Lyside Sulfur, <i>Kricogonia lyside</i> Godart	PIE, Coliadinae	A
j, 99c	BUTTERFLY	Lycaenidae	A
k, 99c	BUTTERFLY	Hesperiidae	A
l, 99c	Little Yellow, <i>Eurema lisa</i> Boisduval & Leconte	PIE, Coliadinae	A
m, 99c	White-striped Longtail, <i>Chiodes catillus</i> Cramer	HES, Pyrginae	A
n, 99c	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	A
o, 99c	Florida White, <i>Appias drusilla</i> Cramer	PIE, Pierinae	A
p, 99c	Mimic, <i>Hypolimnas misippus</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
q, 99c	Silver-banded Hairstreak, <i>Chlorostymon simaethis</i> Herrich-Schaeffer	LYC, Theclinae	A
r, 99c	Blue Cracker, <i>Hamadryas feronia</i> Herrich-Schaeffer	NYM, Biblidinae	A
s, 99c	Apricot, <i>Phoebis argante</i> Fabr.	PIE, Coliadinae	A
t, 99c	Brazilian Skipper, <i>Calpodus ethlius</i> Stoll	HES, Hesperinae	A
u, 99c	Red Rim, <i>Biblis hyperia</i> Cramer	NYM, Biblidinae	A
v, 99c	Lilac-Banded Longtail, <i>Urbanus dorantes</i> Stoll	HES, Pyrginae	A
w, 99c	<i>Zopyrion satyrina</i> C&R Felder	HES, Pyrginae	A
x, 99c	Gulf Fritillary, <i>Agraulis vanillae</i> L.	NYM, Heliconiinae	A

CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS-St. Eustatius 2024 June 3

a, 99c	Flambeau, <i>Dryas iulia</i> Fabr.	NYM, Heliconiinae	A
b, 99c	?? <i>punctissus</i>	Pieridae	A
c, 99c	Common Buckeye, <i>Junonia coenia</i> Hubner	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
d, 99c	Spot-banded Longtail, <i>Urbanus prouti</i> Evans	HES, Pyrginae	A
e, 99c	<i>Ephyriades arcas</i> Drury	HES, Pyrginae	A
f, 99c	BUTTERFLY	Hesperiidae	A
g, 99c	Bubastus Hairstreak, <i>Strymon bubastus</i> Stoll	LYC, Theclinae	A
h, 99c	Ruddy Daggerwing, <i>Marpesia petreus</i> Cramer	NYM, Cyrestinae	A
i, 99c	<i>Strymon sp.</i>	LYC, Theclinae	A
j, 99c	Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
k, 99c	False Barred Sulfur, <i>Eurema elathea</i> Cramer	PIE, Coliadinae	A
l, 99c	Zebra Heliconian, <i>Heliconius charithonia</i> L.	NYM, Heliconiinae	A
m, 99c	Lime Butterfly, <i>Papilio demoleus</i> L.	PAP, Papilioninae	A
n, 99c	Hanno Blue, <i>Hemiargus hanno</i> Stoll	LYC, Polyommatae	A
o, 99c	Fiery Broken Dash, <i>Wallengrenia otho ophites</i> Mabille	HES, Hesperinae	A
p, 99c	Acis Hairstreak, <i>Strymon acis</i> Drury	LYC, Theclinae	A
q, 99c	Fiery Skipper, <i>Hypolephila phyleus</i> Drury	HES, Hesperinae	A
r, 99c	Tropical Checkered Skipper, <i>Pyrgus oleus</i> L.	HES, Pyrginae	A
s, 99c	<i>Celaenorrhinus rutilans</i> Mabille	HES, Pyrginae	A
t, 99c	Cloudless Sulfur, <i>Phoebis sennae</i> L.	PIE, Coliadinae	A
u, 99c	Florida Leafwing, <i>Anaea troglodyta</i> Fabr.	NYM, Charaxinae	A
v, 99c	Tropical Buckeye, <i>Junonia evarete</i> Cramer	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
w, 99c	Cassius Blue, <i>Leptotes cassius</i> Cramer	LYC, Polyommatae	A
x, 99c	Thomas' Blue, <i>Cyclargus thomasi</i> Clench	LYC, Theclinae	A

CZECH REPUBLIC 2024 June 12

b, 42k	<i>Limenitis sp.</i>	NYM, Limenitidinae	A
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GIBRALTAR**2024 September 30**

30p	2 Cardinal Butterflies, <i>Argynnis pandora</i> Schiffermuller	NYM, Heliconiinae	A
60p	2 Cleopatra Butterflies, <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i> L.	PIE, Coliadinae	A
90p	2 Provence Orange Tips, <i>Anthocharis euphenoides</i> Staudinger	PIE, Pierinae	A
£1	So. Scarce Swallowtail, <i>Iphiclides feisthamelii</i> Duponchel	PAP, Papilioninae	A
£1.15	Speckled Wood, <i>Pararge aegeria</i> L.	NYM, Satyrinae	A
£4	Two-Tailed Pasha, <i>Charaxes jasius</i> L.	NYM, Charaxinae	A

GREAT BRITAIN**2024**

j-b, 1st	Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i> L.	2020 issue, s-o-s	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
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2024 October 3

£1.65	Western Honeybee, <i>Apis mellifera</i> L.	API, Apinae	B
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GRENADA**1987 September 9 (Disney Classics)**

1544c 30c	Cinderella with tiny SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLIES	PAP, Papilioninae	C
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b, \$5	Scarce Swallowtail, <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i> L., on flower	PAP, Papilioninae	B
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MOLDOVA**2024 October 30**

5L	Predatory Bush Cricket, <i>Saga pedo</i> Pallas	TET, Saginae	A
5.10L	S. Barbed-wire Cricket, <i>Onconotus servillei</i> Fischer-Waldheim	TET, Tettigoniinae	A
8.50L	Sycophant, <i>Calosoma sycophanta</i> L.	CAR, Carabinae	A
13.50L	European Rhinoceros Beetle, <i>Oryctes nasicornis</i> L.	SCA, Dynastinae	A

MYANMAR**2024 March 24**

200k	Blue Triangle, <i>Graphium sarpedon</i> L.	PAP, Papilioninae	A
	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L., at LR	NYM, Danainae	B

2024 June 20

200k	Common Rose, <i>Atrophaneura aristolochiae goniopeltis</i> Rothschild	PAP, Papilioninae	A
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2024 July 31

200k	Peacock Pansy, <i>Junonia almana</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L., at LR	NYM, Danainae	B

2024 September 9

200k	Blue Pansy, <i>Junonia orithya</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
	At LR: Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	B

NEW ZEALAND**2024 November 6 (Native Pollinators)**

a, £2.30	Kawakawa Looper Moth, <i>Cleora scriptaria</i> Walker	GEO, Ennominae	A
b, £3.60	Hairy Colletid Bee, <i>Leioproctus pango</i> Donovan	COLL, Colletinae	A
c, £4.90	Flower Longhorn Beetle, <i>Zorion guttigerum</i> Westwood	CER, Cerambycinae	A
d, £7.20	Large Hoverfly, <i>Melangyna novaezelandiae</i> Macquart	SYR, Syrphinae	A
Margin LL:	Flower Longhorn Beetle, <i>Zorion guttigerum</i> Westwood	CER, Cerambycinae	Z
	LR: Hairy Colletid Bee, <i>Leioproctus pango</i> Donovan	COLL, Colletinae	Z

POLAND**2024 April 26**

a, 4.90zl	7-Spotted Ladybird, <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
b, 4.90zl	Migrant Hawker, <i>Aeschna mixta</i> Latreille	AES, Aeschninae	A

ROMANIA**2024 June 11**

a, 4.60L	Zigzag Ladybird, <i>Cheilomenes sexmaculata</i> Fabr.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
b, 5L	22-Spot Ladybird, <i>Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
c, 13L	<i>Sospita vigintiguttata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
d, 22L	Harlequin Ladybird, <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> Pallas	COC, Coccinellinae	A

ROMANIA (continued)

4xSheet of 4:

I:	UL: <i>Cheilomenes sexmaculata</i> Fabr.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
	UR, LL, LR: <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
II:	UL, LL: <i>Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
	UR, LR: <i>Cycloneda sanguinea</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
III:	UL: <i>Sospita vigintiguttata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
	UR: <i>Anatis ocellata</i> L.,	COC, Coccinellinae	A
	LL, LR: <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
IV:	b: <i>Adalia bipunctata</i>	COC, Coccinellinae	A
	a,c,d: <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> Pallas	COC, Coccinellinae	A

ST. VINCENT-GRENADINES**2021 December 27**

a, \$5	Jezebel, <i>Delias eucharis</i> Drury	PIE, Pierinae	A
b, \$5	Leopard Lacewing, <i>Cethosia cyane</i> Drury	NYM, Heliconiinae	A
c, \$5	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	A
d, \$5	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, <i>Papilio glaucus</i> L.	PAP, Papilioninae	A
Margin: 4	Clorindes, <i>Anteos clorinde</i> L.	PIE, Coliadinae	BZ

2022 May 30

a, \$8	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	A
b, \$8	Working ANT	Formicidae	A

2024 April 5

a, \$1	Caribbean Crazy Ant, <i>Nylanderia pubens</i> Forel	FOR, Formicinae	A
b, \$2	Caribbean Fruit Fly, <i>Anastrepha suspensa</i> Loew	TEP, Tephritinae	A
c, \$3	Caribbean Hercules Beetle, <i>Dynastes hercules</i> L.	SCA, Dynastinae	A
d, \$4	Caribbean Termite, <i>Cryptotermes brevis</i> Walker	Kalotermitidae	A
e, \$5	Caribbean Jewel Beetle, <i>Lampetis guildini</i> Laporte & Gory	BUP, Chrysochroinae	A
f, \$6	Dixon's Striped Firefly, <i>Aspisma ignitum</i> L.	LAM, Lampyridae	A

2024 April 5

\$7 & \$8	Stylized Odonata	Odonata	B
Caption L:	DRAGONFLY, R: DAMSEFLY	Odonata	B

ST. VINCENT-GRENADINES-CANOUAN**2021 October 29**

\$14.	Mason Bee, <i>Osmia</i> sp.	MEG, Megachilinae	A
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SINT MAARTEN**2023 June 5**

a, 295c	Red Rim, <i>Biblis hyperia</i> Cramer	NYM, Biblidinae	A
b, 295c	Indian Leafwing, <i>Kallima paralekta</i> Horsfield	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
c, 295c	Monarch, <i>Danaus plexippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	A
d, 295c	Zebra Longwing, <i>Heliconius charithonius</i> L.	NYM, Heliconiinae	A
e, 295c	Black Swallowtail, <i>Papilio polyxenes</i> Fabr.	PAP, Papilioninae	A
f, 295c	Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A

SWITZERLAND**2024 March 7**

120c	Stylized BUTTERFLY	Lepidoptera	B
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2024 September 5

100c	Dragonfly	Odonata	A
120c	7-Spotted Ladybird, <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A

TURKISH REP. N. CYPRUS**2024 September 30**

3.50, 5, 7, 10L.	Pine Processionary, <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>	NOT, Thaumetopoeinae	B
	Denis & Schiffermueller		
7L	Sycophant, <i>Calosoma sycophanta</i> L.	CAR, Carabinae	B
10L	<i>Phryxe caudata</i> Rondani	TAC, Exoristinae	B
At LR:	Pine Processionary, <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>	NOT, Thaumetopoeinae	B
	Denis & Schiffermueller		

UKRAINE**2024 October 30**

a, F Rate	Common Pond Skater, <i>Gerris lacustris</i> L.	GER, Gerrinae	A
b, F Rate	Yellow Meadow Ant, <i>Lasius flavus</i> Fabr.	FOR, Formicinae	A
c, F Rate	7-Spotted Ladybird, <i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> L.	COC, Coccinellinae	A
d, F Rate	Alpine Longhorn Beetle, <i>Rosalia alpina</i> L.	CER, Cerambycinae	A
e, F Rate	Cockchafer, <i>Melolontha melolontha</i> L.	SCA, Melolonthinae	A
f, U Rate	Peacock Butterfly, <i>Nymphalis io</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	A
g, U Rate	European Rhinoceros Beetle, <i>Oryctes nasicornis</i> L.	SCA, Dynastinae	A

BEYOND THE CATALOGS:

Stamps not recognized by standard catalogs and many are of doubtful validity.

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BURUNDI. (Stamperija BUR-230243a1&2). Butterflies

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(Stamperija CA-230744a&b). Extinct insects

(Stamperija CA-230745a&b). Snakeflies

DJIBOUTI. (Stamperija DJB-230301a&b). Beetles & Moth

(Stamperija DJB-230303a&b). Insects

(Stamperija DJB-230310a). Fly & Lizard

(Stamperija DJB-230317a). Butterfly s-o-s

(Stamperija DJB-230511a). Insects in Birds' beaks

(Stamperija DJB-230519a&b). Moths

(Stamperija DJB-230520a&b). Insects

(Stamperija DJB-230521a&b). Dragonflies

(Stamperija DJB-230634a&b). Insects

GUINEA. (Stamperija GU-230213a). Butterflies

(Stamperija GU-230358a). Malaria Mosquitoes

(Stamperija GU-230432a&b). Insects

(Stamperija GU-230448a&b). Beetle

(Stamperija GU-230449a&b). Cicada

(Stamperija GU-230450a&b). Mantis

GUINEA-BISSAU. (Stamperija GB-23,0812a). Insects

(Stamperija GB-23,0833a&b). Butterflies, Moths

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(Stamperija GB-23,0835a&b). Bees, Wasps

(Stamperija GB-23,0836a, b1-3). Insects

LIBERIA. (Stamperija LIB-230319a,b1&2). Moths

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(Stamperija LIB-230454a&b). Wasps

- (Stamperija LIB-230455a&b). Beetles
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 (Stamperija NIG-230217a&b). Insects
 (Stamperija NIG-230325a&b). Bees
 (Stamperija NIG-230326a&b). Beetles
ST. THOMAS & PRINCE IS. (Stamperija ST-21,436a). Anopheles mosquitoes
SIERRA LEONE. (Stamperija SRL-230646a&b). Butterflies
 (Stamperija SRL-230647a&b). Leaf insects
 (Stamperija SRL-230648a&b). Scorpion flies
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2024 United Nations Endangered Species

The 2024 United Nations Endangered Species stamp series brings together a diverse array of fauna and flora, including species at the centre of the decisions adopted by the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and discussions within the past year relating to sustainable wildlife conservation, management, and trade of these species.

As the core objective of the Convention is to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants is legal, sustainable, and traceable, CITES works to uphold and maintain the survival in the wild of species listed in its appendices.

For 30 years, UNPA has issued stamps in support of CITES to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people.

The Designs

New York – US\$ 1.55

Rhynchobatus djiddensis (giant guitarfish)
Orchis anatolica (Anatolian orchid)
Neofelis nebulosa (clouded leopard)
Pycnonotus zeylanicus (straw-headed bulbul)

Geneva – CHF 1,90

Potamotrygon albimaculata (Itaituba River stingray)
Aquilaria malaccensis (aloewood)
Vicugna vicugna (vicuña)
Isurus oxyrinchus (shortfin mako shark)

Vienna – € 1,50

Sphyrna lewini (scalloped hammerhead shark)
Ophrys cilicica (Cilician bee orchid)

Lama guanicoe (guanaco)
Copsychus malabaricus (white-rumped shama)

The Artist

Julia Izabela is an artist from São Paulo, Brazil. Since 2015, she has been living in Milan, Italy, working as a freelance illustrator. Her biggest source of inspiration is nature and its diversity of shapes and colours. Her goal is for her art to express how fascinating nature can be through its beauty, from microscopic to macroscopic forms.

Ms. Izabela began her academic path studying biology, starting with bachelor's degree programme in São Paulo, then graduating from Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa in Portugal, where she followed a scientific illustration course at Instituto de Artes e Ofícios of the Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa. In 2016, her watercolour painting "Ground Control" won first prize in the Lucca Junior Illustration Contest at the Lucca Comics and Games festival in Italy.

Since 2017, Ms. Izabela has been working in fields such as textile design, editorial publication and diverse artistic projects. In 2019 and 2020 Julia worked for the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, creating illustrations, schemes and animations for their biology didactics website Digital Diorama.

This is Ms. Izabela's first time illustrating stamps for UNPA.



PALEONTOLOGY

Editor

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Scott Numbers assigned to the previously reported stamps

Great Britain "The Age of the Dinosaurs" (Part I - Prehistoric Animals) reported in Vol. 73(2), got the Scott number: 4476-4483 Scott Update October 2024

More details: https://www.paleophilatelie.eu/description/stamps/uk_2024_1.html

Great Britain "Mary Anning pioneering fossil hunter and palaeontologist" (Part II - Prehistoric Animals) reported in Vol. 73(2), got the Scott number: 4484a-d Scott Update October 2024

More details: https://www.paleophilatelie.eu/description/stamps/uk_2024_2.html

Luxembourg "Europa-2024: Underwater flora and fauna", reported in Vol. 73(2), got the Scott number: 1636-1637 Scott Update November 2024

More details: https://www.paleophilatelie.eu/description/stamps/luxembourg_2024.html

New Issues

Switzerland 2024 11 07 "Giants of the Ice Age"

CHF 100 – woolly Rhinoceros

CHF 120 – woolly Mammoth

These stamps were issued in individual Mini-Sheets of 10 and a common Mini-Sheet of 2 stamps each.

There is evidence of the existence of these long-haired heavyweights at around 100 locations in the valleys of the Swiss plateau and Jura mountains. They lived where the glaciers receded during the warmer periods of the Ice Age, giving way to a grassy steppe – the ideal environment for mammoths. One of the richest archaeological sites in Switzerland is Niederweningen (ZH), home of the Mammoth Museum dedicated to the history of these giants.

More details: https://www.post.ch/api/censhare/asset/817235/master/pdf/0/817235_master





---- Stamps of Stamperija ----

Note: Since 2012 the agency issues too many stamps per year on behalf of a dozen of their clients for every possible popular topic, prehistoric animals. In most of the cases these stamps have no relation to the issuing country. Reconstructions of the prehistoric animals are often not accurate. These stamps are not recommended for serious collectors and are undesired at serious philatelic exhibits.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 2023 12 22

“Extinct animals” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Extinct birds” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Extinct reptiles” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

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“Fossils” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Dinosaurs” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Flying dinosaurs” [*1] M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

DJIBOUTI 2023 10 09

“Prehistoric water animals” M/S 6, S/S 1

“Flying dinosaurs” [*1] M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Extinct mammals” M/S 6, S/S 1

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“Dinosaurs” M/S 6, S/S 1

GUINEA 2024 03 07

“Prehistoric humans and animals” M/S 6

“215th anniversary of Charles Darwin” M/S 7

2023 12 15

“Dinosaurs” M/S 6, S/S 1

“Prehistoric water animals” M/S 6, S/S 1

“Extinct reptiles” M/S 6, S/S 1

GUINEA-BISSAU 2023 12 22

“Fossils” M/S 4, S/S 1

“History of Earth” M/S 6, M/S 8, S/s 1 x7

“215th anniversary of Charles Darwin” M/S 3, S/S 1

LIBERIA 2023 12 15

“Dinosaurs” M/S 4, S/S 1

“Prehistoric reptiles” M/S 4, S/S 1

“Extinct Species” M/S 4, S/S 1

“Prehistoric humans” M/S 4, S/S 1

NIGER

2023 12 22

“215th anniversary of Charles Darwin” M/S 3, S/S 1
2023 06 28

“Prehistoric humans” ” M/S 6, S/S 1

“Flying dinosaurs” [*1] M/S 6, S/S 1

“Prehistoric water animals” M/S 6, S/S 1

SIERRA LEONE 2023 12 15

“Prehistoric Humans” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Dinosaurs” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

“Prehistoric Amphibians” M/S 4, S/S 1 x2

2023 10 09

“Prehistoric water animals” M/S 6, S/S 1

“Extinct species” M/S 4, S/S 1

“Mammoths” M/S 4, S/S 1

2023 09 15

“Flying dinosaurs” [*1] M/S 4, S/S 1

TOGO

“Prehistoric reptiles” M/S 4, S/S 1

Other stamps

France 2024 11 07 "The Chauvet cave - Ardèche"

€1,29 – cave painting of several extinct animals

The decorated cave of Pont d'Arc, Chauvet-Pont d'Arc cave or simply Chauvet a cave, discovered in 1994, is a Paleolithic decorated cave located in the territory of the commune of Vallon-Pont-d'Arc (southern Ardèche, France).

**Postmarks**

Czech Republic 2024 08 08 “The 225th anniversary of Joachim Barrande”

Joachim Barrande (1799 - 1883) was a French geologist and palaeontologist. His attention was attracted to the fossils from the Lower Palaeozoic rocks of Bohemia (Czech Republic). For ten years (1840-1850) he made a detailed study of these rocks, engaging workmen specially to collect fossils, and in this way

he obtained upwards of 3500 species of graptolites, brachiopoda, mollusca, trilobites and fishes. He was a fervent advocate of the theory of the catastrophes (as taught by Georges Cuvier), thus opposing Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Barrande's book described more than 4,000 fossil species, and it continues to be used as a reference book today. More details: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joachim_Barrande

France 2024 11 07 "The Chauvet cave - Ardèche" - FDC

Switzerland 2024 11 07 "Giants of the Ice Age" – FDC – in red and silver colors



Switzerland 2024 11 07 "Giants of the Ice Age" – Special Cancellation

Future issues

- **02.12.2024 Peru** - "Fossils of Peru: *Perucetus colossus*"
- **? 2025 Germany** - "National Archaeological Finds: UNESCO World Heritage: Caves and Ice Age Art of the Swabian Alb". One stamp will be released in the multi-year set "UNESCO World Heritage". Perhaps there will be a

cave painting of prehistoric animals or art objects depicting prehistoric man or prehistoric animals depicted on the stamp.

Notes:

[*1] Flying dinosaurs is wrong term, as dinosaurs per definition are terrestrial animals. The flying reptiles called Pterosaurs. Flying dinosaurs is not a correct term to apply to the animals shown on these stamps.

The animals pictured are pterosaurs. Pterosaurs are a group of flying reptiles in the Archosauria. Reptiles in the archosaurs include crocodiles, dinosaurs, and pterosaurs.

If you know about any recent or future Paleontology related stamp not listed above, please send a short message to our Associated Editor Mr. Michael Kogan admin@paleophilatelie.eu or per post to the magazine, address is on the beginning of the magazine.

Images and description of all stamps, postal stationeries and postmarks mentioned above can be seen on the following website: <http://www.paleophilatelie.eu/year/2023.html> and <http://www.paleophilatelie.eu/year/2024.html>

<https://www.paleophilatelie.eu> is the most comprehensive resource about Paleontology and Paleoanthropology in Philately, the place where Paleontology and Paleoanthropology meets Philately. Currently this website shows images of over 1000 stamp sets and over 1600 postmarks, as well as some other philatelic materials from almost 200 countries and territories. The website contains many hundreds of articles related to this topic and many examples of philatelic exhibits.



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