Flora of Kyrgyzstan

On July 29th the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a new series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps, dedicated to Flora of Kyrgyzstan.

Flora of Kyrgyzstan is notable for its incredible variety and richness. Among the reasons for this phenomenon are: the huge range of land elevations above sea level, the complicated topography and the diversity of soils. Just the Embryophyta subkingdom alone numbers nearly 4 000 species.

The KEP series consists of four stamps and one souvenir sheet and represents the most famous flowers of Kyrgyzstan, typical for various climate zones of the country.

Stamps and souvenir sheet description
No. 33. 50.00 KGS. Orchid Iris (*Iris orchioides*) — a perennial herbaceous plant, known since the ancient times and valued for its beauty and floral scent.

No. 34. 50.00 KGS. Edelweiss (*Leontopodium ochroleucum*) — a herbaceous plant, located in the mountainous regions of Kyrgyzstan.

No. 35. 100.00 KGS. Turkestan Primula (*Primula turkestanica*) — a beautifully blooming herbaceous plant, whose flowers appear in early Spring, which gives this plant its name.

No. 36. 100.00 KGS. Greig's Tulip (*Tulipa greigii*) — one of the most spectacular species of tulips. It blooms at the beginning of April and attracts not only with the beauty of its flowers, but also with its impressive leaves.
Souvenir Sheet No. 7
No. 37. 200.00 KGS. **Common Poppy (Papaver rhoeas)** — an annual herbaceous plant, whose big bright red flowers with tender and fragrant petals adorn the Kyrgyz valleys in Summer. On the sheet borders a typical mountain landscape of Kyrgyzstan and a poppy field are depicted, as well as some butterflies over blossoming poppies and a hovering eagle. A QR-code is placed in the lower left corner.

**Technical specifications.**

- Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
- Printing method: full-colour offset lithography.
- Stamps and souvenir sheet perforation: comb 14:14½.
- Stamps size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.
- Sheets size: 136.00 x 108.00 mm.
- Collective sheet size: 136.00 x 80.00 mm.
- Souvenir sheet size: 108.00 X 64.00 mm.
- Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 6 stamps and in a collective sheet of 4 stamps (1 complete set).
- Quantity issued: 10 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheet — 4 000 pieces.
- Quantity of souvenir sheet issued: 8 000 pieces.
- Artist: Oleg Cojocari.
- Designer: Aliona Cojocari.
- Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.
A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729002) on the stamp issuing day. The first day covers and special postmark are painted by Oleg Cojocari and designed by Aliona Cojocari.
Printing method: full-colour offset.
Quantity issued: 400 copies each cover.
Endorsing ink color: black.