Edible Mushrooms of Kyrgyzstan

On April 6th 2017 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “Edible Mushrooms of Kyrgyzstan”.

The nature of Kyrgyzstan is characterized by its huge diversity.

This current issue of KEP postage stamps is dedicated to the wonderful world of mushrooms - special organisms that combine the features of both plants and animals. About 2,100 species of mushrooms are known in Kyrgyzstan, of which 98 species are edible.

The four KEP postage stamps represent some of the species of edible mushrooms that are quite common in Kyrgyzstan.

Mushrooms are a very important element of the ecological system and therefore need constant protection.

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Besides the mentioned stamps, 4 postal cards, dedicated to the edible mushrooms of Kyrgyzstan, are issued. These cards, together with the new stamps and a special pictorial first day cancellation, were used to make four maximum cards.
Stamps description.

No. 55. 50 KGS. Oyster mushroom (lat. *Pleurotus ostreatus*).
No. 56. 50 KGS. Rough-stemmed bolete or scaber stalk (lat. *Leccinum scabrum*).
No. 57. 100 KGS. Black morel (lat. *Morchella conica*).
No. 58. 100 KGS. Boletus of the steppes (lat. *Pleurotus eryngii*).

Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-colour offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14½:14.
Stamps size: 27.50 x 46.00 mm.
Sheets size: 108 x 113 mm.
Collective sheet size: 80 x 113 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 5 stamps and 1 label in the upper left corner. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheets of 4 stamps (1 complete set).
Quantity issued: 8 500 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheets — 3 500 pieces.
Designers: Oleg Cojocari, Ludmila Cojocari.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.
A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps issuing day. Cover size: C6 (162 x 114 mm). Printing method: full-color offset. The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Oleg Cojocari and Aliona Cojocari. Printing method: full-color offset. Quantity issued: 400 copies. Endorsing ink color: black.

Postal cards for maximum cards: printing method - full-color offset; quantity issued - 250 copies each.