Birds of Kyrgyzstan

On May 22, 2018 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of four Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “Birds of Kyrgyzstan”.

In Kyrgyzstan, there are 391 species of birds, many of which are rare and protected by the state. 57 species of birds are included in the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic. A new series of KEP postage stamps is dedicated to four species of birds inhabiting the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

Stamps description.

No. 94. 50 KGS. The Ibisbill (*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*) is a large bird, related to the waders, with a long, bow-shaped and down-curved bill of bright red. This very rare, disappearing bird is listed in the Red Book of Kyrgyzstan.

No. 95. 75 KGS. The Eastern Rock Nuthatch (*Sitta tephronota*) is a typical inhabitant of mountainous areas. It easily climbs the rocks and can even stay upside down.

No. 96. 100 KGS. The Demoiselle Crane (*Anthropoides virgo*) - the smallest species of crane. These elegant, migratory birds prefer to settle in open territories at an altitude of up to 3,000 m above sea level. This species is listed in the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic.

No. 97. 150 KGS. The Eurasian Eagle-Owl (*Bubo bubo*) is considered the king of all owls. He has a powerful physique and lives in forests, steppes, deserts, on plains and in mountains. As a protected bird, the Eurasian eagle-owl is listed in the Red Book of Kyrgyzstan.

Each stamp has the logo of the international environmental organization “BirdLife International".
Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-color offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14:14½.
Stamps size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.
Sheets size: 113.00 x 108.00 mm.
Collective sheet size: 113.00 х 80.00 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 5 stamps and one coupon. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 4 stamps (1 complete set). On the sheet borders there are names of the series and bird species in Kyrgyz and English languages. On each coupon there is a logo of the Kyrgyz Wildlife Conservation Society. Each sheetlet has a QR code in the lower right corner.
Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheets — 2 000 pieces.
Designer: Daria Maier.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.

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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 Daria Maier.
Quantity issued: 400 copies.
Endorsing ink color: black.

Postal cards for maximum cards: printing method - full-color offset; quantity issued - 300 copies each.