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## Butterflies of Kyrgyzstan

On September 7, 2018 the State Committee of Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of three Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: "Butterflies of Kyrgyzstan".

Butterflies are insects belonging to the order of *Lepidoptera*. Butterflies attract by virtue of their remarkable appearance, but, among other things, they also play an important role in natural ecosystems, serving as pollinators of many species of flowering plants. In the cultures of different nations butterflies acted as symbols of freedom, love and hope.

Some species of butterflies are very rare and listed in the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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### Stamps description.

No. 103. 50 KGS. Loxias Apollo Butterfly (*Parnassius loxias tashkorensis*). It is rare endemic species listed in the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic.

No. 104. 100 KGS. Colias regia (*Colias regia*). It is rare nature-beautifying butterfly, who lives at an altitude of 4,000 m above sea level.

No. 105. 150 KGS. Christoph's Clouded Yellow (*Colias christophi*). This butterfly is named after the famous entomologist Hugo Christoph, who made a great contribution to the study of insects of Central Asia. This species is listed in the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic.

### Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

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: 110.00 x 106.00 mm.



Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 5 stamps. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 3 stamps (1 complete set). On the sheet borders there are names of the series in Kyrgyz and English languages. On the collective minisheet borders the image of *Parnassius jacquemontii variabilis* butterfly is presented (photo by Sergei Mozgovoi). When making collective minisheet the cut-to-shape technique was applied.

Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheets — 2 000 pieces.

Photographers: Ivan Turkovskii, Sergei Mozgovoi.

Designer: Daria Maier.

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 Daria Maier.

Quantity issued: 400 copies.

Endorsing ink color: black.

