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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.



