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Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book (II). Reptiles and Amphibians

On September 6, 2019 the State Committee of Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: "Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book (II). Reptiles and Amphibians".

The new series of KEP postage stamps includes 4 miniatures depicting the following protected fauna species: Central Asiatic frog, Russian tortoise, Desert monitor and Renard's meadow viper. Each of these species of fauna is included in the Red Data Book of the Kyrgyz Republic.

For this series, KEP also issues four postcards, which are used to realize four maximum cards.

Stamps description



No. 132. 50 KGS. Desert monitor (*Varanus griseus*) is a large reptile of genus *Varanus*. This species is very rare in Kyrgyzstan. Its representatives can be found mainly in deserts and semi-deserts, as well as in the foothills of the ridges.



No. 133. 75 KGS. Russian tortoise (*Agrionemys horsfieldii*) is a tortoise from the Testudinidae (land turtles) family. They are mainly found in Central Asia. The average body length of these small reptiles is 15-20 cm.



No. 134. 100 KGS. Central Asiatic frog (*Rana asiatica Bedriaga*) is a member of the Anura order. These frogs are mainly found in the north-east of Kyrgyzstan.



No. 135. 150 KGS. Renard's meadow viper (*Vipera renardi*) is a species of venomous snake from the viper family. In Kyrgyzstan, the Renard's meadow viper lives in the foothills of the Kyrgyz Ridge, in the Talas and Chui valleys.

Technical specifications

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².

Printing method: full-color offset lithography.

Stamps perforation: comb 14:14½.

Stamps size: 69.00 x 27.50 mm. Stamps are issued in minisheets of 5 stamps and 1 label. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 4 stamps (1 complete set).





Minisheets size: 159.00 x 108.00 mm.
Collective minisheet size: 159.00 x 80.00 mm.
Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp,
including the quantity of the collective minisheet — 2 000 pieces.

Designer: Vladimir Melnic.
Printer House: "Nova Imprim".



A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps issuing day.



The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Vladimir Melnic.
Cover size: 190 x 130 mm. Printing method: digital. Quantity issued: 300 pieces.
Endorsing ink color: black.



Postal cards for maximum cards are designed by Vladimir Melnic.
 Printing method – digital.
 Quantity issued – 300 pieces each.

