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Bird of the Year (III). The Bearded Vulture

On March 31, 2021 the State Service of Digital Development under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamp: “Bird of the Year (III). The Bearded Vulture”.

The Bearded vulture (*Gypaetus barbatus*) is a large bird of prey with a distinctive appearance: it has a bunch of black feathers under its beak, which forms a kind of “beard”. This bird belongs to the family Accipitridae.

In Kyrgyzstan, the Bearded vulture is found mainly in open, rocky, mountainous areas, at altitudes of 2,000 to 4,500 m above sea level. This bird lives at one of the highest altitudes of any bird of prey.

Bearded vultures play an important role in the ecological balance of nature. As they mainly feed on remains of dead animals, Bearded vultures serve as a natural sanitation service.

The Bearded vulture is listed in the Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book, as well as in the IUCN Red List, where it is classified as an “NT” (near threatened) species. There are no accurate data on the number of Bearded vultures left in Kyrgyzstan.

Once again, KEP expresses its gratitude to the Kyrgyz Wildlife Conservation Society (KWCS), and gives special thanks to Mr. Sergey Kulagin for his helpful assistance and advice in preparing this stamp issue.

For this stamp, KEP also issues a postcard, which is used to realize a maximum card.

Stamp description

No. 170. 175 KGS. The Bearded Vulture.



No. 170



Technical specifications

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².

Printing method: full-color offset lithography.

Stamp perforation: comb 14:14½.

Stamp size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.

Stamp is issued in minisheets of 5 stamps (with 1 label). **Minisheet size:** 113.00 x 108.00 mm.

Quantity issued: 5 000 pieces.

Designer: Daria Maier.

Printer House: “Nova Imprim” (Chişinău, Moldova).

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



The first day cover, postcard and special cancellation are designed by Daria Maier.
Cover size: C6 (162 x 114 mm).
Cover printing method: full-color offset. Postcard printing method: digital.
Quantity of covers issued: 250 pieces. Quantity of postcards issued: 200 pieces.
Endorsing ink color: black.

