

CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Meetings – 7:00 PM the 3rd Wednesday monthly at the
Lower Paxton Municipal Building, Room B, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA

Officers: President: Keith Nonemaker; Vice President: Ray Biemiller; Secretary: Vacant;
Treasurer: Beth Nonemaker; Board Member #1: Marlin Wilson; Board Member #2: George
Rohrs; Board Member #3 – Mike Marino

Meeting Topics: There will be an auction at the monthly meetings.

At the *August* meeting members are requested to bring their beautiful stamp and explain why
you think they are beautiful. The *September* meeting will have Beth Nonemaker presenting an
article on early mail delivery in the Florida Keys. Would you be interested in making a
presentation? If you are willing, please contact Beth Nonemaker.

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Have you paid your 2024 dues of \$5.

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The CCPS's stamp show originally scheduled for September 28, 2024, has been cancelled.

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Lancaster Sunday Stamp Show 2024 Schedule: 10 AM – 4 PM, At the Farm & Home Center,
1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 -- August 25, 2024 (Sunday) – November 22-23
(Friday and Saturday) – December 21-22, 2024 (Saturday and Sunday). For more information
call Kevin Kellman at 301-524-9562 or email k2stamps@gmail.com

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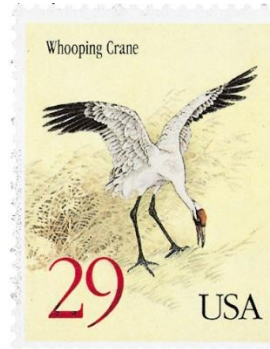
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2024 STAMPS



Collecting Bird Stamps

By Eric Muir

After twenty years of collecting new and used world and the USA, it was suggested by a friend category of stamps to collect as a challenge and original collecting habits. Various subjects were researched, and evaluated as to their strengths and weaknesses, considering both the stamp world and public domain (for example: variety and number of issues, range of designs, color patterns, beauty, usage and availability, and cost). I decided on two particular categories of topicals to collect: first, birds, and second, butterflies and moths. At this time, I will discuss the collecting of bird stamps.



stamps from around the that I choose a topical as a sideline to my considered, discussed,



Birds on stamps are wonderful subjects! There are over 11,500 various species of birds that have been studied and identified in the world. Many countries have state or national birds. Many likewise have rich numbers of native birds, including songbirds, game birds, waterfowl, predators, and scavengers often unique to that country or area of the world. Likewise, many bird migration routes include stopovers within certain countries during migrations that may take days to a week or more to complete. This gives amateur birdwatchers, ornithologists, artists, and photographers many opportunities to study these bird species, detail their habits, photograph and/or draw them. It likewise provides opportunities for postal services to select and honor various bird species by displaying them on their stamps. For example, the United States has issued stamps, either in large sheets or on postal cards, highlighting birds that honor each and all the fifty states. Other issues of bird stamps of a certain theme can be found as plate blocks, blocks of four or as souvenir sheets, booklets, rolled stamps, singles, or on postal cards.



Numerous countries have hundreds of different bird stamps that have been issued over the last 50 or more years to be used as postage. Several countries of note are the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, and Great Britain. Other countries are not far behind in the number of bird stamps available for this purpose. However, I must note that stamps of some countries can be rather dull, and this would include a wide range of stamps from India, Peru, Brazil, Pakistan, and other smaller countries. Also, some of the inks on the older stamps will bleed/run when the stamp is soaked to remove it from a paper

backing.

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One big category for bird stamp usage is their sale as tourist/collector (pre-cancelled) sheets in mostly lesser countries, such as Barbados, the Grenadines, Ajman, and other sand dune countries, smaller African nations, and the older European countries, such as Poland. These stamps are often very colorful, as well as larger in size than a typical stamp. These stamps could be used for postage if not cancelled, but their main purpose is availability for the tourist/collector trade.



When I decided on bird stamps as a topical subject, the stamps I had in my collections provided many duplicate bird issues. Buying stamps during club auctions, club shows, and from individuals, as well as receiving donated stamps from kind-hearted souls has greatly helped my bird stamp collection to increase.

Enjoy stamp collecting!! There are many reasons why it is such a wonderful hobby!!

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THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA OVERPRINTS OF 1929-FACTS AND FICTION
By Paul A. Michelson, BS, MS, PharmD, RPH

A series of post office robberies in the Midwest was the stated reason for the creation of the Kansas and Nebraska overprint stamps. The post office dept conceived the idea to overprint stamps with the abbreviated names of the individual states, believing that overprinted stamps would be difficult to fence in or out of state. Kansas and Nebraska were chosen for the experiment.

A one-year supply of the 1 cent through 10 cents were overprinted. The overprinted stamps were sold at post offices in their respective states. Higher values than 10 cents were not included because they were not printed by rotary press and could not be easily overprinted. Shipment began on April 15, 1929.

Had the experiment been successful it was planned to extend the operation to all the states, hoping to cut costs by 75%. However, there was considerable confusion as postal clerks misunderstood the rules and tried to replace the overprints with regular postage thinking this was a mistake. The post office decided to abandon this overprint idea on March 29, 1930. This whole idea came about because in 1928 \$200,000 worth of stamps were stolen and sold.

There are many fakes printed for this series. Most fakes have the abbreviated state names misprinted. There are also space issues between letters and the state names are printed all over the stamp. If it does not look right, it probably is a fake.

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