

EUROPA 2019: NATIONAL BIRDS



Each year the members of the Association of European Postal Operators (PostEurop) issue stamps on a common theme to present the identical values of their countries. The "EUROPA stamp" is still one of the most popular themes for collectors, and issues bearing the official logo are among the most sought-after new stamps. In 2019 the member countries are presenting the theme of national birds on their stamps. The Hungarian miniature sheet consisting of two pairs of stamps was designed by the graphic artist Ágnes Berta of which 40,000 copies were produced by the banknote printing company Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. The miniature sheet is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu.

The Hungarian stamps depict two specially protected, gregarious, migrant bird species. The **white stork** is a well-known bird that can be observed in or around almost all settlements. It flies to Africa in winter, covering several thousand kilometres, and reappears in the Carpathian Basin at the end of March. The **great egret** primarily nests in reed beds and floodplain forests. It is a large, gregarious wader.

On the frame of the miniature sheet there are a few other bird species characteristic of Hungary: the saker falcon, swallow and great bustard. The first day cover again shows the white stork and the great egret, while the swallow reappears in the special postmark.

Order code:

2019110040011 (miniature sheet)

2019110060012 (miniature sheet FDC)

Issued on: 9 May 2019

Face value/selling price:

Miniature sheet: 4 × HUF 400 (On the date of issue, HUF 400 pays the postage of a non-priority standard-sized letter up to 20 g, or postcard or picture postcard to Europe; FLEXI Business letter, priority other up to 20 g to Europe.)

First day cover: HUF 1,700

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies: 40,000 miniature sheets

Perforated size of stamps: 25 x 25 mm

External imperforated size of miniature sheet: 100 x 68 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt.

Designed by Ágnes Berta