

Collect Something You Love!

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This exhibit will showcase one of my favorite collecting areas - Birds. Tens of thousands of bird stamps have been issued around the world for many reasons. See why these stamps appeal to me.

Stamps celebrate a country's National Bird



The Bald Eagle was selected in 1782 as a symbol of liberty, courage, and strength.



The Resplendent Quetzal also appears on Guatemala's coat of arms and banknotes

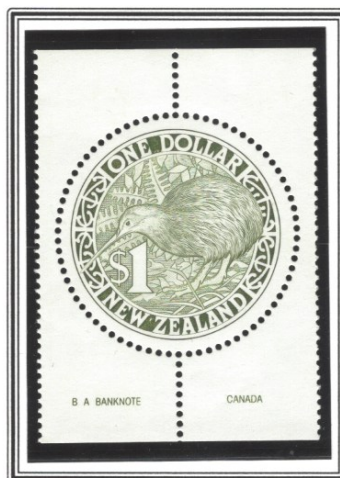


The Andean Condor symbolizes courage and strength. It's also the national bird of Bolivia, Colombia, & Chile

Countries celebrate their unique birds on stamps



Papua New Guinea is home to 31 species of spectacular Birds-of-Paradise



The flightless, nocturnal Kiwi is New Zealand's National Bird. "Kiwi" is a term used to refer to people from New Zealand.



The St. Lucia Parrot is found only on St. Lucia. It nearly went extinct in the 1980s but popular support helped save it.

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Birds are used to promote the Conservation of Nature.



This WWF issue brought attention to the endangered Kagu, New Caledonia's National Bird.



The theme for the 1999 Europa issue was Nature Conservation.



This issue marked the 5th Anniversary of the Ramsar Treaty on the conservation of wetlands.

Birds can have special place in a country's culture.



Jamaica's Arawaks Indians believe the "Doctor Bird" is the reincarnation of a dead soul.

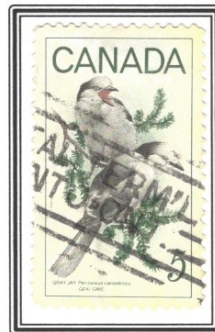


This issue celebrates the "The Wonderful Adventures of Nils" a classic Swedish children's book.



This issue celebrates Tsuru Nyōbō (Crane Wife), a folktale about a man who helps a crane.

Three species have the word "Canada" in their name: Canada Jay, Canada Goose, and Canada Warbler. The Canada Jay won a Canadian Geographic contest for National Bird but Parliament has not approved it.



What do you love? Whatever it is, it's probably on a postage stamp.