THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL RESERVES











2023 – PEONY, THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF ROMANIA

Paeonia peregrina was officially declared the national flower of Romania, by the provisions of Law no. 285/2022, on November 26, 2022.

The stamps of the philatelic issue present some species of the Paeonia family such as: *Paeonia officinalis* (2.10 Lei), *Paeonia triternata* (2.30 Lei), *Paeonia peregrina* (2.90 Lei), also called the Romanian peony, *Paeonia lactiflora* (4.30 Lei), whose roots have been used for over a millennium by Chinese medicine. The philatelic souvenir sheet illustrates the species *Paeonia tenuifolia* (34 Lei).

Face value:
2.10 Lei – domestic rate for prints up to 50 g;
2.30 Lei – domestic rate for prints of 101-500 g;
2.90 Lei – domestic rate for mail up to 50 g;
4.30 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 50 g;
34 Lei – international rate for priority mail of 501-1.000 g;

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2021 – DELTA OF MOLDOVA

The Delta of Moldova, the first Ramsar site in the Moldavian Region, is located near the mouth of the Prut River. In its area of almost 200 km^2, over 225 species of birds can be found. During migration periods, the birds that stop here, reach a number of approx. 40,000 individuals. The philatelic issue, composed of 7 postage stamps, presents the images of the following species: *Ardeola ralloides* (2 Lei), *Nycticorax nycticorax* (2.10 Lei), *Calidris pugnax* (3.40 Lei), *Vanellus vanellus* (5.50 Lei), *Circus aeruginosus* (9 Lei), *Sterna hirundo* (10.50 Lei), *Egretta garzetta* (19.50 Lei).











Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label + tête-bêche





Face values:
2.00 Lei – domestic rate for mail up to 50 g;
2.10 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 51-100 g;
3.40 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 50 g;
5.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;
9.00 Lei – international rate for priority mail up to 50 g;
10.50 Lei – supplementary international rate for registered mail;
19.50 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 50 g;

2021 – FLORA FROM NATIONAL RESERVES

On the territory of Romania there are approx. 3,700 plant species (30% of all species in Europe). More than 1,400 rare species are in danger of extinction. Protected areas and national reserves represent a first way to protect the richness of the Romanian flora.

The philatelic issue presents the following species in the images of the 4 postage stamps: *Gentianella bulgarica* (1.70 Lei), *Crambe maritima* (2.20 Lei), *Centaurea jankae* (5.50 Lei), *Nitraria schoberi* (19.50 Lei).



Gentianella bulgarica is a species belonging to the areas of the Carpathian Mountains and the Bucegi Mountains. It is mainly found in the Bucegi Natural Park.

Face value:
1.70 Lei – domestic rate for prints of 101-500 g;

Minisheets of 5 stamps + 1 label



Crambe maritima is widespread on the shores of the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea. It is also found in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve.

Face value:
2.20 Lei – domestic rate for mail of 101-500 g;

2021 – FLORA FROM NATIONAL RESERVES



Centaurea jankae is found in Romania and Bulgaria. In Romania, the species belongs to a site of community importance, within the Natura 2000 Network, on the North Dobrogea Plateau.

Face value:
5.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;

Minisheets of 5 stamps + 1 label



Nitraria schoberi, can be seen and studied in Buzău County (Romania). The Mud Volcanoes Reserve, which has a soil with a salt content, is the only place in Europe that ensures the conditions for preserving of this species.

Face value:
19.50 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 50 g;

2021 – EUROPA 2021
ENDANGERED NATIONAL WILDLIFE

The theme of the EUROPA 2021 philatelic issue took into account the danger posed by human action in nature, which, sometimes endangers the survival of some species. Among them, Romania includes two species: *Mustela lutreola* and *Otis tarda*. For the first species, Romania is carrying out an extensive conservation project, implemented as a priority in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve. For the second species, Natura 2000 protected area was demarcated in Bihor County, near the town of Salonta, with the well-defined purpose of preserving a prime habitat for the reproduction and multiplication of this species, once widespread in the plains of Romania.



Block of 4 stamps with illustrated border

Elements visible in UV light are printed on the stamps

Face values:
3.40 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 50 g;
19.50 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 50 g;

2021 – EUROPA 2021
ENDANGERED NATIONAL WILDLIFE



Block of 4 stamps with illustrated border

Elements visible in UV light are printed on the stamps

Face values:
3.40 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 50 g;
19.50 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 50 g;

2021 – ROMANIA, 65 YEARS IN THE UNESCO. DANUBE DELTA, 30 YEARS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

The year 1921 marked a double anniversary: Romania, 65 years in the UNESCO and the Danube Delta, 30 years in the UNESCO Heritage. The Danube Delta, Europe's "youngest" land, is the place where the fauna includes over 4000 species, where along with approx. 3000 invertebrates live over 130 species of fish, over 300 species of birds and about 40 species of mammals. The postage stamps of the philatelic issue reproduce the images of three species of birds: *Ciconia nigra* and *Troglodytes troglodytes* (a miniature bird), *Pelecanus crispus* and respectively, *Castor fiber* one of the largest species of rodents. The philatelic souvenir sheet reproduces in an original artistic concept the biodiversity and the environment in which the species of the Danube Delta are found (air, land, water). The author is a well-known painter, Mircea Cantor.









Face values:
1.40 Lei – supplementary domestic rate for registered mail;
1.50 Lei – domestic rate for prints up to 50 g;
7.00 Lei – international rate for mail up of 51-100 g;
19.00 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 50 g;
31.50 Lei – international rate for mail of 501-1000 g;



Perforated souvenir sheet

2022 – NATIONAL PARKS IN ROMANIA, CALIMANI PARK

Calimani Park, located in the mountains that lend it its name (Calimani Mountains), has three nature reserves in its composition. It is located in the central-northern part of Romania, with an area of over 240 km^2, and in the center is an extinct volcano with a diameter of 10 km. It houses a diverse fauna with valuable animal and bird species. The stamps reproduce the images of the following species: *Falco tinnunculus* (2.60 Lei), *Lynx lynx* (3.90 Lei), *Cervus elaphus* (6.50 Lei), *Martes martes* (16 Lei).



Block of 4 perforated stamps

Face values:
2.60 Lei – domestic rate for mail up to 50 g;
3.90 Lei – domestic rate for priority mail up to 50 g;
6.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;
16.00 Lei – international rate for mail of 101- 500 g;

2022 – NATIONAL PARKS IN ROMANIA, CALIMANI PARK



Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label

Falco tinnunculus, is a daytime bird of prey, a species of falcon that prefers rocky areas. Sedentary or partially migratory, it feeds mainly on rodents. The main threat is the excessive use of pesticides in agriculture.

Face values:
2.60 Lei – domestic rate for mail up to 50 g;
3.90 Lei – domestic rate for priority mail up to 50 g;



Lynx lynx, is a feline with a wide distribution: the forests of Europe and Siberia, East Central Asia. It is an emblematic feline of the Carpathians. It is the third largest predator in Europe after the bear and the wolf. The largest number of individuals of this species live in Romania (over 2,000 specimens).

Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label

2022 – NATIONAL PARKS IN ROMANIA, CALIMANI PARK

Cervus elaphus, a real ornament of the mountains, is a herbivorous mammal and the largest representative of ungulates. As enemies to be feared, the deer has the wolf, the lynx and the bear.



Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label

Face values:
6.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;
16.00 Lei – international rate for mail of 101- 500 g;



Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label

Martes martes, belongs to the genus of carnivorous arboreal animals. It has precious fur. They build their nest in a hollow or in an old quail nest. They hunt their prey on the ground: small rodents, birds, insects. It can in turn fall victim to other predators such as: the fox, the wolf, the owl and the eagle.

2022 – THE INTERNATIONAL DANUBE DAY

Celebrated every year, the International Danube Day marks the desire of the Danube states to join forces in order to protect one of the most important rivers of Europe. The inauguration of this holiday took place on June 29, 1994, during a meeting that took place in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria.

The philatelic issue presents within the postage stamps and minisheets, alongside beautiful landscapes of the Danube Delta, the images of the following species: *Riparia riparia* (4 Lei), *Platalea leucorodia* (6.50 Lei), *Lutra lutra* (10 Lei), *Muscardinus avellanarius* (10.50 Lei).









Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label + with illustrated border

Face values:
4.00 Lei – domestic rate for registered mail up to 50 g;
6.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;
10.00 Lei – international priority rate for mail up to 50 g;
10.50 Lei – supplementary international rate for registered mail;

2022 – ENDEMIC PLANTS FROM THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

Endemic plants represent the biological heritage of a region, the essence of the authenticity of the natural composition.

All 4 species illustrated by the postage stamps of the issue were selected from among the most representative, and which are not found outside the mountainous air of the Carpathians or the Apuseni Mountains.

Dianthus callizonus (3.50 Lei) is a symbol of nature protection in Romania, emblematic species of Piatra Craiului National Park, the only massif in Romania (and in the world) where the plant can be discovered.



Minisheet of 6 stamps + 2 labels

Face values:
3.50 Lei – domestic rate for mail of 501-1000 g;
6.50 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;

Saxifraga demissa (6.50 Lei) is present in a very limited area of the Romanian Carpathians, in the subalpine floor and the Barsei, Bucegi and Ciucaş Mountains, between 1,500 and 2,400 m altitude.



Minisheet of 6 stamps + 2 labels

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2022 – ENDEMIC PLANTS FROM THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

Astragalus roemeri (10 Lei), was discovered at the end of the 19th century at the base of some calcareous rocks and made known by the Transylvanian botanist Julius Römer. The flower is found in the range of 700-1,300 m altitude.



Minisheet of 6 stamps + 2 labels

Silene dinarica (10.50 Lei), is a species that is often found in the cracks of the rocks of the Făgăraş Mountains. It was known in the world of botanists from 1816. The name "dinarica" belongs to an error promoted by the botanist K. Sprengel, in 1825.



Minisheet of 6 stamps + 2 labels

Face values:
10.00 Lei – international rate for priority mail up to 50 g;
10.50 Lei – supplementary international rate for registered mail;

2023 – VĂCĂREŞTI NATURAL PARK

The Văcăreşti Natural Park defines an area in the south-east of the capital of Romania, Bucharest, with an area of about 18 km^2, being the result of merging a natural anthropogenic site with part of the development of the course of the Dâmbovița river. Along with the more than 190 species of birds, mammals included in the fauna protection actions also live in the park area.

The stamps reproduce images of species such as: *Lutra lutra* (2.30 Lei), *Neptis sappho* (3.50 Lei), *Chlidonias hybrida* (9 Lei) and *Emys orbicularis* (22 Lei).









Minisheet of 5 stamps + 1 label

Face values:
2.30 Lei – domestic rate for prints up to 50 g;
3.50 Lei – domestic rate for mail of 501-1000 g;
9.00 Lei – international rate for mail up to 50 g;
22.00 Lei – international rate for priority mail of 501-1000 g;

2024 – WORLD NATURE RESERVES DAY

January 11 is the first day in the ecological calendar of January registered under the name "World Reserves and National Parks Day". We mention that in May, 1927, the first two nature reserves were established in Romania, in the area of Dobrogea.

Protected areas and community conservation represent a way to directly contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and nature in general. At the national level, Romania has more than 900 natural reserves and natural monuments registered.





Minisheets of 4 stamps + 2 Tabs + illustrated border

Face values:
2.00 Lei – supplementary domestic rate for registered mail;
3.00 Lei – domestic rate for prints up to 100 g;

2024 – WORLD NATURE RESERVES DAY

The postage stamps of the issue illustrate, in various poses, the bison belonging to the species *Bison bonasus* which is found in Europe, only in protected areas.

The reproduced images present specimens of the *Bison bonasus* species, located in the area of the Vânători-Neamț Natural Park, from Moldova.





Minisheets of 4 stamps + 2 Tabs + illustrated border

Face values:
6.00 Lei – domestic rate for priority mail of 101-500 g;
25.00 Lei – international rate for priority and registered mail up to 100 g;