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Post and Go Birds of Britain
(3) pictorial postmarks

Post and Go Birds of Britain (3) Prices

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| Stamp Set | £2.76 |
| First Day Envelope | 30p |
| First Day Cover | £3.79 |

Post and Go Birds of Britain (3) Specifications

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| Number of stamps | Six |
| Stamp design | Kate Stephens |
| Illustration | Robert Gillmor |
| Stamp format | Landscape |
| Stamp size | 56mm x 25mm |
| Printer | Walsall Security Printers |
| Print process | Gravure |
| Perforations | Kiss die-cut simulated |
| Phosphor | Bars |
| Gum | Self-adhesive |



The third in the series of *Birds of Britain* Post and Go stamps features six Freshwater birds and will be available on 19 May from Post and Go machines in 146 Post Office® branches, which print the tariffs according to the customer's specification. The complete stamp set is available from Tallents House in a card carrier (shown above), and will be printed with first-class values and a philatelic Post and Go code in gravure. The card carries details of each bird and illustrations of their eggs. The First Day cover carries the six Freshwater birds stamps printed with the first-class value and the philatelic code, and contains a filler card with illustrations by Peter Horridge.

The birds featured are among the most commonly sighted around inland waterways in the UK: the Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*), Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) and the Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).

Unstamped First Day envelopes are available from selected Crown Post Office branches® (see page 7 of *Bulletin*, September 2010) approximately one week before the stamps go on sale. The Bristol first-day-of-issue postmark will be supplied to all Special Handstamp Centres, so that all First Day Covers posted at the Post Office® will be cancelled with the same pictorial postmark regardless of where they are posted. Serviced (i.e. stamped and postmarked) Post and Go Covers are available by mail order from Royal Mail, Tallents House at the address shown on page 226. The stamps will be cancelled with a first day of issue postmark of the Tallents House,