



Birds of Britain 4 The fourth and final issue in the Post & Go Birds of Britain Series is released next month, on 16 September, and features six birds that can be found around the coast of the UK – the puffin (*Fratercula arctica*), the gannet (*Morus bassanus*), the oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), the ringed plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), the cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), and the Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*).

The distinctive style of the stamps echoes that of the previous three sets, in designs produced by Kate Stephens from illustrations originated from line cuts by the wildlife artist Robert Gillmor. They are available from Post & Go machines in selected Post Office® branches, and customers who hand in or post stamped Royal Mail First Day Cover envelopes at main Post Offices® on the day of issue will receive the pictorial BRISTOL first day postmark. Orders for Serviced First Day Covers have to reach the Royal Mail at the Tallents House address on page 354 by 16 September 2011 ●

Post & Go: Birds of Britain 4 Specifications

Number of stamps	Six
Design	Kate Stephens
Illustrator	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

Prices

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

Good-bay goodbye Being withdrawn from sale next month is the striking Battle of Britain Generic Sheet, which can be bought from Royal Mail up until 14 September 2011. The Sheet represents yet another collectable reference to British history – created to mark the 70th anniversary of the event in 2010. Alongside the 20 Spitfire stamps a series of images and captions tell the story of ‘The Few’, whose numbers included some 595 non-British pilots from allied nations and neutral countries ●

