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POST & GO: WINTER FUR AND FEATHERS Monday 16 November 2015

Celebrating the creatures that roam our countryside in winter.

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CELEBRATING OUR WILDLIFE IN WINTER

While many creatures choose to sit out the worst of the British winter by hibernating, there are a number of indigenous and migrant species that continue to forage throughout the colder months, bringing colour and interest to walks on even the most wintery of days.

So we are delighted to bring this year's pictorial Post & Go programme to an end with Winter Fur and Feathers, which features one master of concealment alongside three of the most brightly coloured visitors to our gardens and countryside. All four of these glorious creatures have been captured by the talents of renowned wildlife artist Robert Gillmor, whose superbly realised linocut illustrations have already graced two previous pictorial Post & Go series: 2011's Birds of Britain and 2012's British Farm Animals.

The four new stamps are available on a First Day Cover and an information card, both offering up a wealth of fascinating facts about winter wildlife, together with additional illustrations by Robert Gillmor and a few insights into his illustrative techniques.





1 First Day Cover — Stamps Inland ZF020 £3.91 Overseas ZF020 £3.26

Post & Go: Winter Fur and Feathers Stamps are overprinted with First Class, Second Class, First Class Large and Second Class Large values, to make them even more suitable for the Christmas season. They are affixed to the generic Post & Go cover and cancelled with vour choice of Tallents House or Winterley. Sandbach handstamps: with the latter place name chosen for its seasonal associations. It includes an information card that features an additional illustration of a Red Fox by Robert Gillmor and discusses many of the indigenous and migrant species to be found in Britain's winter landscape. with a particular focus on our four featured species.

2 Stamp Set ZS039 £2.86

Overprinted with First Class, Second Class, First Class Large and Second Class Large values, the Post & Go: Winter Fur and Feathers stamps are presented in a vertical strip. They are brought to you on a richly illustrated carrier, which features another of Robert Gillmor's engaging works on the front, and additional information about these and other species in winter on the reverse. The carrier also offers some fascinating insights into how these superb illustrations were created.



Mint Stamps Post & Go: Winter Fur and Feathers Design Osborne Ross Stamp format Landscape Stamp size 56mm x 25mm Printer International Security Printers Print process Gravure Perforation Die-cut simulated Phosphor Bars as appropriate Gum Self-adhesive

Spotlight The sheetlet reveals the secrets of colour linocut printing.









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A Mountain Hare

As winter nears, the Mountain Hare undergoes a series of moults that transform it from brown to white.

B Red Fox

The Red Fox is one of our most abundant wild creatures, thriving in both rural and urban habitats.

C Redwing

The colourful Redwing is a winter migrant to the UK, arriving here in late September every year.

D Red Squirrel

Increasingly rare, the Red Squirrel inhabits the forests of Scotland and certain regions of England and Wales.

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Highlight The stamps are overprinted with four different values, making them ideal for use in the season of giving.