

Birds of Britain 2 The second stamp issue of this month will be the Post & Go Birds of Britain 2, issued on 24 January to coincide with the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. Following on from the first set of Post & Go Birds of Britain, which was launched at autumn Stampex last year, this is the first of three sets to be issued this year. It features six different birds: the blackbird, chaffinch, collared dove, greenfinch, magpie and long-tailed tit. Each of the Post & Go stamps will be overprinted with one of five value indicators: 1st Class, 1st Class Large up to 100g, Europe up to 20g, Worldwide up to 10g and 20g. The Birds of Britain 2 issue is also available as single stamps or in strips of up to five, of the same value, or of different values.



First day of issue: Tallents House, Edinburgh Ref No FD 11 03. Alternative postmarks, Bristol Ref No FD 11 04. Alternative postmarks, BRISTOL Pictorial Ref No FD 11 04. BRISTOL Non-Pictorial Ref No FD 11 04NP

Selected letter tariff and code numbering are printed on demand by the Post & Go machines in the 30 Crown Post Offices® in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Colchester, Croydon, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Grimsby, Harrogate, Liverpool, London, Luton, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southend-on-Sea, Stevenage, Truro, Walsall and York. Unstamped Royal Mail FDC Envelopes (price 30p) are available in the week before the stamps go on sale.

A mint set of Birds of Britain 2 Post & Go stamp labels will also be available from Tallents House in a card carrier that includes details about each bird, and illustrations of their eggs. All values in the Pack are 1st Class and carry the branch code of 002011, and are printed gravure. As Bristol was the location of the first Post & Go machine trial, BRISTOL postmarks will be available for this issue, as an alternative to the Tallents House, Edinburgh postmark, pictorial and non-pictorial (plain design) • ▶

