



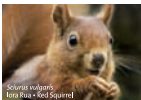
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THE COLLECTOR

Seventh Definitive Series
Irish Animals and Marine Life
Special Edition

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Seventh Definitive Series – Irish Animals and Marine Life

Welcome to this special edition of The Collector which features the initial eight photographic images from the Seventh Definitive Series – Irish Animals and Marine Life.

2010 is designated the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity. This is a fitting time to release the new Definitive Series as the aim of this designation is to raise public awareness of the variety of all natural processes and life on Earth. What better way to raise awareness of Ireland's biodiversity than on stamps which will be seen by millions of people both nationally and internationally!

This is the first Definitive Series to be issued in both our new Stamps On A Roll and photographic formats making it a must for all collectors to have.

The first animals which feature on the Seventh Definitive Series are ...

Green Tiger Beetle

The Green Tiger Beetle is a long-legged, fast-moving beetle found in areas with little vegetation and bare ground.

Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle is a powerful raptor that can dive upon its prey at approximately 240km per hour.

The Red Squirrel

The Red Squirrel has noticeable ear tufts, a chestnut-coloured upper body and fluffy tail. They live in woodlands that contain a fair proportion of conifer trees.

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Technical details

Date of Issue: 8 September, 2010
 Value: 4 x 55c
 Design: Zinc Design Consultants
 Stamp Size: 56mm x 25mm
 Colour: Multicolour with phosphor tagging
 Make-up: 2 Strips of 4
 Perforations: 11 x 11.25 approx
 Printing Process: HP Indigo high resolution digital print
 Printer: Label Art Ltd.



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From the sea we have – the Tompot Blenny, Common Octopus, Hermit Crab, Sea Slug and Bottlenose Dolphin.

Tompot Blenny

The Tompot Blenny has a two tufted head, tentacles above its eyes and is 15 - 20cm in length. It is a medium-sized blenny.

Common Octopus

The Common Octopus has large eyes, a bulbous body and eight arms bearing powerful suckers that can be from 30cm - 91cm in length.

Hermit Crab

The Hermit Crab is red/brown and lacks a hard carapace. It uses empty shells of whelks or periwinkles and exchanges them for larger shells as it grows.

Sea Slug

The Sea Slug is found in coastal waters at depths of 90m and can range in colour from translucent white to red in colour.

Bottlenose Dolphin

The Bottlenose Dolphin is extremely active and 2.8m - 4m in length – it is often seen breaching, bow-riding and somersaulting through the air.

The collection of eight stamps was designed by Zinc Design Consultants and are available to purchase in two strips of four. Also available are 2 FDC's. These products can be purchased by using the order form enclosed, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie from date of issue.

At the Heart of Events

Dublin's General Post Office



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While there are books which mention the GPO in the context of the 1916 Rising and books which consider its architectural distinction, there is none which makes the building the focus of our attention and lets it, as it were, tell the story of the events, great and small, which have happened in and around it over the centuries. From sealing wax to the early days of broadcasting and from the Dead Letter Office to the Proclamation, Stephen Ferguson's *At the Heart of Events - Dublin's General Post Office* is a fascinating guide to the GPO.

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