

FROG FOREVER STAMPS

On 9 July 2019, in Boise, Idaho, the U.S. Postal Service plans to release four new stamps in a booklet of 20, featuring digital illustrations of four North American frogs.

The species depicted are: the Pacific Tree Frog (*Pseudacris regilla*), the Northern Leopard Frog (*Lithobates pipiens*), the American Green Tree Frog (*Hyla cinerea*), and the Squirrel Tree Frog (*Hyla squirella*).

Working with a primarily green color palette and touches of brown, artist Nancy Stahl captured the essence of each animal with enough important defining features to make each recognizable. USPS art director William J. Gicker designed the stamps. The printer has not been announced.



Stahl has designed more than 20 different stamps for the USPS including these with biological themes: the 37c Snowy Egret (2003), 26c Florida Panther (2007), 17c Bighorn Sheep (2007), 62c Dragonfly (2008), 28c Polar Bear (2009), 64c Dolphin (2009), Semi-postal Save Vanishing Species (2011), Forever Bobcat (2012), and Forever Hummingbird (2013).

WINTER BERRIES FOREVER STAMPS

Another set of stamps the U.S. Postal Service plans to release later this year depicts highly detailed botanical illustrations of Winter Berries. The four designs will be issued in a booklet of 20.

The bright designs highlight the bold colors and rich textures of the berries and feature the following plants: the Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), the Juniper Berry (*Juniperus communis*), the Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*), and the Soapberry (*Sapindus saponaria*).

Artist Steve Buchanan worked with art director Antonio Alcalá to create these four new stamps. The printer has not been announced.

Buchanan, who specializes in botanical and entomological subjects, has also designed several other stamps for the USPS including these with biological themes: 33c Insects and Spiders (1999), 33c Tropical Flowers (1999), 34c Carnivorous Plants (2001), 37c Reptiles and Amphibians (2003), 39c Crops of the Americas (2006), and 41c Pollination (2007).



An interesting collection could be assembled based on each artist who created the designs.