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Bird of the year

On March 31, 2003 Belarus Post will issue the stamp from the series "A bird of the year" dedicated to the house sparrow. The stamp is issued under the aegis of the International organization of birds protection "BirdLife International" and Belarus organization "Ahova ptushak Belarusi" (APB – "Protection of Belarus Birds").

Designer: Alexander Mityanin. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk surfaced. **Printing:** offset.
Perforation: comb 14,5:14. **Size:** 26x37 mm. **Sheet composition:** 7 stamps + 1 coupon in a sheet.
Print quantity: 140 000.

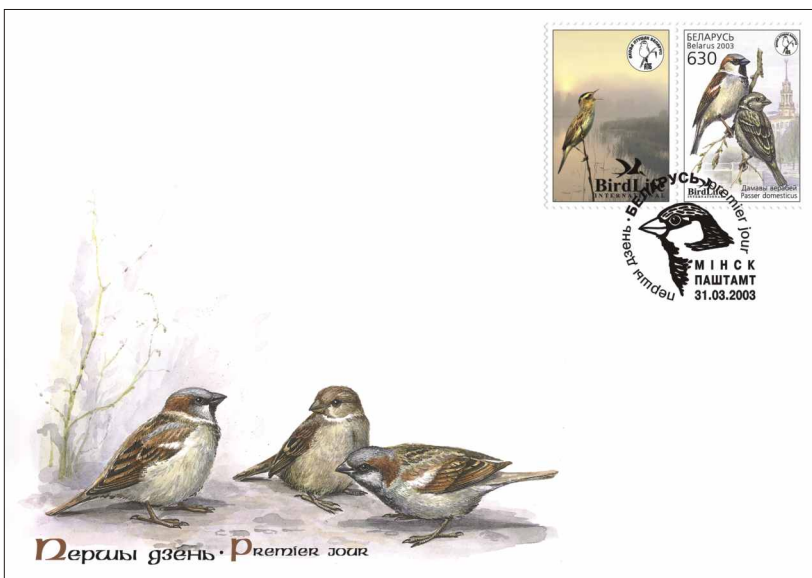
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House sparrow.

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Beginning from the year 2000 Belarus public organization "Ahova ptushak Belarusi" conducts the annual national campaign "A bird of the Year". At its meeting the Republican Council of APB declared the house sparrow the bird of the year 2003. Not long ago this bird was widely-distributed in settlements of Europe. During the last 30 years the quantity of sparrows in Western Europe became 10 times as less!



Colour of the postmark – black.

Special postmark and FDC designed by A. Mityanin.

Special cancellation: a special cancellation on FDCs will be carried out at the Main Post Office of Minsk on the stamp issuing day.