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## ІНФАРМАЦЫЙНЫ ЛІСТ • ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЙ ЛИСТОК • NEWSLETTER

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May 18, 2005

### Black Stork (WWF)

On June 2, 2005 Belarus Post will issue a set of 4 stamps "Black stork" with logo "WWF".

**Designer:** Alexander Mityanin. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced.

**Perforation:** comb 13<sup>1/2</sup>:13<sup>3/4</sup>. **Size of the stamps:** 37x26 mm. **Sheet composition:** Nos. 615, 616 — 20 (5x4) stamps; Nos. 617, 618 — 10 vertical strips of two stamps in a sheet. The stamps bear the WWF logo.

**Print quantity:** 120.000 each.

There are elements of protection on the stamps.

**No. 615**



Black stork flying.  
**500 BYR**

**No. 616**



Black stork in water.  
**500 BYR**

**No. 617**



Black stork  
in the nest.  
**1000 BYR**

**No. 618**



Black stork —  
nestlings.  
**1000 BYR**

The stamps are issued under the aegis of the nature protection organization World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

The stamps are also issued in **sheetlets** of 8 (2 blocks of 4) stamps.

**Size of the sheet:** 166x75 mm. Print quantity: 25.000.





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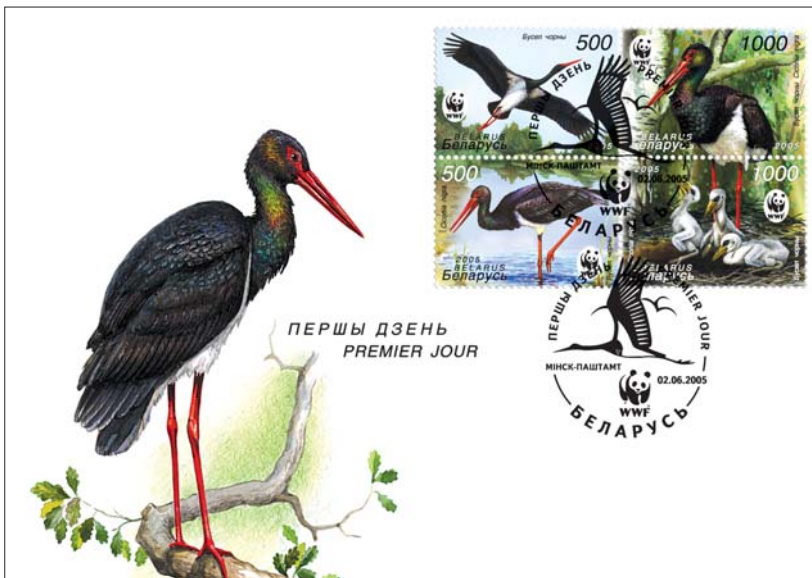
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The black stork is a migrant rare bird listed in the Red Book (endangered species). It usually comes flying for nesting to Belarus from North Africa at the end of March. Experts are worried about the future of this bird. About 7800-12000 couples of these birds build their aeries in Europe and this is a little more than a half of all black storks of the world. The most numerous population of black storks inhabit in Belarus. It is 10—12% of European population — 950—1300 couples. As a result of melioration and deforestation of damp forests the forage reserve of the black stork was undermined and the quantity of the birds diminished. Not many people know about the black stork in Grodno, Mogilev and Vitebk regions of Belarus. The black stork is more often encountered in the Polesye lowland. It is there where this species has most appropriate conditions to inhabit.



Colour of the postmark — black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC** designed by A. Mityan.

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