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ВЫДАВЕЦКІ ЦЭНТР «МАРКА» ИЗДАТЕЛЬСКИЙ ЦЕНТР «МАРКА» PUBLISHING CENTRE «MARKA»

## ІНФАРМАЦЫЙНЫ ЛІСТ • ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЙ ЛИСТОК • NEWSLETTER

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### Bird of the year. Long-eared owl

On April 1, 2015 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the stamp "Long-eared owl" of the series "Bird of the year".

A series continuation. Beginning nos. 473-475, 501, 501A, 559, 600, 635, 679, 720, 779, 815, 866, 919, 949 and 1008.

**Artist:** Alexander Mityanin. **Design:** Marina Vitkovskaya. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** full colour **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** comb 13:13<sup>1/2</sup>. **Size of the stamp:** 26x37 mm. **Sheet composition:** 7 stamps & 1 coupon. **Size of the sheet:** 127x94 mm. **Print quantity:** 70.000 stamps.

The stamp was printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

No. 1063



Long-eared owl

P



Elements of protection



Letter "P" is equal to the air-mail tariff of a letter up to 20 gram abroad.

A long-eared owl is one of the species of the order Strigiformes in Belarus. It is so named because of its head feathers resembling the ears though they are not ears. The long-eared owl is distributed throughout the territory of Belarus. Sometimes it nests in settlements. Like other owl species long-eared owls do not build nests. For nesting they find old nests of other birds. During a year one long-eared owl eats more than 1000 small rodents thus bringing substantial benefit to people.

The project was prepared with the assistance of the public organization "Ahova ptushak Batskaushchyny".

There are logos of the global partnership of conservation organizations "BirdLife International" and the Belarus public organization "Ahova ptushak Batskaushchyny" (APB) on the stamp.



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Colour of the postmark - black.  
Special **postmark** and **FDC**  
painted by A.Mityanin,  
designed by M.Vitkovskaya

A maximum card "Long-eared owl" will be issued too.



**A special cancellation** on FDC will be carried out at the post office No.1 of Minsk (shop "Philately", 16 Moskovskaya street) on the stamp issuing day.