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The Red Book of the Republic of Belarus. Mammals

On April 27, 2017 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue 4 stamps of the series "The Red Book of the Republic of Belarus. Mammals".

A series continuation. Beginning Nos. 58–60, 75–77, 268–272, 369–372, 414, 415, 507, 508, 845–849, 944, 945 and 1109–1112. **Artist:** Alexander Mityanin. **Design:** Marina Vitkovskaya. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** full colour. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** comb 13^{1/2}:13. **Size of the stamps:** 37x26 mm. **Sheet composition:** 16 (4x4) stamps in joint sheet of 4 sets. **Size of the sheet:** 173x130 mm. **Print quantity:** 60.000 stamps each.

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

No. 1194



Hamster

A



Element of protection

No. 1195



Stoat

N



Element of protection

No. 1196



Badger

M



Element of protection

No. 1197



Brown Bear

H



Element of protection

Face value A is equal to the tariff of a letter up to 20 gram within Belarus.

Face value N is equal to the surface tariff of a postcard abroad.

Face value M is equal to the air-mail tariff of a postcard abroad.

Face value H is equal to the surface tariff of a letter up to 20 gram abroad.



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A hamster is a forest-steppe species of rodents. It leads a nocturnal life. In spring and autumn it is active in the daytime. In winter it hibernates in burrows. It periodically wakes up and eats seeds of cultivated or wild grasses.

A stoat leads mostly a single and territorial way of life. It is active mostly in the night-time but sometimes it is seen in the daytime. It prefers to settle near water. The stoat is included in the 4th edition of the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.

A badger leads a sedentary and semi-underground way of life. It spends most of its life in burrows. In winter the badger hibernates and in the early spring when it is warm it wakes up and goes to the surface.

A brown bear is the largest representative of the order of predators in Europe. It settles only in large forest areas. It leads a solitary life. It is active at twilight and at night. A specific feature of the biology of the bear is hibernation.



Colour of the postmark - black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC**
painted by A.Mityanin,
designed by M.Vitkovskaya.

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

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