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March 22, 2018

## Bird of the year. European goldfinch

On March 27, 2018 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the stamp "European goldfinch" 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, 1008, 1063, 1113 and 1191. **Artist:** Alexander Mityanin. **Design:** Marina Vitkovskaya. **Print process:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforations:** comb 13<sup>1/2</sup>:13. **Stamp size:** 37x26 mm. **Sheet composition:** 7 stamps & 1 coupon. **Sheet size:** 103x129 mm. **Print quantity:** 49.000 stamps.

**Printer:** Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

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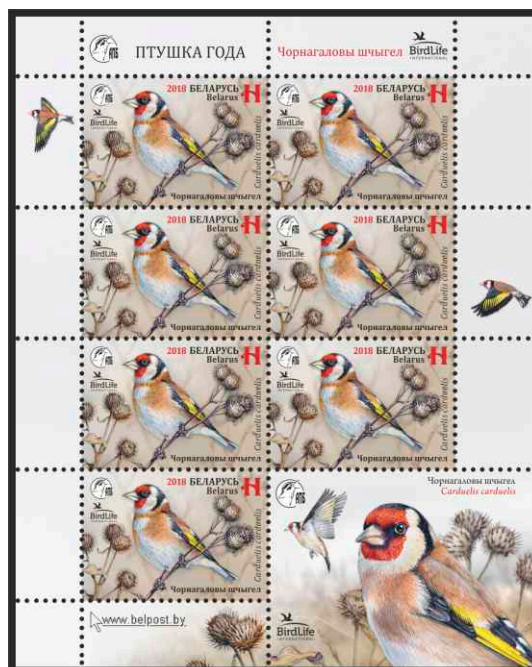


European goldfinch

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Element of protection



Letter "H" is equal to the surface tariff of a letter up to 20 gram abroad.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the public organization "Ahova ptushak Batskaushchyny" (Protection of Homeland Birds) declared the European goldfinch the bird of the year 2018 in Belarus.

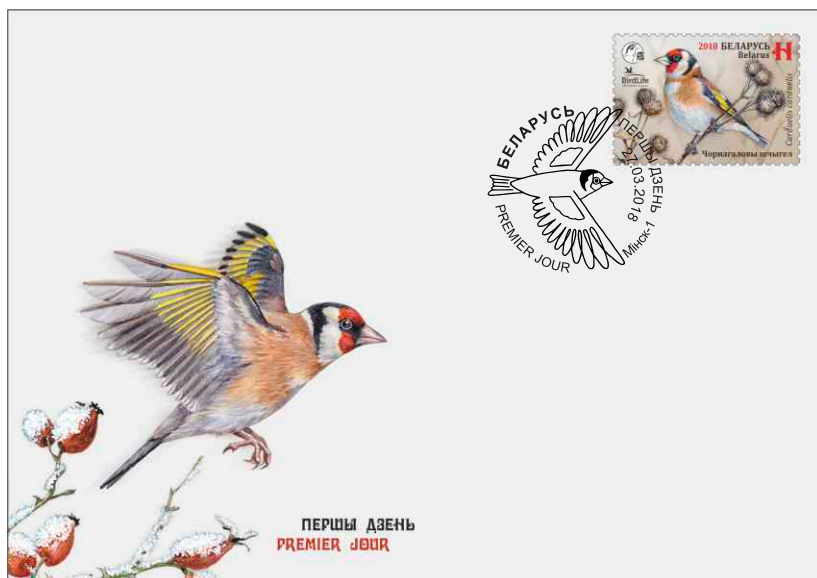
The European goldfinch is found throughout the territory of Belarus. It nests on forest edges, alleys, in parks, squares, gardens and cottage villages. It eats mainly seeds, including burdock, wormwood and alder, and feeds its chicks mainly with insects and spiders, which are collected both on trees and on the ground.

In winter, goldfinches are found in various wastelands, vegetable gardens and flower beds near dwellings. The birds get together in flocks. The flocks are small: they consist of 5-10 birds, rarely of 30 ones. In April they break up into separate pairs.

The number of the European goldfinch in Belarus is stable and is estimated at 180-200 thousand pairs.

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

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



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 stamp issuing day.

A maximum card "European goldfinch" will be issued too. Artist A.Mityanin. Design by M.Vitkovskaya.

