

# New and familiar issues from Canada in 2003

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Canada's stamp program for 2003 consists of a number of returning series, as well as individual stamps and series that are new for this year. The stamp illustrations shown here are preliminary designs provided by Canada Post; when the new stamps are printed and placed on sale they may not appear exactly as shown.

The first two stamps to be issued in 2003 will continue the Lunar New Year series, this year marking the Year of the Ram (Figure 1). The stamps will be issued, as usual, in sheet format for the domestic rate (48¢) and in a single stamp souvenir sheet for the international rate (\$1.25). Both formats are shown in Figure 2.

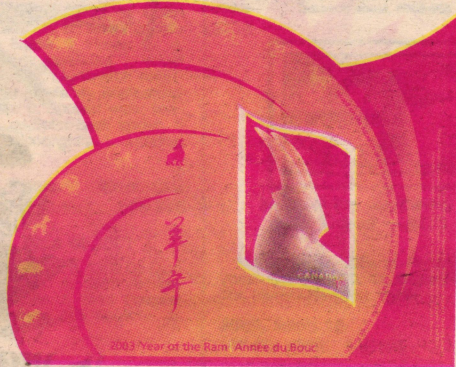


**Figure 1.** Canada will again issue two Lunar New Year stamps to kick off its annual stamp program. In 2003 the stamps will mark the Year of the Ram.

departure from previous years, the All-Stars stamps will be available in booklet form, as shown at right in Figure 4.

Another six universities will be honored with stamps this year. Bishop's University in Quebec and St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia celebrate their 150th anniversaries in 2003; the University of Western Ontario and the Université de Montréal mark their 125th anniversaries; and the University of Guelph's MacDonald Institute in Ontario and Victoria University of McGill University in Quebec will be honored on their 100th anniversaries.

The University stamps will be issued at different dates during the year to coincide with appropriate



**Figure 2.** The domestic-rate New Year stamp will be issued in a pane of 25, while the international-rate stamp is issued as a single-stamp souvenir sheet.

anniversaries. The dates announced so far are Jan. 28 for Bishop's, March 4 for Victoria, March 19 for Western Ontario, with St. Francis-Xavier being issued in late March or early April. Canada Post has released the images of only three of the University stamps (Figure 5). Although the designs are different from last year's four University stamps, the 2003 versions have a common look to them.

Ten new Tourist Attractions stamps will be issued in June, as five U.S.-rate and five international-rate stamps. This booklet series is in its third year and may be extended because of its popularity, not only with tourists but with Canadians as well. Some of the attractions depicted this year are Niagara Falls, Casa Loma in Toronto and the Gatineau Park in Quebec.

National Stamp Collecting Month in October will be celebrated by a set of eight stamps featuring the eight Canadian astronauts who have been in space. The annual Christmas stamps series will be issued in November 2003, but Canada Post is keeping the design theme under wraps at present.

Bird and flower stamps sell extremely well when they are available: people simply like to put beautiful stamps on their



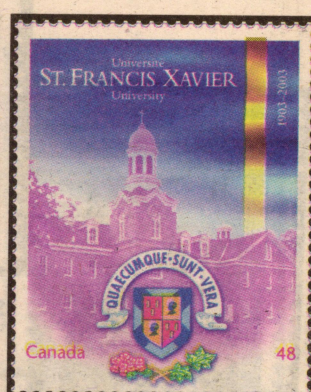
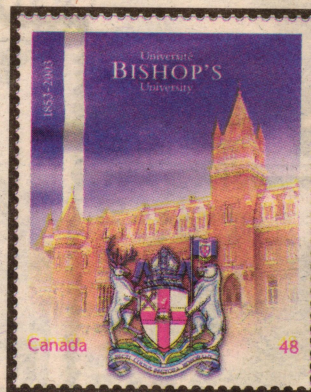
**Figure 4.** Below is the forthcoming pane of six stamps from the National Hockey League All-Stars series. A new twist to the NHL issue will be the simultaneous release of the stamps in booklet form, as shown at left.

envelopes. So it is not surprising that, only two years after concluding its six-year bird series in 2001, Canada Post is launching a new multiyear Bird series in 2003.

The five stamps (four at the domestic 48¢ rate and one at the 65¢ U.S. rate) will show Canadian birds painted by John James Audubon (1785-1851) during his painting tours of Canada. The first year's offering will be issued Feb. 21 and feature the common murre, the great cormorant, the brant goose and Leach's storm-petrel for the domestic rates and the gyrfalcon for the U.S. rate (Figure 6). The latter stamp is unusual, as it is rare to see a Canadian commemorative series of stamps with a U.S.-rate value. Normally only the Christmas stamps series has this feature. The four domestic-rate stamps are horizontally oriented, while the U.S.-rate stamp is vertical.

The Canadian Rangers and volunteer firemen will each have a stamp issued at different dates. The Rangers are military reservists who patrol Canada's coasts and northern territories. The design for the stamp honoring the Rangers is shown in Figure 7; the release date is scheduled for March 3. The Firemen stamp will be issued May 30 at the opening of the 75th convention of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in Hanover, Ontario.

The 75th anniversary of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association in Canada will be commemorated on one stamp, as will the 50th anniversary of the officially sponsored Portuguese immigration. The latter stamp is scheduled for July 9 and the design will



**Figure 5.** Three of the six Canadian universities that will receive postal recognition this year. From left to right: Bishop's, the University of Western Ontario, and Saint Francis-Xavier.

show 400 years of mail delivery in Canada.

The first official mail messenger was Pedro da Silva, a Portuguese in the service of New France. Little is known of da Silva: even the dates of his birth and death (1647-1717) are open to conjecture. He is reported to have carried messages as early as 1693 between Quebec City and Montreal, traveling partly by horse and partly by boat. On Dec. 23, 1705, he was officially appointed Royal Messenger to carry letters of the governor-general of New France throughout the colony. This was the beginning of government-sanctioned mail carriers. Formal postal services in Canada were not established until 1763 (Scott 413, Figure 8).

In May, Canada Post hopes to renew its Canadian Art series with a new-look approach. World-renowned artist Jean-Paul Riopelle, who passed away in March 2002, is scheduled to be the first artist in the new Art series that will replace the Masterpieces of Canadian Art series, which came to a close in 2002 after 15 years. The proposed new format will consist of three stamps in a souvenir sheet. Each stamp will show a different painting and each will be at a different rate: domestic, U.S. and international.

The second definitive-commemorative ever produced by Canada will appear on June 2 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. The design is similar to this



**Figure 3.** The Lunar New Year Pack will include Year of the Ram stamps from Canada, China and Hong Kong.



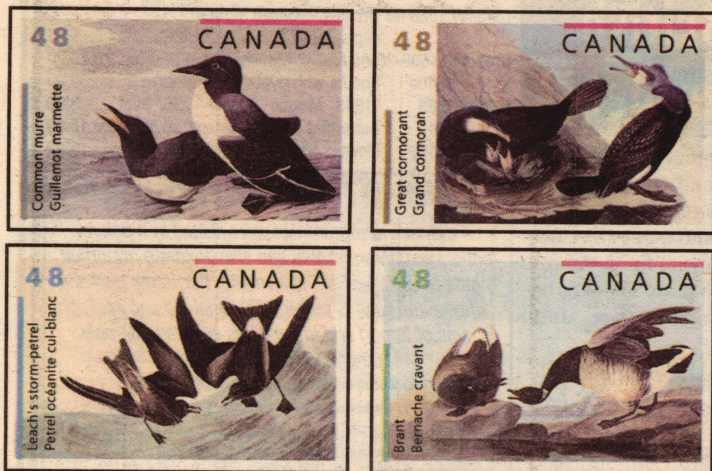


Figure 6. A new series of Bird stamps starts this year, with John James Audubon's common murre, great cormorant, brant goose, Leach's storm-petrel and the gyrfalcon.

year's 48¢ stamp celebrating Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee of Accession (Scott 1932, Figure 9) but will have a different background color, with the original inscription changed to a crown and the dates 1953-2003. The current Golden

Jubilee stamp will be available until that date.

As I explained in my January 2002 column, a definitive-commemorative is a stamp that is issued to commemorate a special event, but which has the particularities of a definitive

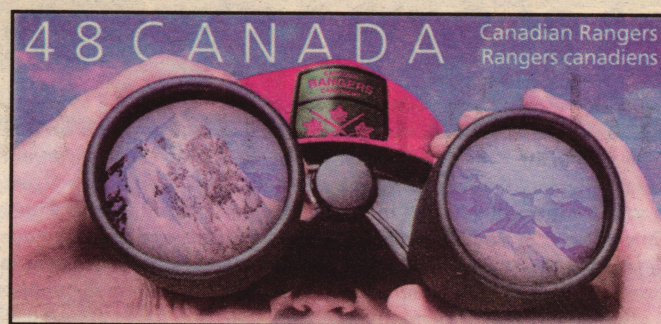


Figure 7. A single domestic-rate stamp will be issued March 3 to honor the Canadian Rangers. A separate stamp to honor Canada's volunteer firemen (not shown) is scheduled for release May 30.

stamp. That is, it is available throughout the year at all postal outlets and will be reprinted when it runs out.

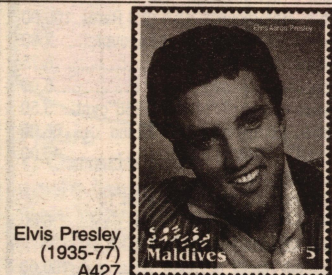
On July 21, a stamp will be issued at the start of the Lutheran World Federation's 10th Assembly in Winnipeg, the first time the event will be held in Canada. This stamp fits, in a way, within a religious diversity series started in 1999 with a 46¢ stamp celebrating the 300th anniversary of Baisakhi, the Sikh New Year (Scott 1786, shown in Figure 10).

Celebrating peace rather than war is more important to the members of Canada's Stamp Advisory Committee, so the stamp to com-

memorate the Korean conflict is being issued on July 25, 2003, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the armistice. Another domestic-rate stamp will be issued in October to coincide with the World Road Cycling Championships in Hamilton.

Also in October, a joint issue with Thailand featuring national trees is scheduled. The stamps, showing the maple tree and the lantern tree, will be available in sheet format and in a souvenir sheet. They will likely be issued on the opening day of the World Stamp Exhibition being held in Bangkok, Thailand, Oct. 4-13.

The final set of stamps announced by Canada Post will be issued in the fall and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National

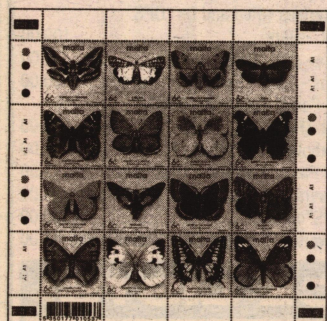


2002, Oct. 7  
2643 A427 5r multi .80 .80  
Printed in sheets of 9.

#### MALTA



2002, May 9 Litho. Perf. 14  
1080 A273 16c multi .75 .75

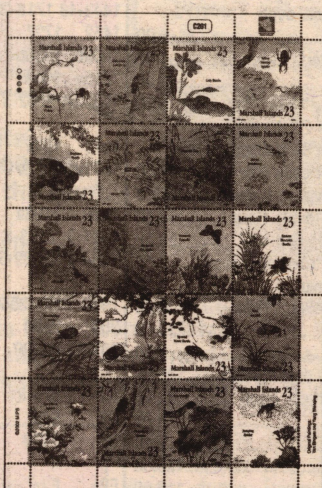


Butterflies and Moths — A274

No. 1081: a, Hyles sammiui. b, Utetheisa pulchella. c, Ophiura tirhaca. d, Phragmatobia fuliginosa melitensis. e, Vanessa cardui. f, Polyommatus icarus. g, Goneteryx cleopatra. h, Vanessa atalanta. i, Eucrostes indigenata. j, Macroglossum stellatarum. k, Lasiocampa quercus. l, Catoeala elocata. m, Maniola jurtina hyperhispulla. n, Pieris brassicae. o, Papilio machaon melitensis. p, Danaus chrysippus.

2002, June Perf. 13½  
1081 A274 6c Sheet of 16, #a-p 4.50 4.50

#### MARSHALL ISLANDS



Insects and Spiders — A212

No. 808: a, Black widow spider. b, Elderberry longhorn. c, Ladybug. d, Yellow garden spider. e, Dogbane beetle. f, Flower fly. g, Assassin bug. h, Ebony jewelwing. i, Velvet ant. j, Monarch caterpillar. k, Monarch butterfly. l, Eastern Hercules beetle. m, Bombardier beetle. n, Dung beetle. o, Spotted water beetle. p, True katydid. q, Spiny-back spider. r, Periodical cicada. s, Scorpionfly. t, Jumping spider.

2002, Aug. 2 Litho. Perf. 13½  
808 A212 23c Sheet of 20, #a-t 9.25 9.25

#### Classic Cars Type of 2001

No. 809: a, 1934 Hotchkiss. b, 1909 De Dion Bouton. c, 1922 Renault. d, 1927 Amilcar Surbaissée. e, 1943 Austin. f, 1913 Peugeot Bebe. g, 1927 O.M. Type 665 Superba. h, 1922 Elzalde Tipo 20C.

2002, Aug. 15  
809 A195 80c Block of 8, #a-h 13.00 13.00

#### Queen Mother Type of 2000 Redrawn

No. 810: a, As child. b, As young wife. c, As Queen. d, As Queen Mother.

2002, Aug. 30  
810 A174 80c Block of 4, #a-d 6.50 6.50  
Queen Mother Elizabeth (1900-2002).

#### Souvenir Sheet



Regal Princess — A213

2002, Sept. 10 Perf. 13½x13½  
811 A213 80c multi 1.60 1.60



World War I Heroes — A214

No. 812: a, Adm. William S. Sims. b, Gen. William E. Mitchell. c, Cpl. Freddie Stowers. d, Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler. e, Capt. Edward

V. Rickenbacker. f, Sgt. Alvin C. York. g, Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune. h, Gen. John J. Pershing.  
Illustration reduced.

2002, Sept. 23 Perf. 13½  
812 A214 80c Block of 8, #a-h 13.00 13.00

#### MAURITIUS



Cicadas — A202

Designs: 1r, Abricta brunnea. 6r, Fractuosella darwini. 7r, Distantada thomaseti. 8r, Dinarobia claudaeae.

#### Wmk. 373

2002, June 12 Litho. Perf. 13½  
952-955 A202 Set of 4 1.50 1.50  
955a Souvenir sheet, #952-955 1.50 1.50



Maps of the Southwest Indian Ocean — A203

Maps by: 1r, Alberto Cantino, 1502. 3r, Jorge Reinel, 1520. 4r, Diogo Ribeiro, 1529. 10r, Gerard Mercator, 1569.

2002, Sept. 18  
956-959 A203 Set of 4 1.25 1.25

#### MAYOTTE



2002 Census — A58

2002, July 29 Litho. Perf. 13½x13  
179 A58 46c multi .90 .90

#### MONACO

100 Cents = 1 Euro (€)



Flora & Fauna A814

Designs: 1c, Arctia caja, vert. 2c, Luria lurida. 5c, Thunbergia grandiflora, vert. 10c, Parus major. 20c, Anthias anthias. 50c, Charaxes jasius, vert. €1, Mitra zonata. €2, Datura sanguinea, vert. €5, Parus cristatus, vert. €10, Macroamphopus scolopax.

2002, Jan. 1 Engr. Perf. 13½  
2225 A814 1c multi .20 .20  
2226 A814 2c multi .20 .20  
2227 A814 5c multi .20 .20  
2228 A814 10c multi .20 .20  
2229 A814 20c multi .35 .35  
2230 A814 50c multi .85 .85  
2231 A814 €1 multi 1.75 .85

2232 A814 €2 multi 3.50 1.75  
2233 A814 €5 multi 8.75 4.25  
2234 A814 €10 multi 17.50 8.75  
Nos. 2225-2234 (10) 33.50 17.05



Palace of Monaco A815

Designs: 41c, Gallery of Mirrors, vert. 46c, Throne room. 58c, Painting in Gallery of Mirrors.

2002, Jan. 1 Photo.  
2235-2237 A815 Set of 3 2.50 1.25



26th Intl. Circus Festival — A816

2002, Jan. 1  
2238 A816 41c multi .70 .35



35th Intl. Flower Show A817

2002, Jan. 1  
2239 A817 53c multi .95 .45

#### Souvenir Sheet



Automobile Club of Monaco, Cent. — A818

No. 2240: a, Old and new cars, emblem of 70th Monte Carlo Rally. b, Racing cars in 3rd Historic Grand Prix and 60th Grand Prix races.

2002, Jan. 16 Perf. 13½x13  
2240 A818 Sheet of 2 4.00 2.00  
a. €1.07 multi 1.90 .95  
b. €1.22 multi 2.10 1.00



Prehistoric Anthropology Museum, Cent. — A819

2002, Feb. 8 Perf. 13½  
2241 A819 64c multi 1.10 .55



Figure 8. The 1963 stamp issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of formal postal service in Canada.



Figure 9. A new stamp marking the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's coronation will be released in 2003. The similar 48¢ stamp shown here, Scott 1932, was issued Jan. 2, 2002, to mark the 50th anniversary of the queen's reign.

Figure 10. The first in Canada's Religious Diversity series was a 46¢ issue from 1999 (Scott 1786) that marked the 300th anniversary of the Baisakhi, a religious holiday of the Sikhs. A new stamp scheduled for release July 21 will mark the Lutheran World Federation.



Library of Canada. These stamps will feature some of Canada's most famous authors.

In addition to the proposed program for 2003, it is likely that, as in past years, one or two late issues will find their way into post offices. In addition, Canada Post has yet to announce its special envelopes for 2003. Normally there are two or three each year.

A preliminary schedule of Canada's stamp issues for 2003 appears in this issue of Scott Stamp Monthly on page 67.