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Birds in Winter Nest on Postage

New U.S. Postal Service Stamps to be Dedicated in Vermont

What: The U.S. Postal Service celebrates four of winter's winged beauties with the Birds in Winter Forever stamps. The stamps feature the black-capped chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), the northern cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), the blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) and the red-bellied woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*).

Share the news on social media using the hashtag, #BirdsinWinterStamps.

When: Saturday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Where: [Vermont Institute of Natural Science](http://www.vermontinstituteofnaturalscience.org)
149 Natures Way
Quechee, VT 05059

All guests must RSVP online at usps.com/birdsinwinter to attend the ceremony.

Background: The stamp art features four striking designs that highlight the handsome plumage of these resident birds. The vivid contrast with the bright flashes of color found in the digital rendering of each bird evokes the drab feeling of winter with the stark white backgrounds. A limited palette and simplified shapes give

the art a bold, fresh look.

In the dead of winter, when trees have shed their leaves and snow has blanketed the ground, the lively sights and sounds of resident birds can be a welcome relief. For serious birders or casual nature lovers alike, spotting these beautiful creatures in backyards, parks, and forests is a treat during the year's coldest months.

Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps with original artwork by Nadia Taylor.

The Birds in Winter stamps are being issued as Forever stamps in booklets of 20. These Forever stamps will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce price.

All postage stamps are available for purchase at Post Office locations, online at usps.com and by toll-free phone order at 1-800 STAMP-24.

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