

## GOLDEN EAGLE - UNIVERSAL MAIL STAMP

In the September 2019 edition of Flight (Vol 34 No 1), I wrote about the Universal Mail (UM) stamps which feature birds and wildlife. On a recent visit to Scotland, I was able to buy a strip of five of the "Animals of Scotland" UM Stamps. From St Andrews I dispatched the colourful postcard below, with a Golden Eagle Stamp attached. I am fortunate in that I have a very understanding sister who lives in Germany; who tolerates my periodic consignments of UM postcards to her address. Eventually, these postcards wend their way back to me.

I saw neither Puffins nor Golden Eagles in St Andrews but nonetheless I did not want to miss the opportunity of using the UM Stamps. I am still awaiting the arrival at my sister's the Puffin Postcard with the Puffin stamp attached. As previously reported, the UM postcards do take a little longer to arrive at their destination, but arrive they usually do. Unfortunately, the machine at the sorting office was clearly operating rather too quickly for my postcard to receive the perfect Slogan Postmark, in this case supporting "Action for Children", the organisation that protects and supports children and young people.

As I am hoping to move to Scotland shortly, I expect to be able to send some more wildlife postcards with the golden eagle or puffin stamp on them.

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