

“Birdpex 9” Philatelic Exhibition

Gmunden, Austria 26-28 August 2022

Introduction

There is a philatelic exhibition taking place in Gmunden, Austria between 26-28 August 2022, which will be dedicated to bird stamps and association philatelic material (postal history, postcards etc).

Known as Birdpex, this bird-themed exhibition has historically taken place every four years, effective from 1990, when New Zealand hosted the first Birdpex. Thereafter the following countries have hosted the exhibition: Germany (1994), Great Britain (1998), the Netherlands (2002), Denmark (2006), Belgium (2010), France (2014) and Luxembourg (2018). Gmunden, Austria will be the ninth manifestation of this event.

Information on the exhibition can be found on the website: <https://birdpex.com/blog/>.

The Birdpex 9 exhibition will be part of the broader “Phila” Toscana ‘22 philatelic exhibition, hosted by Austria in Gmunden.

Birdpex 9 Special stamps

There are apparently some special stamp issues that will commemorate the Birdpex 9 exhibition. Starting with Austria:



Image source: <https://birdpex.com/blog/>

This is a sheetlet of three “personalised” stamps, which are issued by Austria Post. The three birds shown are a Bullfinch, Blue Tit and Goldfinch. I don’t have any information on the artist, but all three images look resemble watercolour paintings and are rather striking against the bold backgrounds. The Blue Tit stamp is also available on a postcard:



Image source: <https://birdpex.com/blog/>

There is also a second sheetlet, featuring photographic images of three woodpeckers:



Image source: <https://www.bmsv-gmunden.at/>

There is also scheduled to be an official Austria Post stamp issue, this time featuring a Mute Swan:



Image source: <https://www.bmsv-gmunden.at/>

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According to the Phila Toscana 22 website, there will also be a sheetlet from Liechtenstein Post, featuring three birds, which look to have been painted in watercolour. There is currently no information on the Liechtenstein Post website confirming this issue.



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