

## Cartoon Bird Stamps - B

### Big Bird [Sesame Street]

#### The Stamps

United States of America 2019



Image source : <https://store.usps.com/>

Sheetlet issued to commemorate 50 years of Sesame Street

United States of America 1999



Image source: <https://www.allaboutstamps.co.uk>

## The Character

### Key Facts<sup>1</sup>:

- Big Bird is one of the main characters of the television show "Sesame Street" which debuted in 1969.
- Puppeteer Jim Henson was the creator of Big Bird.
- The actor and puppeteer Carroll Spinney developed the character and mannerisms of Big Bird during his tenure in the role, which lasted until 2018 when he retired.
- Big Bird was added to the Hollywood walk of fame in 1994.
- From 1971, Big Bird's best friend was a woolly mammoth like the character called Snuffleupagus.
- There are fifteen other characters in the show as illustrated in the stamp sheet issued by the US Postal Service (USPS) in 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Big-Bird>. Other sources also consulted to corroborate content above.

## Other Big Bird Stamps

### Cayman Islands 2000



Image source : [https://muppet.fandom.com/wiki/Postage\\_stamps](https://muppet.fandom.com/wiki/Postage_stamps)

Issued on 15 March 2000, one of two stamps celebrating Sesame Street.

### Fiji 2000



Image source : [https://muppet.fandom.com/wiki/Postage\\_stamps](https://muppet.fandom.com/wiki/Postage_stamps)

Issued on 20 April 2000, one of a set of nine individual stamps featuring the characters from Sesame Street.

### Samoa 2000



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Souvenir sheet issued on 22 March 2000, alongside a se-tenant sheetlet of nine 90c stamps, one of which featured Big Bird.

## Interested in Collecting Large Birds on Stamps?

There are a number of postal authorities which have issued stamps centring on large and flightless birds, including those that feature the emu and ostriches. Here are a few:

### Australia 1942



The emu.

### Cuba 1984



Emu stamp, Ausipex International Stamp Exhibition in Melbourne, 1984.

### Niue 1986



From a set of eight stamps issued for the Adelaide "Stampex" in 1986.

**Kenya 1988**



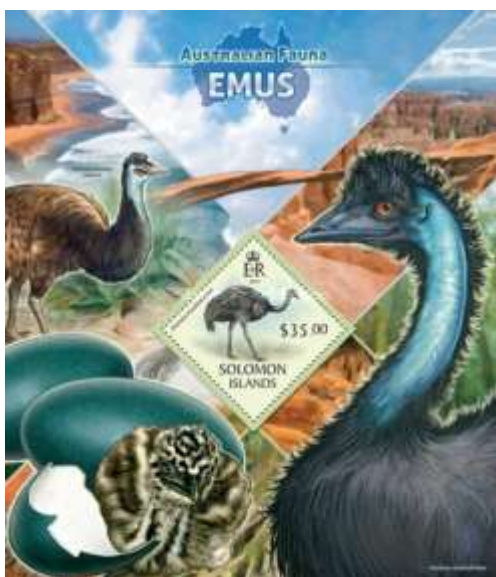
The 200th Anniversary of Australian Settlement and 1988 World Expo in Brisbane. The stamp features both an emu and an ostrich.

**Yugoslavia 2000**



Olympic Games 2000, one of four stamps featuring an outline of fauna of Australia.

**Solomon Islands 2013**



Australian fauna - emus.



**United Nations (Vienna) 2017**



Melbourne 2017 Stamp Exhibition.

**Botswana 1982**



Ostriches, from a set of 18 definitive stamps featuring birds.

**Burkina Faso 1998**



An ostrich, from a set of five stamps on protected species.

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