

## Cartoon Bird Stamps - C

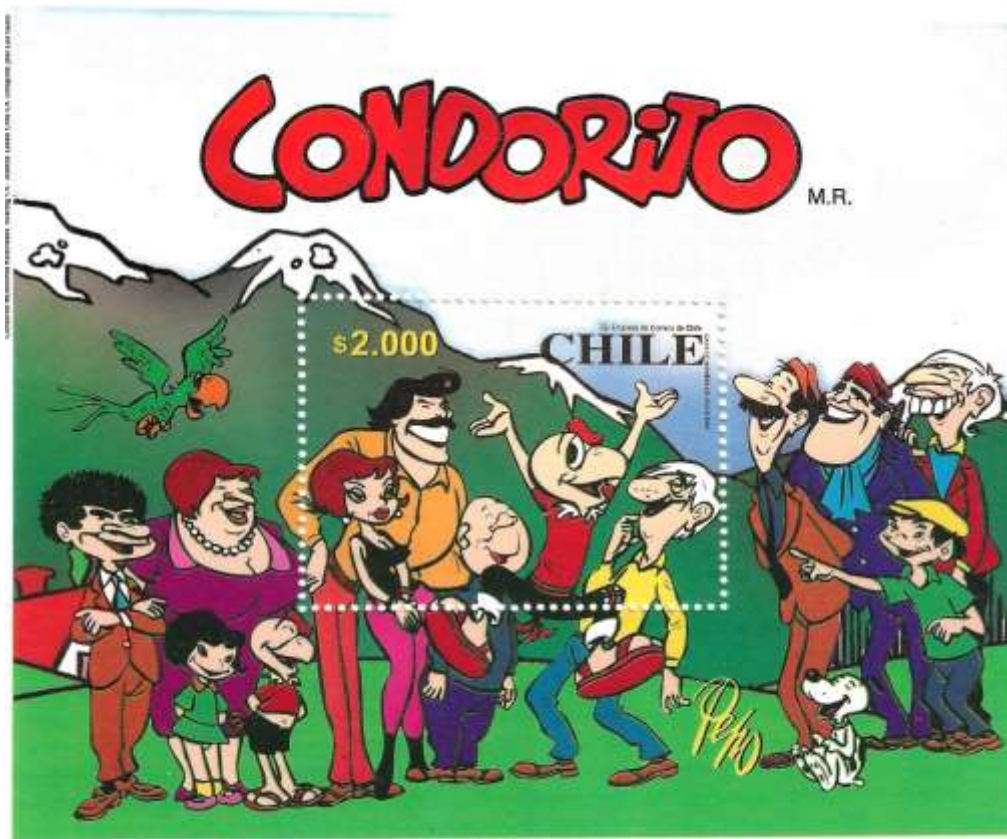
### Condorito the Condor

#### *The Main Stamp*

In March 2000, the Chilean postal authority issued a set of four stamps and a sheetlet with one stamp dedicated to the Latin American hero, Condorito, the Condor.

Condorito is a comic-book and comic-strip character based on the Condor, a bird which is an important symbol for many of the countries in South America. For example, the Andean Condor is the national bird of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador.

Chile (2000)



*Image source: author's collection and Casa de Moneda de Chile*

René Rios Boettiger was responsible for the design of the cartoons that are the basis of the stamps in this set (see below). The Chilean postal authority issued: 3 million of the \$150 stamp (Condorito celebrating the Millennium); 300,000 of the \$260 value

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(Condorito as a football player); 300,000 of the \$480 stamp (Condorito as a Firefighter); and 100,000 of the \$980 value (Condorito on horseback).<sup>1</sup>



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## The Characters

### Key Facts<sup>2</sup>

- Condorito came to life on 6 August 1949, in the first issue of Okey magazine in Chile.
- Cartoonist René Ríos, better known as Pepo, created the character of Condorito.
- Condorito lives in the fictional town of Pelotillehue.
- Condorito's nephew is called Coné, with whom he shares a number of adventures. Condorito also has a very clever (human) niece, Yuyito.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://colnect.com>

<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://condorito.fandom.com/wiki/Condorito\\_\(character\)](https://condorito.fandom.com/wiki/Condorito_(character)) and <https://comicvine.gamespot.com/condorito/4050-28218/characters/>

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- Other characters in the comic strip include human friends Don Chuma, the none too bright Ugenio, the hard-boiled Huevodoro, and Garganta de Lata, who likes a drink or two.
- Condorito has two pets: the dog Washington; and the rather vocal parrot Matias.
- Condorito's eternal girlfriend and life-partner is Yayita.
- Condorito's main rival is Pepe Cortisona.
- Condorito's father-in-law is Don Cuasimodo, who loves to spend money and doesn't like Condorito. Condorito's mother-in-law is Doña Tremebunda Vinagre and like her husband, she does not think that Condorito is a worthy suitor for her daughter.
- In 2018, Condorito appeared in an animated film, "Condorito- la película" in which Condorito seeks to win the love of Yayita by saving his mother-in-law from invading evil aliens.

### Example of the Condorito Comic



Image source: <https://1.bp.blogspot.com>

## Interested in Collecting Condor Stamps?

If you would like to collect Condors on stamps there are a quite a few to choose from. It is appropriate that we start with stamps from Chile, which illustrate the Andean Condor, the inspiration for Condorito:

### Chile (2018)



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com/>

This block of six magnificent stamps illustrates the Andean Condor, national symbol of Chile, from the 2018 Philatelic Exposition (EXFIL) that took place in Chile.

### Mexico (2009)



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com>

This stamp forms a set of one concerned with fauna in danger of extinction. The stamp features the California Condor, a critically endangered species.

United Nations (2022)



Endangered Species  
Espèces menacées d'extinction  
Gefährdete Arten ↗ 2022

 First day cover of the United Nations Postal Administration

Image source: author's collection and the United Nations Postal Administration

This stamp, illustrating the Andean Condor, is on a First day Cover issued by the United Nations. The stamp is part of the annual and long running "Endangered Species" series.

Spain (1985)



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com>

In this Spanish stamp, the Andean Condor is used as a symbol which unites the countries of Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia and Bolivia all of which were signatories to the Andean Pact: the stamp celebrates the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this economic agreement.

**Argentina (1960)**



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com>

This stamp from Argentina illustrating the Condor also includes a 10c surcharge, which was used to help fund children's charities.

**United States (1971)**



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com>

This is not a postage stamp, but a wildlife conservation stamp used to raise income for conservation projects. The stamp illustrates the endangered California Condor.

**United States (1996)**



Image source: <https://www.hipstamp.com>

This stamp showing a close-up of the California Condor is a stamp issued by the United States Postal service and can be used for daily postage.

**Maldives (2019)**



Image source: <https://www.stamperija.eu/product/condors>

This impressive sheetlet from the Maldives features both the Andean Condor (top row) and the California Condor (bottom row).

**Comoros (1976)**



Image source: <https://colnect.com>

This stamp, illustrating the Andean Condor, is a single stamp set dedicated to wildlife facing extinction.