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The mission of the Illinois Audubon Society is to promote the perpetuation and appreciation of native plants and animals and the habitats that support them. Independent from National Audubon, the Illinois Audubon Society is a privately supported, not-for-profit, statewide organization.

Illinois Audubon Society was founded in 1897 and is Illinois' oldest non-profit conservation organization with over 2100 members, 20 chapters and 11 affiliate groups. IAS currently owns and manages 12 sanctuaries (1357.5 acres) for wildlife, and as a land trust, IAS has added an additional 2000 acres which are now being protected and managed for habitat and biodiversity throughout Illinois.

The "Stamps for Wildlife Habitat" project has earned over \$35,000 since it began in 1984.

Please help us make a difference in protecting our environment for future generations.

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**ILLINOIS
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Helping Preserve Illinois Flora and Fauna Since 1897



**Stamps for
 Wildlife
 Habitat**



The donation of special valuable collections can be a tax benefit in accordance with IRS regulations.

Stamps for Wildlife Habitat

Saving Stamps
helps IAS
protect habitat
for wildlife in
Illinois

The Illinois Audubon Society (IAS) collects, sorts and sells stamps to raise funds for land acquisition to protect habitat in Illinois. With your help **Stamps for Wildlife Habitat** can help raise thousands of dollars each year.

Why Participate?

Illinois has already lost 90% of its original wetlands and nearly 100% of its original prairie. Working together, we can protect and enjoy our state's wildlife and the habitats that support them.

Saving habitat for wildlife is a special concern of IAS because Illinois holds a key position for survival of certain species.

Who Can Participate?

Everyone! Buy commemorative stamps for all your correspondence. Encourage your friends and family to buy commemoratives as well. These stamps are the same price as common (definitive) stamps and will add a distinctive flare to all of your correspondence.

Do you know of a school district, business, scout troop, garden club or any group that would collect stamps for you? Your efforts will have a great impact on the success of this project.

What Stamps Should Be Saved?

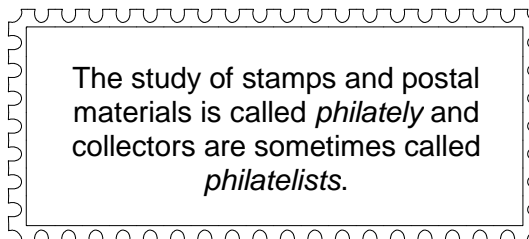
- canceled commemoratives
- airmail stamps
- express mail stamps
- foreign stamps
- duck stamps
- state conservation stamps
- high denomination definitives
- picture postcards (new or used)
- unused stamps, no matter how old
- stamp collections (complete or incomplete)

How Should Postage Stamps be Saved?

Using scissors, cut that part of the envelope where the stamp was affixed allowing approximately 1/4" to 1/8" of paper around the stamp. Sometimes the top and right margins where the stamp was placed will be smaller. NEVER try to remove the stamp from the envelope as this damages the stamp and destroys its value. ***When in doubt -- send us the entire envelope.***

Call 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724) and request a free Philatelic Catalog.

It's easy to get stamps by mail.



For more information go to
www.illinoisaudubon.org

A Quick Guide to Collecting Stamps for "Stamps for Wildlife Habitat"

Definitives are the most common. They are usually less than an inch square and are printed in large quantities, often more than once. They are not worth collecting unless they were issued prior to 1940, or they are of larger denominations of at least \$1.00.

Commemorative stamps are the backbone of the project. Commemoratives include special subjects such as people, events, or subjects of importance to American life and culture. They are larger in size and more colorful than the definitives, are printed in smaller quantities and typically only once.

Picture Postcards new and used, are highly collectable (especially foreign countries). Postcards are one of the top collectibles world-wide, competing with coins and stamps. Please save the entire postcard.

Commemoratives are available at your local post office or on-line at <http://shop.usps.com>.



Example of Definitive



Example of Commemorative