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Pabay philatelic news



Actual size 40 x 60mm

A new stamp and First Day Cover will be issued on 2nd June 2005 to record the launch of an exciting new book 'Skye Birds by R.L.McMillan. The stamp shows a Gannet diving for fish and was taken by Rob Day at Elgol, Isle of Skye in August 2004. Camera was a Canon 10D with a 70-200 lens and 1/2000 sec exposure.

Stamp printed on dry gummed paper, pin hole perforated in blocks of 9.

Stamp PS225 £2.00 plus P&P £1.00 UK and Europe. £2.00 all other destinations

First Day Cover PC085 £5.00 plus P&P £1.50 UK and Europe. £3.00 all other destinations

Stamps and FDC obtainable from:

Stamp Sales, Isle of Pabay, Broadford Isle of Skye IV49 9BP

Copies of the book can be obtained at local outlets at £11.99 or by mail order (£14.00 including P&P) from the author at:

Bob McMillan, 11 Elgol, Broadford, Isle of Skye IV49 9BL

SKYE BIRDS a summary.

This is the first publication dedicated exclusively to the birds of Skye. Although the importance of the island group for Golden Eagles, and more recently White-tailed Eagles, is well recognised, the fact that Skye supports a wide diversity of bird life has largely gone unnoticed. A total of 238 different species have been recorded in Skye, and 14 of these species, 'red' listed as of high conservation concern, currently breed on the island. Based on reports which have been collected over the last 125 years, the publication analyses all of these records and provides a systematic list of species, their status and distribution. There are additional chapters on habitats, conservation issues, and historical figures such as the Rev. Hugh Macpherson of Glendale, and Seton Gordon, who in different ways, were extremely influential in the development of knowledge of the area. A chapter is also dedicated to identifying areas of special interest to birdwatchers, and this should be extremely valuable to visitors and locals alike.

Skye Birds is written and compiled by Bob McMillan who lives in Elgol. There are 184 pages, 8 of which are in full colour. The text contains etchings and line drawings by Jean Thomas of the Little Gallery, Portnalong. Many of the photographs have been provided by local photographers. The book has been printed by Strath Print, Broadford, and is published by the local bird web site, skye-birds.com.

There will be an official book launch at the Aros Centre, Portree, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 2nd June, 2005, and at 7.45 p.m. in the Community Hall, Elgol, on Friday 3rd June, 2005. Everyone is welcome to these events and Bob McMillan will give an illustrated talk on the publication.

OTHER NEWS

We have been advised that the Island of Sanda will not be issuing any new stamps this year.

Isle of Pabay. May 2005