

GLEN LOATES' 1968-69 BIRD VARIANTS



On February 15, 1968 the first stamp of an attractive birds series was issued by Canada Post depicting the 5 Cent Gray Jay. This stamp was designed by naturalist Martin Glen Loates of Toronto. He also designed the 6 cent White Throated Sparrow, 10 Cent Ipswich Sparrow and the 25 Cent Hermit Thrush Sparrow issued on July 23 1969. The Canadian Bank Note Company printed all four denominations in panes of fifty which had marginal inscriptions in all four corners via lithography.

This exhibit looks at constant plate flaws in each of the four issues and touches on color shifts and color differentials due the lithography process. Examples provided will be in the format of mint singles and multiples as well as representatives on cover.

