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Sibley Backyard Birding Postcards: 100 Postcards



Synopsis

This handsome box set of 100 postcards features original watercolor illustrations from David Sibley, America's leading ornithologist. Culled from The Sibley Field Guide to Birds, each bird is lovingly rendered in watercolors by David Sibley and chosen with their individual beauty and prominence in the country (with special focus on backyard birds) in mind. Housed in an elegant keepsake box, these postcards are ideal for mailing to friends and family, framed and used as décor, or attached to presents as unique gift tags.

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Customer Reviews

I bought these to send through Postcrossing and they are so flimsy I'm not sure they'll survive an international mail journey. They're about as heavy as the cover of a fashion magazine. I have several other boxed sets of 100 postcards including Vintage DC Comics, James Bond 50th Anniversary, Vintage Vanity Fair Covers, The Art of Instruction, Greetings from the Ocean's Sweaty Face, The Onion, and Classic Ladybird Covers. All of those sets come in the same sized box as the Sibley Backyard Birding Postcards... But - and here's where the publishers have added insult to injury - there is a false back inside the Sibley box which takes up about an inch of space. I presume this is so that when the box sits on a shelf with other 100-postcard boxed sets, it looks just as substantial. But these cards are so thin (think construction paper and not postcard) that they take up significantly less space when you stack them. So, that's an inch of *quality* these postcards lack and an inch they're trying to fool you into believing is actually there. I am disgusted by these

postcards and by this deceptive tactic. It might be ok if they cost significantly less than the other sets but they don't. The illustrations are lovely and if you're looking to frame little illustrations, they might work for you. I don't recommend these if you want to actually mail them.

Like the previous poster, I, too, have been waiting months for these cards to be available. They arrived yesterday and I was horribly disappointed when I felt how thin the cardstock was. The drawings are beautiful. The cards alternate between a pale blue and pale green background, with the male and female of each species on the front. I was hoping these cards would be like a Sibley's daily calendar I had, which had each bird and facts about it printed on the front, but these cards show simply the name of the bird and the drawings (which are very nice in their own right, and which more people might prefer). I'm giving this 3 stars because the cards are beautiful enough to frame or keep in my own postcard album, which I had planned to do with some anyway, and the box is nice. But definitely disappointed with how thin the cards are, and doubt how well they'll hold up in the mail. If I had bought these specifically to mail, I would have given only 2 stars.*****Edited to add*****Since writing my original review, I have mailed a few of these cards from the US to Germany, Australia, and within the US. All of the recipients have reported that the cards arrived undamaged just fine. I still stand by my assertion that the cardstock is WAY too thin, but if you're dying to have this set, they apparently do hold up to mailing.

I have been looking forward to the release date of these postcards for months now. The images are beautifully rendered, the color choices for the borders are very nice, and of course the box the set arrives in is a great touch. However, the themselves cards are printed on very thin card stock. The edges of the cards are curling up a bit and they do not feel sturdy enough to survive being sent through the postal system. Very disappointing and I do not recommend this set.

I was excited to find this boxed set but when it arrived I realized the quality was not nearly as good as other boxed sets of 100 cards. The card stock of other sets is almost twice as thick and sturdy as these are. These also show noticeable bowing of the stock, and the box has a false bottom riser almost an inch tall to make up for the cheap, thin card stock. (OK, it's 15/16ths of an inch...) It's really too bad because I think a lot of people would like these bird postcards.

I don't understand the reviews from other people. No, the postcard isn't thick card stock but it is acceptable for a postcard. I have purchased many postcards in stores or elsewhere that have this

thickness. I have sent quite a few of these postcards both domestic and internationally and they have arrived well. I bought these because I own a Sibley Field Guide and have always been amazed by the drawings. The images on the postcards are plucked right out of the books and the printing is great (so there is no loss in clarity and beauty). I think that these postcards are so lovely that I have considered buying an extra box and using them to make a wall piece. I am deducting one star for them not being as thick as postcards from other postcard boxes I have purchased.

I was skeptical before ordering these after reading the reviews. However, I ordered them anyway. I am glad I did! These are beautiful! To me, the paper quality is amazing and you get 100 of these! I purchased them, knowing that I would not only decorate with them, but also use them for mailing personal notes to family and friends. The box they come in is very nice as well, and I have already found a spot to place even the box with the postcards inside as a decorator piece. I placed this box of postcards (with the pretty birds on the outside of the box) on a small, tall table and placed a small vase of flowers on top. It makes me ready for Spring! Thank you, and I highly recommend.

Yes, the cards are lighter than a usual postcard. But, I have sent several of these to people around the globe, and all have arrived just fine. Bird lovers really like the cards. I haven't heard of any cards arriving damaged. Even a regular postcard can get messed up by the post office!

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