Summary

Waterlilies are one of the oldest aquatic plants on earth; scientists believing the waterlily family evolved between 125 million and 115 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth!

Thanks to the studies of botanists, today we know there are at least 70 species of waterlilies, world wide, and they come in all shapes, sizes and colours. In fact, flowers in the water-lily family have more colours than any other family of flowers. Their colours include yellow, red, pink, orange, blue, violet, white and even black.

Interestingly the White Waterlily is found on more 'waterlily stamps' than any other kind of waterlily.

We've learned a little about the discovery and taxonomy of waterlilies. We've briefly looked at 2 waterlily species - the well recognized White Waterlily and the behemoth Giant Waterlily.

But, we've only touched the tip of the proverbial iceberg when it comes to looking at waterlilies on stamps. So get out your magnifying glass and take a closer look at this interesting topical group... and the waterlilies in your local ponds and streams.

April 13, 2011. Singapore. 1 of a 10 stamp series on Pond Life. The stamp is a 1st Local and has no face value. Ist Locals are used to post items up to 20 grams *within Singapore*. 2nd Local stamps are used for items up to 40 grams.

September 12, 2005, Ukraine. Part of a 10 stamp definitive issue.

This 4 stamp block was cancelled the first day of issue with a waterlily themed cancel.

Waterlily cancels can be found on postal items as seen in the Russian Maxicard below and the Ukrainian 4-stamp-block to the right.

April 30, 1984. Romania. I of a 6 stamp series on "Flowers of the Danube Delta".

This waterlily cancel celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the University Botanical Gardens.