



SAMOA'S FIRST  
SELF ADHESIVE  
STAMP ISSUE

## COLLECTORS BULLETIN

# Butterflies

Samoa Communications Limited is proud to release its first self-adhesive stamp issue featuring some of the beautiful butterflies of Samoa. The country has 21 species of butterflies, all of which are shared with other islands except for two, which are endemic to the Samoan Group.

**70s *Vagrans egista*** These butterflies have a wingspan of about 5 cms. and are found across Southeast Asia, from India to the Solomons, including the tropical northeast coast of Australia and western Pacific.



**\$1.20 *Jamides bochus*** - from the Lycaenidae family, this widespread but small genus of butterflies is found in Sri Lanka, India, Taiwan, SE Asia to New Guinea and Australia, and Fiji and Tonga in the Pacific.

**\$1.40 *Papilio godeffroyi*** – endemic to Samoa, this butterfly is known as the Swallowtail. Little has been



documented about this species.

**\$2.00 *Acraea andromacha***- known as Glasswing because of its transparent wings. It has a slow graceful gliding flight, which is typical for poisonous species of butterflies, which gives predatory birds sufficient time for recognition. It

prefers tropical and subtropical humid forest and woodland habitat.

**\$3.00 *Eurema hecabe*** – this well known species is found from India to Japan, and from South East Asia through the Pacific. It is characterised by its erratic flight close to the ground and distinctive colouration.

The stamps are available as singles and strips and as singles on First Day Cover from the Samoa Post Bureau or its appointed worldwide agents.



### Collectors Notes:

Designer: Donna McKenna, Wellington, New Zealand  
 Printer: Cartor Security Printers, La Loupe, France  
 Process: Offset Lithography  
 Perforation Gauge: Simulated perforations. All Butterfly shapes individually perforated and stamps also perforated into singles  
 Stamp Size: 5 self adhesive, die-cut stamps 45mm x 55mm horizontal  
 Denominations: 70s, \$1.20, \$1.40, \$2.00 and \$3.00  
 Paper: 203 gsm self adhesive paper  
 Period of Sale: 14 December, 2001 for a period of 2yrs.  
 (Please note the denominations are not those on the images but are those shown in the collectors notes).

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