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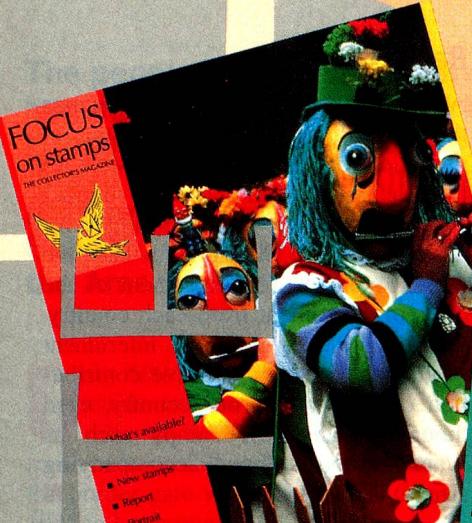
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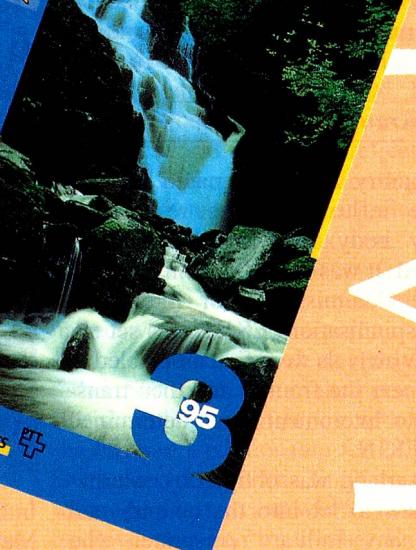
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Kalmo trout farm  
since the last century, seven  
out of fifty fish species have  
become extinct in Switzerland.  
The "parr" (young trout) has  
not lost the most  
changes made to the  
of rivers, as well as  
that proved  
but also  
rainbow  
competition  
from Europe

1885  
The river trout's characteristic  
features are the red spots  
with light edges, which  
can be up to 50 centimetres. It lives  
near, oxygen-rich mountain  
streams and lakes up to an  
altitude of 2500 metres.  
It can survive by the side of  
the fish with a  
for its prey.

It reproduces in winter; the  
female lays 2000 eggs per  
kilogramme of body weight.

The charming grey wagtail,  
with its bright yellow breast  
and long tail, likes fast-flowing  
mountain streams.  
This bird is most  
cunning, too, in its  
prey – providing  
it with a rock or an over-  
hanging branch. Then  
it goes into action,  
like a snake, with

to 45 wagtails  
about, suddenly seizing  
flies and dragonflies in  
its beak.

Photo: R. Zbinden, D. Seppen

Helvetia 80.-fr



## Spotted salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*)

The spotted salamander was  
first described in 1758 as the  
laertes salamander, or sal-  
amander. However,

salamanders are amphibians,  
which live in water and land.  
Depending on the water  
they have a round tail and a  
moist, shiny skin with dark  
spots on the ground. They  
grow to a length of 30 centi-  
metres, weigh up to 50 grams  
and live to the age of 15 years.  
Salamanders develop lungs  
and transfer to land after two  
to ten months. They usually  
choose a place year after year,  
in deep, moist holes in the  
ground and in caves.

The grey wagtail, with its  
strong black cap, often  
refuses to leave its territory  
for the whole year – providing  
it with a habitat that has not  
been destroyed.

Throughout the day, it bakes  
under cold stones or drinking  
troughs, becoming warm  
again when it is time to hunt.  
However, when it eats to fill its worms and  
snails, the salamander  
protects itself against bacteria  
and skin micro-organisms  
with its poisonous skin  
secretion.



Helvetia 100.-fr  
Pro Juventute 1995



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## Christmas issue

For the Christmas stamp, the  
artist chose an angel motif  
inspired by the picture "The  
Annunciation" by the Spanish  
Baroque painter Baroque

During the April mating season,  
the female takes a sperm case from the male,  
and the larvae hatch in  
the body one year before  
being released the following  
spring in streams as water-  
dwellers. After hatching, they  
depend on the water  
for protection. The spotted  
salamander develops lungs  
and transfers to land after two  
to ten months. They usually  
choose the same place year after year,  
in deep, moist holes in the  
ground and in caves.

Salamanders are  
uncommonly found, such as  
at alpine pastures from  
16.10.1995.

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Günther André Forster,  
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