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Following the definitive stamp series "Traditional Costumes - Accessories and Decorations" in 2020, which focused on traditional Austrian cultural heritage, Austrian Post AG is issuing new definitive stamps starting May 1, 2025. The 13 motifs are all about nature: native trees and shrubs are presented in colourful illustrations. Trees and shrubs make an enormous contribution to climate protection. Among other things, they produce oxygen, absorb harmful greenhouse gases, provide shade, and provide cooling. Forests are habitats for countless plants and animals and an important recreational area for people.

Designed by Liz Wurzinger, the stamps feature a bright, impressionistic depiction of trees and shrubs. The special postmark is designed in the shape of roots and connects to the respective trunk after cancellation. The stamps have face values from 5c to 4Eu65.

German name - Latin name - English name. - Description (ex Die Briefmarke)	The stamp
<p>Gemeiner Wacholder - Juniperus communis - Common Juniper Gin is made from juniper berries, and they are also used as a spice. Issued as RM50</p>	
<p>Feldahorn - Acer campestre - Hedge Maple. The field maple is undemanding and widespread in Austria. Issued as RM50</p>	
<p>Sommerlinde - Tilia platyphyllos - Broad or large-leaved Lime. Lime blossoms are used for tea, and the wood is good for carving. Issued as RM100 and RM2000</p>	
<p>Gewöhnliche Berberitze - Berberis vulgaris - Common Berberis or Barbery In autumn, the barberry has bright red leaves and fruits. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Kornelkirsche - Cornus mas - Dogwood or Cornelian Cherry The fruits, also called dirndls, are used for juices and schnapps. Issued as BMS25</p>	
<p>Waldkiefer - Pinus sylvestris - Scots Pine It is also called the red pine; the wood is used in construction and for furniture. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Gemeine Fichte - Picea abies - Norway or Common Spruce The spruce is the most common tree species in Austria; its wood has many uses. Issued as BMS50</p>	

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<p>Vogelbeere - Sorbus aucuparia - Rowan. The rowan tree, also known as mountain ash, owes its name to its bright red berries, which serve as food for many birds. Rowan berries are also edible by humans, but since they are not well tolerated raw they are usually processed into jams or schnapps. 1Eu25. Issued as BMS4.</p>	
<p>Zirbe - Pinus cembra - Swiss Stone Pine. The Swiss stone pine, also called Arolla pine or arolla pine, native to high mountain regions, is primarily known for its aromatic wood, which is used for carving or furniture. The cones are used to make Zirbenschnapps or a liqueur. 1Eu25. BMS50</p>	
<p>Schlehdorn - Prunus spinosa - Sloe or Blackthorn. Its lush blossoms are sought after by bees and other insects in spring. The fruit of the sloe is added to gin to make sloe gin. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Hängebirke - Betula pendula - Silver Birch. It is easily recognizable by its white bark and drooping branches. Issued as BMS50</p>	
<p>Schwarzer Holunder - Sambucus nigra - Common Elder. The flowers and fruits of the elderberry are used in cooking and as a medicinal plant. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Heidelbeere - Vaccinium myrtillus - Blueberry. The dark blue fruits of the blueberry bush are also delicious and very healthy, as they contain a lot of vitamin C, minerals, and other nutrients and are often referred to as a "superfood." 2Eu. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Gewöhnlicher Spindelstrauch - Euonymus europaeus - Spindle tree. The Spindle tree owes its name to the shape of its colourful fruits. Issued as BMS4</p>	
<p>Schwarzerle - Ainus glutinosa - Common or Black Alder. It grows primarily in floodplain forests and tolerates moisture very well. Issued as BMS25</p>	
<p>Purpurweide - Salix purpurea - Purple Willow or Purple Osier. It owes its name to its red branches and initially purple catkins. Issued as BMS4</p>	

These stamps are issued as multiples, unhelpfully for philatelists. Codes: RMxx = roll of xx; BMS xx = card of xx. Take care when ordering - the Sommerlinde also comes as a roll of 2000. The RMxx are self-adhesive stamps and can be ordered from the Philatelic bureau as a strip of 5. The white-background images are from Die Briefmarke; the coloured ones from scans of actual stamps.