

COLOMBIA

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LOCATION — On the northwest coast of South America, bordering on the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean
GOVT. — Republic
AREA — 456,535 sq. mi.
POP. — 39,309,422 (1999 est.)
CAPITAL — Bogotá

In 1810 the Spanish Viceroyalty of New Granada gained its independence and with Venezuela and Ecuador formed the State of Greater Colombia. In 1832 this state split into three independent units as Venezuela, Ecuador and the Republic of New Granada. The name of the country has been, successively, Granadine Confederation (1858-61), United States of New Granada (1861), United States of Colombia (1861-65), and the Republic of Colombia (1865 to date).

100 Centavos = 1 Peso

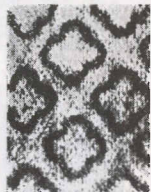
Catalogue values for unused stamps in this country are for Never Hinged items, beginning with Scott 594 in the regular postage section, Scott B1 in the semi-postal section, Scott C200 in the airport section, Scott CE1 in the airport special delivery section, Scott E2 in the special delivery section, and Scott RA33 in the postal tax section.

In the earlier days many towns did not have handstamps for canceling and stamps were canceled with pen and ink. Pen cancellations, therefore, do not indicate fiscal use. (Postage stamps were not used for revenue purposes.) Used values for Nos. 1-128 are for stamps with illegible manuscript cancels or handstamp cancels of Bogotá or Medellín. Stamps with legible manuscript or other handstamped town-name cancels sell for more.

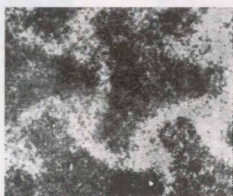
Fractions of many Colombian stamps of both early and late issues are found canceled, their use to pay postage having been tolerated even though forbidden by the postal laws and regulations. Many are known to have been made for philatelic purposes.

Watermarks

Wmk. 116 —
Crosses and
Circles

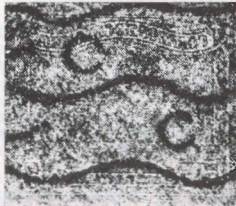


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Quatrefoils

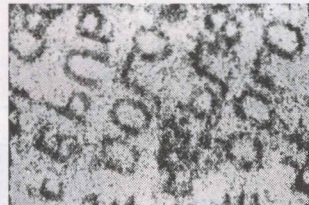


Wmk. 194 — Multiple Curvilinear
Triangles

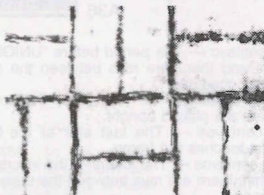
Wmk. 229 —
Wavy Lines



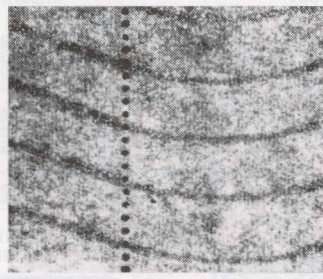
Wmk.
255 —
Wavy
Lines and
C Multiple



Wmk. 331 — REPUBLICA DE
COLOMBIA



Wmk. 334 — Rectangles



Wmk. 346 — Parallel Curved Lines

Stamps inscribed "Colombia" that show the Panama Canal area were used in Panama and can be found in Vol. 5.

Granadine Confederation



A1
Coat of
Arms

Type A1 — Asterisks in frame. Wavy lines in background.
 Type A2 — Diamond-shaped ornaments in frame. Straight lines in background. Numerals larger.

1859 Unwmk. Litho. Imperf. Wove Paper

1	A1	2 1/2c green	120.00	120.00
a.		2 1/2c yellow green	120.00	120.00
2	A1	5c blue	140.00	87.50
a.		Tête bêche pair	4,500.	7,250.
b.		"50" instead of "5"		7,500.
3	A1	5c violet	375.00	120.00
a.		Tête bêche pair	6,000.	15,000.
b.		"50" instead of "5"		15,000.
4	A1	10c red brown	140.00	80.00
a.		10c buff	140.00	80.00
6	A1	20c blue	120.00	67.50
a.		20c gray blue	120.00	67.50
b.		Se-tenant with 5c		
c.		Tête bêche pair	40,000.	32,500.

7	A1	1p carmine	72.50	120.00
a.		1p rose	110.00	150.00
8	A1	1p rose, bluish	350.00	

The 10c green is an essay.
 Reprints of No. 7 are in brown rose or brown red. Wavy lines of background are much broken; no dividing lines between stamps.

1860

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9	A2	5c lilac	325.00	210.00
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Wove Paper

10	A2	5c gray lilac	85.00	65.00
a.		5c lilac	85.00	65.00
11	A2	10c yellow buff	85.00	55.00
a.		Tête bêche pair	7,000.	7,000.
12	A2	20c blue	210.00	140.00

United States of New Granada



Arms of New
Granada — A3

1861

13	A3	2 1/2c black	1,450.	400.00
14	A3	5c yellow	350.00	175.00
a.		5c buff	350.00	175.00
16	A3	10c blue	1,250.	175.00
17	A3	20c red	500.00	475.00
18	A3	1p pink	1,250.	375.00

There are 54 varieties of the 5c, 20c, and 1 peso.
 Forgeries exist of Nos. 13-18.

United States of Colombia



Coat of Arms

A4 A5 A6

1862

19	A4	10c blue	250.00	125.00
20	A4	20c red	4,500.	725.00
21	A4	50c green	250.00	175.00
22	A4	1p red lilac	600.00	175.00
23	A4	1p red lil, bluish	5,500.	1,750.

No. 23 is on a thinner, coarser wove paper than Nos. 19-22.

1863

24	A5	5c orange	100.00	65.00
a.		Star after "Cent"	110.00	72.50
25	A5	10c blue	175.00	24.00
a.		Period after "10"	200.00	30.00
26	A5	20c red	225.00	75.00
a.		Star after "Cent"	250.00	82.50
b.		Transfer of 50c in stone of 20c	18,500	5,500.

Bluish Paper

28	A5	10c blue	175.00	32.50
a.		Period after "10"	190.00	35.00
29	A5	50c green	210.00	75.00
a.		Star after "Cent"	210.00	77.50

Ten varieties of each.

1864

Wove Paper

30	A6	5c orange	60.00	37.50
a.		Tête bêche pair	475.00	400.00
31	A6	10c blue	55.00	15.00
a.		Period after 10	55.00	15.00
32	A6	20c scarlet	100.00	55.00
33	A6	50c green	85.00	55.00
34	A6	1p red violet	350.00	175.00

Two varieties of each.



Arms of Colombia
A7 A9



A8

1865

35	A7	1c rose	10.00	10.00
a.		bluish pelure paper	30.00	21.00
36	A8	2 1/2c black, lilac	21.00	14.00
37	A9	5c yellow	47.50	20.00
a.		5c orange	47.50	20.00
38	A9	10c violet	67.50	4.50
39	A9	20c blue	67.50	20.00
40	A9	50c green	120.00	52.50
41	A9	50c grn (small figures)	120.00	52.50
42	A9	1p vermilion	125.00	18.00
a.		1p rose red	125.00	18.00
b.		Period after "PESO"	150.00	20.00

Ten varieties of each of the 5c, 10c, 20c, and 50c, and six varieties of the 1 peso. No. 36 was used as a carrier stamp.



A10 A11 A12



A13



A14



A15



A16

1866

White Wove Paper

45	A10	5c orange	72.50	27.50
46	A11	10c lilac	17.00	5.25
a.		Pelure paper	21.00	11.50
47	A12	20c light blue	42.50	21.00
a.		Pelure paper	67.50	52.50
48	A13	50c green	17.00	13.00
49	A14	1p rose red, bluish	92.50	32.50
a.		1p vermilion	92.50	32.50
51	A15	5p blk, green	500.00	210.00
52	A16	10p blk, vermilion	350.00	200.00

There are several varieties of the 1 peso having the letters "U," "N," "S" and "O" smaller.



A17



A18



A19



A20



A21

TEN CENTAVOS:

Type I — "B" of "COLOMBIA" over "V" of "CENTAVOS"

Type II — "B" of "COLOMBIA" over "VO" of "CENTAVOS."

ONE PESO:

Type I — Long thin spear heads. Diagonal lines in lower part of shield.

Type II — Short thick spear heads. Horizontal and a few diagonal lines in lower part of shield.

Type III — Short thick spear heads. Crossed lines in lower part of shield. Ornaments at each side of circle are broken. (See No. 97.)