Southern Rhodesia

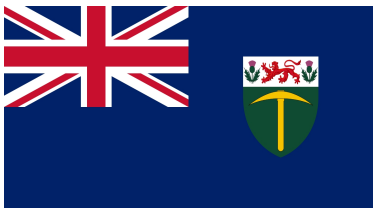


1923-1953/1963-1965

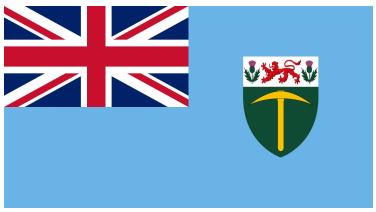
The Colony of Southern Rhodesia was a self-governing British Crown colony in southern Africa which was established in 1923 from British South Africa Company territories lying south of the Zambezi River. This southern portion, known for its extensive gold working, was first annexed by the BSAC's Pioneer Column on the strength of a Mineral Concession extracted from its Matabele overlord, Lo Bengula, and various mostly Mashona vassal chiefs in 1890, though parts of the territory were laid claim to by the Bechuana and Portugal; its first people, the Bushmen or 'Khoisan' had possessed it from the very beginning of prehistory and still inhabited parts of it.
Following the colony's unilateral dissolution in 1970 by the then government of Rhodesia, it was re-established in 1979 as the successor state of the Republic of Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and was the predecessor state of The Republic of Zimbabwe.
Its only true geographical borders are the Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers, its other boundaries being more or less arbitrary and merging imperceptibly with the peoples and domains of earlier chiefdoms from pre-colonial times.

The British colony was established de jure in 1923, having earlier been occupied, constructed and administered by the British South Africa Company and its sub-concessionaires who were mostly British subjects. In 1953, it was merged into the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, which lasted until 1963. Southern Rhodesia then remained a de jure British colony until 1980.
However, the government issued a Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) in 1965 and established Rhodesia, an unrecognised state. In 1979, it reconstituted itself under indigenous African rule as Zimbabwe Rhodesia, which also failed to win overseas recognition. After a period of interim British control until the Lancaster House Agreement in December 1979 it became Zimbabwe

1924-1964



1964-1968





Govenor
1923–1928 Sir John Robert Chancellor, 1959–1969 Sir Humphrey Gibbs, 1979–1980 Lord Soames
Prime Minister
1923–1927m Sir Charles Coghlan (first, 1964–1965 Ian Smith (last)

History

• BSAC administration	1890–1923
• Annexed by the UK	12 September 1923
• Responsible Government	1 October 1923
• Federation	1953–1963
• UDI	11 November 1965

Area
1904 372,518 km2 (143,830 sq mi)

Population
1904 605,764

Today part of Zimbabwe

Southern Rhodesia

King George V Definitive Issue
1st April 1924

1/2d
blue-green

sg 1 sacc 1

1d
bright rose

sg 2 sacc 2

1 1/2d
bistre-brown

sg 3 sacc 3

2d
black &
purple-grey

sg 4 sacc 4



sg 5 sacc 5

4d
black &
orange-red

sg 6 sacc 6

6d
black &
mauve

sg 7 sacc 7

8d
purple &
pale green

sg 8 sacc 8

10d
blue &
rose

sg 9 sacc 9

1s
black &
light blue

sg 10 sacc 10

1s 6d
black &
yellow

sg 11 sacc 11

2s
black &
brown

sg 12 sacc 12

2s 6d
blue &
sepia

sg 13 sacc 13

5s
blue &
blue-green

sg 14 sacc 14

Definitive Variations
1st April 1924

1/2d
myrtle-green

sg 1 var sacc 1 var

1d
scarlet-vermilion

sg 2 var sacc 2 var

1d
bright rose
perf 12 1/2

sg 2c sacc 2d

Southern Rhodesia

King George V Definitive Issue
1st April 1931

1/2d
green
p 12

sg 15 sacc 15

1d
scarlet
p 12

sg 16 sacc 16



sg 16d sacc 17

4d black &
vermillion
p 12

sg 19 sacc 20

6d black &
magenta
p 12

sg 20 sacc 21

8d violet &
olive-green
p 12

sg 21 sacc 22



sg 21b sacc 23

10d blue &
scarlet
p 12

sg 22 sacc 24

1s black &
greenish blue
p 12

sg 23 sacc 25

1s 6d black &
orange-yellow
p 12

sg 24 sacc 26

2s
black & brown
p 12

sg 25 sacc 27

2s 6d
blue & drab
p 12

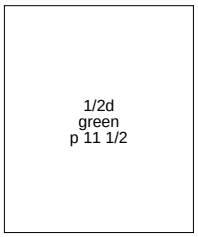
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5s blue &
blue-green
p 12

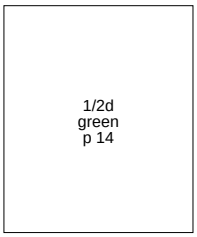
sg 27 sacc 29

Southern Rhodesia

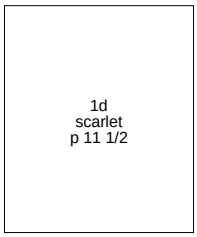
Definitive Variations
1st April 1931



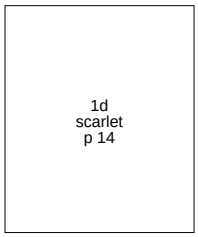
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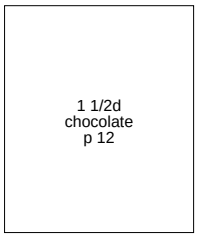
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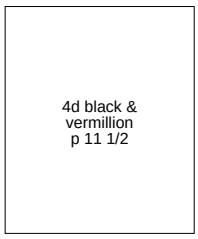
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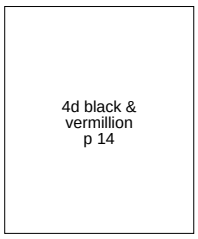
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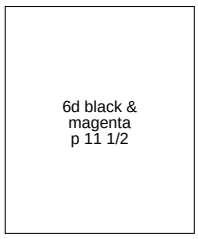
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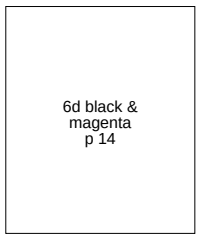
sg 19a sacc 20a



sg 19b sacc 20b



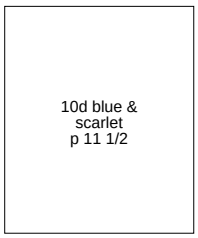
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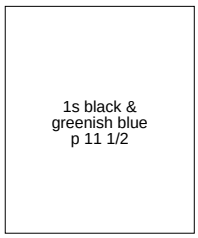
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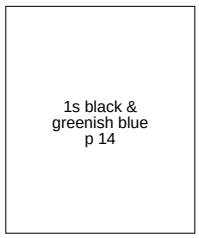
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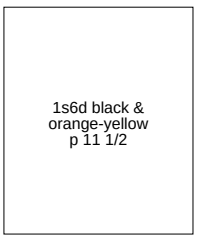
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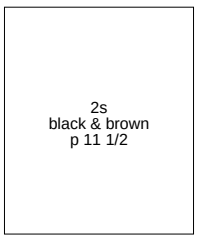
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sg 23b sacc 25b



sg 24a sacc 26a



sg 25a sacc 27a



sg 26a sacc 28a

Southern Rhodesia

Victoria Falls
1st April 1931

2d
Black &
Sepia

sg 17 Perf 15x14 sacc 18



sg 18 Perf 15x14 sacc 19

Victoria Falls
1st May 1932



sg 29 Perf 12 1/2 sacc 30

3d
Deep
Ultramarine

sg 30 Perf 12 1/2 sacc 31

Victoria Falls
Inscribed "Postage & Revenue"
1935-1941



sg 35a 1941 sacc 36

2d
green &
chocolate

sg 35b Perf 14 sacc 36a



sg 25c 1938 sacc 37

Southern Rhodesia

Silver Jubilee of King George V
6th May 1935



sg 31 sacc 32

2d
emerald &
sepia

sg 32 sacc 33

3d
violet &
dark blue

sg 33 sacc 34

6d
black &
purple

sg 34 sacc 35

Coronation of King George VI
12th May 1937



sg 36 sacc 38

2d
Emerald
Sepia

sg 37 sacc 39

3d Purple
Blue &
Violet

sg 38 sacc 40

6d
Black
Purple

sg 39 sacc 41

Southern Rhodesia

Definitive Issue King George V
25th November 1937

1/2d
green

sg 40 sacc 42

1d
scarlet

sg 41 sacc 43

1 1/2d
red-brown

sg 42 sacc 44

4d
red-orange

sg 43 sacc 45



sg 34 sacc 46

8d
emerald-green

sg 45 sacc 47

9d
pale-blue

sg 46 sacc 48

10d
purple

sg 47 sacc 49

1s
black &
blue-green

sg 48 sacc 50

1s 6d
black &
orange-yellow

sg 49 sacc 51

2s
black &
brown

sg 50 sacc 52

2s 6d
ultramarine &
purple

sg 51 sacc 53

5s
blue &
blue-green

sg 52 sacc 54

Definitive Issue Variations
25th November 1937

1s
black &
blue-green

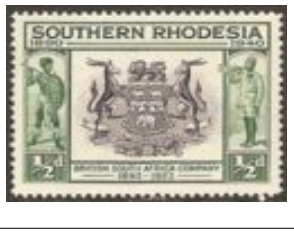
sg 48a sacc 50a

1s 6d
black &
orange-yellow

sg 49a sacc 51a

Southern Rhodesia

British South Africa Company's Golden Jubilee 3rd June 1940



sg 53 sacc 55

1d
Scarlet &
Violet Blue

sg 54 sacc 56

2d
Violet &
Green

sg 56 sacc 58

3d
Black &
Blue

sg 57 sacc 59

1 1/2d
Black &
Red Brown

sg 55 sacc 57

4d
Brown &
Green

sg 58 sacc 60

6d
Sepia &
Green

sg 59 sacc 61

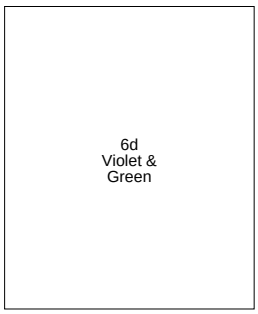
1 s
Brown &
Green

sg 60 sacc 62

Southern Rhodesia

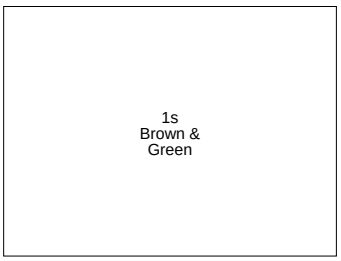
BSAC Golden Jubilee Varieties
3rd June 1940

Extra Shading on collar



sg 58a sacc 57a

Cave Flaw



sg 60a sacc 59a

Matabeleland Protectorate, 50th Anniversary
1st November 1943



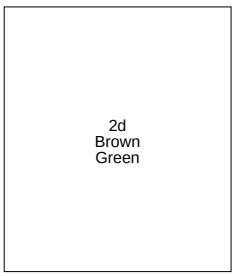
sg 61 sacc 63



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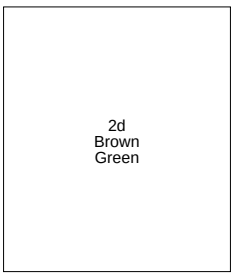
Matabeleland Protectorate Varieties
1st November 1943

Inverted G



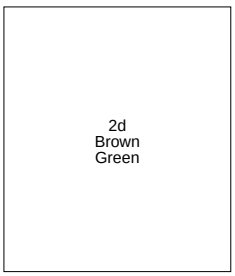
sg 61a sacc 63a

Damaged Ear



sg 61b sacc 63b

Saddlebag Flaw



sg 61c sacc 63c

Southern Rhodesia

Royal Visit
01st April 1947



sg 62 sacc 64

1d
Black &
Scarlet

sg 63 sacc 65

Victory Issue
8th May 1947



sg 64 sacc 66

2d
Slate

sg 65 sacc 67

3d
Blue

sg 66 sacc 68

6d
Orange

sg 67 sacc 69

U.P.U 75th Anniversary
10th October 1949



sg 68 sacc 70

3d(Old)
Blue

sg 69 sacc 71

Dimond Jubilee of Southern Rhodesia
12th September 1950



sg 70 sacc 72

Southern Rhodesia

Cecil Rhodes, Birth Centenery
15th May 1953



sg 71 sacc 73

1d
Blue Green
Light Chestnut

sg 72 sacc 74

2d
Grey Green
Violet

sg 73 sacc 75

4 1/2d
Deep Blue Green
Deep Ultramarine

sg 74 sacc 76

1s
Black
Red Brown

sg 75 sacc 77

Rhodes Centenenary Exhibition, Bulawayo
30th June 1953



sg 76 sacc 78

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
30th June 1953



sg 77 sacc 79

Southern Rhodesia

Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Issue
31st August 1953

1/2d
Grey Green &
Lake

sg 78 sacc 80

1d
Green &
Brown

sg 79 sacc 81

2d
Brown &
Violet

sg 80 sacc 82

3d
Brown &
Red

sg 81 sacc 83



sg 82 sacc 84

4 12d
Black &
Blue

sg 83 sacc 85

6d
Olive &
Turquoise

sg 84 sacc 86

9d
Blue &
Brown

sg 85 sacc 87

1s
Violet &
Blue

sg 86 sacc 88

2s
Purple &
Red

sg 87 sacc 89

2s 6d
Olive &
Brown

sg 88 sacc 90

5s
Brown &
Green

sg 89 sacc 91

10s
Brown &
Olive

sg 90 sacc 92



sg 91 sacc 93

Southern Rhodesia

Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Issue
19th Febuary 1964

1/2d Light Blue
Yellow-green
Yellow

sg 92 sacc 94

1d
Reddish Violet
Yellow Ochre

sg 93 sacc 95

2d
Deep Violet
Yellow

sg 94 sacc 96

3d
Chocolate &
Pale Blue

sg 95 sacc 97

4d
Deep Green
Yellow Orange

sg 96 sacc 98



sg 97 sacc 99

9d Olive Green
Red Brown
Yellow

sg 98 sacc 100

1sd
Blue Green
Ochre

sg 99 sacc 101

1s3d Red
Violet &
Yellow Green

sg 100 sacc 102

2s
Blue
Ochre

sg 101 sacc 103

2s 6d
Ultramarine
Vermillion

sg 102 sacc 104

5s
Multicoloured

sg 103 sacc 105

10s
Multicoloured

sg 104 sacc 106

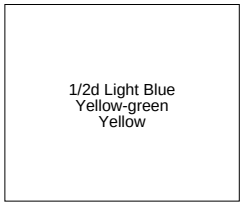


sg 105 sacc 107

Southern Rhodesia

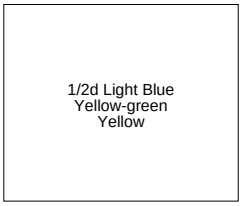
QE II Definitives Varieties
19th Febuary 1964

Maize Grain
Missing



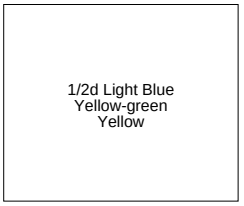
sg 92 sacc 94a

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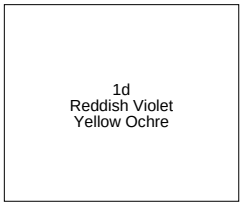
sg 92 sacc 94b

Coil Pair
Join



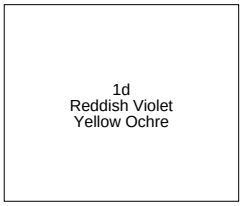
sg 92 sacc 94c

OReddish Violet
Omitted



sg 93 sacc 95a

Coil Pair
Join



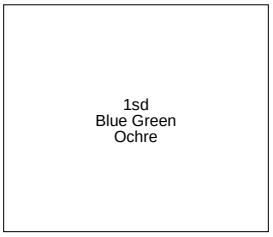
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Dot After
Lilly



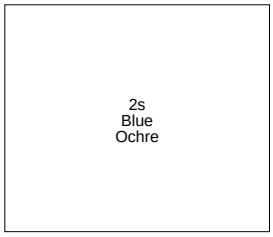
sg 97 sacc 99a

Emeralds & Head
Omitted



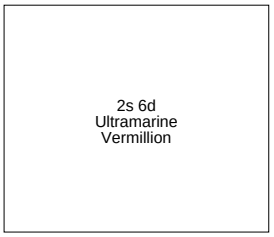
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Parapet Flaw



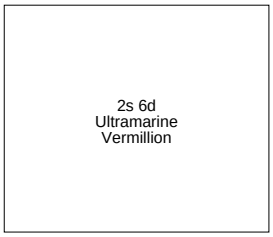
sg 101 sacc 103a

Vermillion
Omitted



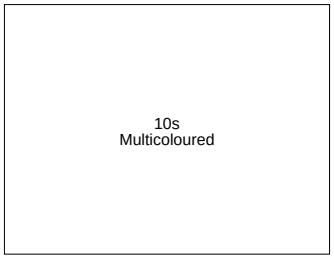
sg 102 sacc 104a

Ultramarine
Omitted



sg 102 sacc 104a

Tail Feather Flaw



sg 104 sacc 106a

Southern Rhodesia

Postage Dues 1951

Stamps of Great Britain Overprinted With "Southern Rhodesia" 1st October 1951



sg 1 sacc 1

1d
Violet-Blue

sg 2 sacc 2

2d
Agate

sg 3 sacc 3

3d
Violet
purple-grey

sg 4 sacc 4

4d
blue

sg 5 sacc 5

4d
Dull Greyish
Green

sg 4 sacc 4

1sd
Deep Blue

sg 5 sacc 5



Water Mark

Note
The 4d (no.6)was only issued at Fort Victoria and Gwelo Main Post Offices