

# [Alexander III the Great King of Macedonia Ancient Coins & Related \[Article + Video \]](#)

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Alexander the Great was king of the Macedonian Kingdom from 336-323 B.C. His father was Philip II, who gave him the most quality education, including with the famous philosopher Aristotle. Trained in battle with his father Philip, Alexander did not stay in his father's shadow and went on to create an empire that has effects on Western Civilization to this day. The types of coins Alexander introduced, including those in gold, silver and bronze, were used as prototypes of the coins struck hundreds of years after his death. Since his coins were so well known and accepted, for hundreds of years, his types were struck by various other rulers and cities. Coins were struck bearing his portrait and name into the ancient Roman times over 500 years later. Very interesting series of ancient coins to collect. See some great examples of them here.

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## **See many of the Different Types of Ancient Alexander the Great coins**

The standard reference that is used to identify most of the coins of Alexander the Great is called: The coinage in the name of Alexander the Great and Philip Arrhidaeus: A British Museum catalogue by M. Jessop Price. So that is what is usually referenced below every coin you will find in my store.

## The Coins:



### **Philip II Alexander the Great Dad OLYMPIC GAMES Ancient Greek Coin Horse i47408**

Greek [King Philip II of Macedon](#) 359-336 B.C.  
Father of Alexander III the Great  
Bronze 18mm (6.41 grams) Struck circa 356-336 B.C. in  
the Kingdom of Macedonia

Commemorating his Olympic Games Victory  
Head of Apollo right, hair bound with tainia.  
Youth on horse prancing right, ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ above.

\* Numismatic Note: Authentic ancient Greek coin of King Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great.  
Fascinating coin referring to his Olympic victories.

### **History and Meaning of the Coin**

During the times of ancient Greeks, horse racing was one of the events various Greek city-states and kingdoms would have intense competition with each other, as it was of great prestige to participate. Before the time of Philip II, the kingdom of Macedonia was considered barbarian and not Greek. Philip II was the first king of Macedon that was accepted for participation in the event, which was a great honor all in itself. It was an even greater honor that Philip's horses would go on to win two horse-racing events. In 356 B.C., he won the single horse event and then in 348 B.C. chariot pulled by two horses event. As a way to proudly announce, or what some would say propagandize these honors, Philip II placed a reference to these great victories on his coins struck in all three metals of bronze, silver and gold. The ancient historian, Plutarch, wrote "[Philip of Macedon] ... had victories of his chariots at Olympia stamped on his coins."



### **PHILIP III Alexander the Great Half Brother Silver Tetradrachm Greek Coin i44563**

Greek Coin of  
Macedonian Kingdom  
[Philip III, Arrhidaeus](#) - King of Macedonia: 323-317  
B.C.

Struck under Perdikkas  
Silver Tetradrachm 26mm (16.55 grams) Struck circa 323-320 B.C.  
Reference: Price P205; SNG München 971

Head of Alexander the Great as Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.  
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ, Zeus Aetophoros seated left, holding eagle and scepter; head of Sol in field to left; KY below  
thrown.



**ALEXANDER the GREAT 90BC  
Silver Greek Tetradrachm coin of  
PELLA Macedon i46268**

Greek city of Pella in Macedonia  
Silver Tetradrachm 27mm (16.70 grams) Struck circa  
90-75 B.C.

Reference: Sear 1439; Price (Coins of the Macedonians)

pl. XVI, 84

Head of [Alexander the Great](#) right, with horn of Ammon and flowing hair; MAKEΔONΩΝ beneath, B (reversed) behind.

AESILLAS / Q. above club between money-chest and quaestor's chair; all within olive-wreath.



**ALEXANDER III the GREAT  
Pella Antigonos II Tetradrachm  
Silver Greek Coin i46302**

Greek Coin of  
Macedonian Kingdom

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia: 336-323

B.C.

Struck under Antigonos II Gonatas: Macedonian King: 277-239 B.C.

Silver Tetradrachm 27mm (16.80 grams) Pella mint, circa: 275-271 B.C.

Reference: Price 621; Müller 230; SNG Copenhagen 713; Mathisen, Administrative VI.6, dies A19/P44

Head of Alexander the Great as Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus Aetophoros seated left, holding eagle and scepter; Macedonian helmet in field to left; OK monogram below throne.



**Celtic Thrace King KAVAROS  
Silver Greek Coin name of  
Alexander the Great i41722**

KINGS of THRACE, Celtic.

[Kavaros](#) (the last Gaulish King in Thrace) - King: 230-218 B.C.

Silver Tetradrachm 28mm (16.44 grams) Struck at the Kabyle mint circa 230-218 B.C.

In the name and types of Alexander III the Great - King of Macedonia: 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Draganov 874-5 var. (unlisted dies); Price 882; Peykov F2010

Head of Alexander the Great as Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus Aetophoros seated left, holding eagle and scepter; Artemis Phosphoros in field to

left.



**ALEXANDER III the GREAT  
310BC Hercules Zeus Ancient  
Silver Greek Coin i46352**

Greek Coin of  
Macedonian Kingdom

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia: 336-323

B.C.

under: Antigonos I Monophthalmos. As Strategos of Asia, 320-306/5 BC, or king, 306/5-301 BC

Silver Drachm 17mm (4.10 grams) Lampsakos, Struck circa 310-301 B.C.

Reference: Price 1423 var.

Head of Alexander the Great as Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus Aetophoros seated left, holding eagle and scepter; mouse in field to left; monogram below throne.



**Alexander III the Great as  
Hercules 336BC Ancient Greek  
Coin Bow Club i40942**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323  
B.C.

Bronze 18mm (5.39 grams)

Struck under Alexander the Great circa 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Sear 6739 var.

Head of Alexander III the Great as Hero Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.

Hercules' weapons, bow in bow-case and club, BA in between.



**Alexander III the Great as  
Hercules 336BC Ancient Greek  
Coin Bow Club i47432**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323  
B.C.

Bronze 19mm (5.18 grams)

Struck under Alexander the Great 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Sear 6739 var.

Head of Hercules right, wearing the lion-skin headdress.

Hercules' weapons, bow in bow-case and club, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ in between.



**Alexander III the Great 323BC  
Shield Helmet Macedonia Ancient  
Greek Coin i37411**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 16mm (4.37 grams) Uncertain mint in western

Asia Minor, Struck circa 323-310 B.C.

Reference: Price 2801

Macedonian shield with head of Alexander the Great as Hercules 3/4 facing left in center.

Crested helmet; BA across fields.



**ALEXANDER III the GREAT  
336BC Super Rare Shield Helmet  
Ancient Greek Coin i38104**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 16mm (3.87 grams) Struck circa 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Price 2808 (obverse), Price 2806 (reverse)

Macedonian shield with head of Alexander the Great as Hercules right in center.

Crested helmet; grain-ear below, BA across fields.



**ALEXANDER III the GREAT  
325BC Shield Helmet Macedonian  
Greek Coin RARE i39799**

Greek Coin of  
Macedonian Kingdom

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 1/2 Unit 16mm (4.26 grams) Uncertain mint in Macedon.

Possible lifetime issue, struck under Antipater, Polyperchon, or Kassander, circa 325-310 B.C.

Reference: Price 417

Macedonian shield; around, five double crescents with five pellets between each; in centre, thunderbolt.

B - A on either side of crested Macedonian helmet, Δ below.



**Alexander III the Great 334BC  
Shield Crested Helmet Ancient  
Greek Coin i36441**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 17mm (4.45 grams) Pella or Amphipolis: 334

B.C. LIFETIME ISSUE!

Reference: SNGCop 1120; Liampi M7

Macedonian shield; around, five double crescents with five pellets between each; in centre, thunderbolt.

B - A on either side of Crested Macedonian helmet.



**ALEXANDER III the GREAT  
336BC Hercules Eagle Authentic  
Ancient Greek Coin i40536**

Greek Coin of

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 16mm (3.49 grams)

Struck under Alexander the Great 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Sear 6743

Alexander III the Great as young Hercules right, clad in lion-skin.

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Eagle standing right on thunderbolt, looking back; leaf in upper field to left.



**Alexander III The Great 336BC  
Ancient Greek Coin APOLLO  
Healer HORSE i32123**

[Alexander III the Great](#) - King of Macedonia 336-323 B.C.

Bronze 15mm (3.15 grams) Amphipolis mint: 336-323 B.C.

Reference: Price 338; Sear 6744 cf.; Forrer/Weber 2150 cf.

Head of Apollo right, hair bound with tainia.

Horse prancing right; ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ above, torch below.



## Alexander the Great under Ptolemy I Soter 305BC Ancient Greek Coin Eagle i36669

[Greek King Ptolemy I, Soter](#) - 305-283 B.C. of the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt - Bronze 25mm (9.44 grams) Struck in Alexandria in Egypt 305-283 B.C.

Reference: Sear 7765; B.M.C. 6.21,66

Head of Alexander the Great right wearing an elephant scalp, symbol of his conquest of India.  
ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt.



## Alexander the Great Bucephalus Macedonia Koinon Ancient Greek Roman Coin i42066

[Alexander III the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue

Bronze 26mm (13.73 grams) from the Koinon of Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Head of Alexander the Great right with loose, flowing hair.

ΚΟΙΝΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΝΕΩ, Alexander the Great on his legendary horse, Bucephalus, galloping right with cape flowing behind him.

\* Numismatic Note: Leaders like Julius Caesar and the Romans and the Greeks alike had immense respect for the great accomplishments of Alexander the Great. Macedonia, being the kingdom of Alexander the Great's birth, this coin featuring his likeness heralds the Neorate status of the area, along with the Olympic-style games that accompanied it. Highly-desirable type.



## ALEXANDER III the GREAT Olympic type Games Koinon Macedonia Ancient Coin i27404

[Alexander III, the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue

Bronze 27mm (13.00 grams) from the Koinon of

Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Head of Alexander the Great right as Hercules, wearing lion-skin headdress.

ΚΟΙΝΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΝΕΩΚΟ Β, Agonistic prize table with two urns atop, each containing a palm branch which was a symbol for victory; amphora (vase) below table; Β above table.

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## **ALEXANDER the GREAT Roman Macedonia Koinon Greek Area Coin Temples i40532**

[Alexander III, the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue

Bronze 25mm (11.31 grams) from the Koinon of

Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Head of Alexander the Great right with loose, flowing hair.

Β ΚΟΙΝΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΝΕΩ, Two temples.

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## **Alexander III the Great Olympic Style Games ΚΟΙΝΟΝ Ancient Roman Coin i30609**

[Alexander III, the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue

Bronze 25mm (8.61 grams) from the Koinon of Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Head of Alexander the Great right with loose, flowing hair.

ΚΟΙΝΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ Β ΝΕΩ, Athena seated left, wearing crested Corinthian style helmet, leaning on shield and holding patera.

## **ALEXANDER III the GREAT**





**Greek Coin Roman Times  
KOINON Macedon Coin i28366**

[Alexander III, the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue  
Bronze 25mm (13.24 grams) from the Koinon of

Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΝ, Head of Alexander the Great right with loose, flowing hair.

KOINON ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΝΕΩ, Alexander the Great on his legendary horse, Bucephalus, galloping right, holding spear and cape flowing behind him, star below.



**Alexander III the Great  
Bucephalus Ancient Greek  
MACEDONIA KOINON Coin  
i30608**

[Alexander III, the Great](#): Macedonian Greek King: 336-323 B.C.

Roman Era, Olympic-Style Games Issue

Bronze 25mm (12.19 grams) from the Koinon of Macedonia in Thrace under Roman Control

Struck circa 222-235 A.D. under the reign of Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

ΑΛΞΕΑΝΔΡΟΝ, Head of Alexander the Great right with loose, flowing hair.

KOINON ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΝΕΩ, Alexander the Great on his legendary horse, Bucephalus, galloping right with cape flowing behind him and holding spear.



**COMMODUS as HERCULES  
Megalomania 192AD Ancient  
Silver Roman Coin Club i43640**

[Commodus](#) - Roman Emperor: 177-192 A.D.

Silver Denarius 17mm (2.50 grams) Rome mint: 192 A.D.

Reference: RIC 251; RSC 190; sear5 #5644

L AEL AVREL COMM AVG P FEL, head of Commodus right as Hercules wearing lionskin headdress.

HER-CVL RO-MAN AV-GV either side of club of Hercules, all in wreath.

\* Numismatic Note: This very scarce issue comes from the very end of Commodus' reign where his megalomania got

him to image that he was the re-incarnation of Hercules. Desirable type.

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