

[Ancient ATHENIAN Athens Greece Athena OWL Greek Coins Guide to Collecting and Amazing Collection](#)



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The topic of this video is to learn a lot of great information about the most fascinating and exciting coins of ancient Athens Greece to collect. Ancient Greek, Roman, Biblical, Byzantine and world coin expert, Ilya Zlobin explores the topic of collecting ancient coins via exploring the types of coins available for sale in his eBay store. The coins explored are some of the most interesting types to collect, such as the Athenian Owl tetradrachm, drachm, obol and diobol coins. There is also an Athenian coin a hero of Athens along with the mythical Sphinx. An interesting Roman denarius silver coin of Mark Antony is also shown along with a Frankish Crusader type.

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THE ANCIENT COINS EXPLORED IN THE VIDEO:

[Athens in Attica Greece 166BC RARE Ancient Greek Coin Athena Cult OWL i36968](#)



Greek city of Athens in Attica Greece -

Bronze 21mm (11.53 grams) Struck circa 166-57 B.C.

Reference: Sear 2566

Head of Athena right, wearing triple-crested Athenian helmet, ornamented with Pegasus and foreparts of horses.
AΘE, Owl standing right, head facing, on prostrate amphora; all within olive-wreath.

[ATHENS Attica Greece 25BC Authentic Ancient Greek Coin Athena Sphinx Rare i37416](#)



Greek city of Athens in Attica Greece

Bronze 21mm (8.82 grams) Struck circa 25-19 B.C.

Reference: Kroll 153; SNG Copenhagen 303; Svoronos pl. 80, 18-21

Helmeted head of Athena right.

AΘH, Sphinx seated right, wearing modius; all within olive wreath.

[SIGEION in TROAS Athens Colony 355BC Athena Facing Owl Ancient Greek Coin i56078](#)



Greek city of [Sigeion](#) in [Troas](#)

Bronze 13mm (1.58 grams) Struck circa 355-334 B.C.

Reference: Sear 4144 var. (size); SNG Copenhagen 496-8; SNG Ashmolean 1214-6;
SNG Copenhagen 496-8

Facing head of Athena three-quarter face to right, wearing triple-crested helmet.

[Owl](#) standing right, head facing; ΣΙΓΕ before, crescent behind.

[ATHENS Attica Greece 454BC Silver Obol Ancient Greek Coin Owl Athena NGC i59101](#)



Greek city of Athens in Attica Greece

Silver Obol 8mm (0.66 grams) Struck circa 454-404 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 1665; Kroll 13; SNG Copenhagen 53

Head of Athena right, wearing Attic helmet.

ΑΘΕ, Owl standing right, head facing; olive leaf to left.

[ATHENS Attica Greece Athena Owl Tetradrachm Ancient Silver Greek Coin NGC i59986](#)



Greek city of Athens in Attica Greece

Silver Tetradrachm 21mm (17.13 grams) Struck circa 320-294 B.C.

Reference: Svornos-pl.20#5

Head of Athena right, of more advanced style, the eye seen in true profile; she wears crested helmet ornamented with three olive-leaves and floral scroll.

Owl standing right, head facing; to right AΘE; to left, olive-twigg and crescent.

[MARK ANTONY 33BC M. Junius Silanus Athens Ancient Silver Roman Coin NGC i61907](#)



Mark Antony

Silver Denarius 18mm (2.89 grams) Mint moving with Antony, probably Athens, 33 B.C., under M. Junius Silanus

Reference: RSC 71. Babelon 97. C 71. Sydenham 1208. Sear Imperators 346. RBW 1830. Crawford 542/1

Certification: NGC Ancients VG 4529166-014

ANTON •AVG•IMP•III•COS•DES•III•IIV•R•P•C•, Bare head of Mark Antony right.

M•SILANVS•AVG Q•PRO•COS in two lines.

This issuer, Marcus Junius Silanus, was the step-brother of Brutus who murdered Julius Caesar. After the treaty of Misenum, in 39 B.C., Silanus went to Rome and then to the East to join Antony and was given the governorship of one of the provinces. It was during this period that he struck these coins.

Roman military commander, friend of Julius Caesar, lover of Cleopatra and much more.

[ELEUSIS in ATTICA near ATHENS RARE R1 Triptolemus Boar Ancient Greek Coin i63315](#)



Greek city [Eleusis](#) in [Attica](#)

Eleusian Festival Coinage

Bronze 14mm (3.25 grams) Struck circa 322/317-307 B.C.

Reference: Sear 2574 var.; HGC 4, 1769 ([Rare R1](#)) ([Athens](#)); Kroll 1993, nos. 48-49
Triptolemos, favorite of Demeter, seated left in winged car drawn by serpents, holding corn-ears.
EAEY above boar standing right on bacchos (mystic staff); all within grain wreath.

The obverse is inspired by a statue of Triptolemos that was presumably still in its temple when Pausanias (I. 38, 6) visited Eleusis in about AD 160: "The Eleusians have a temple to Triptolemos... They say that the plain called Rharion was the first to be sown and the first to grow crops... Here is shown a threshing floor and altar. My dream forbade the description of the things within the wall of the sanctuary, and the uninitiated are of course not permitted to learn that which they are prevented from seeing."

Situated north-west of Athens, Eleusis possessed a magnificent temple of Demeter, and gave it's name to the famous Eleusinian mysteries, concerned with the cults of Demeter and Persephone.

[ATHENS Greece 440BC Ancient Silver Greek TETRADRACHM Coin Athena Owl NGC i63866](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece

Silver Tetradrachm 25mm (16.97 grams) Struck circa 440-404 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 1597; SNG München 52; SNG Copenhagen 31

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) Ch VF **Strike:** 5/5 **Surface:** 2/5 **3593647-001**

Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet ornamented with three laurel leaves and vine scroll.
AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent moon behind, all within incuse square.

[ATHENS in Attica Greece 120AD Ancient Greek Coin General THEMISTOCLES NGC i64197](#)



Greek city of Athens in Attica Greece

Bronze 25mm Pseudo-Autonomous issue, struck circa 120-140 A.D.

Reference: Svoronos pl. 97, 5. BMC 785, pl. XIX, 1. SNG Copenhagen 318. Kroll 181. Rare.

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) VF **1885052-017**

Bust of Athena right, wearing Corinthian helmet.

AΘH, Themistocles standing left on galley, wreath in right hand, trophy in left; owl on prow, serpent on ram.

[ARABIA Saba Kingdom 160BC Owl as Athens Silver Ancient Greek Coin NGC i72612](#)



[Arabia](#) **Kingdom of Saba**

Silver 'Tetradrachm' 25mm (5.34 grams) Struck circa 160-130 B.C.

Reference: HGC 10, 725; Munro-Hay 1.13il

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) Ch VF 4681630-003

Laureate male head with long hair right.

Owl standing right on amphora; monograms to left and right.

** Numismatic Note: The coins of this kingdom use the reverse similar to the "New Style" tetradrachm coins of Athens, and what the obverse ostensibly is similar to the Roman Republican L. Calpurnius Piso Frugi denarius or perhaps a royal portrait.*

[ATHENS GREECE Authentic Ancient Greek Silver Tetradrachm Coin w OWL NGC i73330](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece

New-style Silver Tetradrachm 29mm (16.62 grams) Struck 111/110 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 1602; Thompson 701d-e var. (there Δ on amphora).

Pedigree / Provenance: Ex Philip T. Ashton Collection

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) XF Strike: 5/5 Surface: 4/5 4683112-001

Helmeted head of Athena right.

Owl standing right, head front, on Panathenaic amphora; to right Demeter standing holding two torches, legend across field A - ΘΕ / ΦΑΝΟ - ΚΛΗΣ / ΑΠΟΛ / ΛΩΝΙΟΣ (ΟΣ written on owl's wing) / ΒΑΚ / ΧΙΟΣ, Ε on amphora, ΜΕ below; all within olive wreath.

[ATHENS Greece 440BC Ancient Silver Greek TETRADRACHM Coin Athena Owl NGC i73340](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece

Silver Tetradrachm 24mm (17.17 grams) Struck circa 440-404 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 1597; SNG München 52; SNG Copenhagen 32; Kroll 8

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) Ch XF Strike: 5/5 Surface: 5/5 4683112-006

Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet ornamented with three laurel leaves and vine scroll. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent moon behind, all within incuse square.

[ATHENS Greece 440BC Ancient Silver Greek TETRADRACHM Coin Athena Owl NGC i73342](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece

Silver Tetradrachm 24mm (17.19 grams) Struck circa 440-404 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 1597; SNG München 52; SNG Copenhagen 32; Kroll 8

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) Ch XF Strike: 5/5 Surface: 4/5 4683112-002

Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet ornamented with three laurel leaves and vine scroll. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent moon behind, all within incuse square.

[CRUSADERS of ATHENS Greece DUKE GUY II de La Roche BI Silver Antique Coin i74590](#)



Crusaders. Frankish Greece. Duchy of Athens
Guy II de la Roche - Duke of Athens: 1294-1308 A.D.
 Billon Silver Denier Tournais 20mm (0.84 grams) Athens mint.
 Reference: CCS 93, Met 1067-69.
 +GVI DVX ATENES, cross patee.
 +THEBANI CIVIS, castle tournais.

[NEAR EAST or EGYPT Type of Athens Silver Greek TETRADRACHM Coin OWL NGC i74776](#)



NEAR EAST or EGYPT

Striking coins in the types of [Athens](#)

Silver Tetradrachm 24mm (17.15 grams) Struck circa 5th-4th Centuries B.C.

Reference: Peter van Alfen, "The 'Owls' from the 1989 Hoard with a review of Pre-Macedonian Coinage in Egypt," AJN 14 (2002), pl. 11. For Athens prototype, cf. HGC 4, 1597. cf. SNG Copenhagen 31-40. cf. Kroll 8.

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) MS Strike: 5/5 Surface: 4/5 4629244-071

Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet ornamented with three laurel leaves and vine scroll.

AΘE, owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig and crescent behind, all within incuse square.

*** Numismatic Note: Very rare type from the Near East or Egypt mint which you don't usually see and what makes it even more desirable is it's mint state. This makes a key piece for the collector of Athenian owls and the types.**

[ATHENS Greece 133BC Athenian New Style Silver Drachm Greek Coin OWL NGC i77391](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece
'New Style' Silver Drachm 20mm Struck circa 133/132 B.C.
 Reference: HGC 2, 1635

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) Ch F 4934596-006

Head of Athena in Attic helmet right.

AΘE, Owl standing right on overturned amphora; ear of grain in right field.

New Style means that it is a later issue of the ancient Athenians and that is what these types are referred to as the design had changed from what it was in the 400-300's B.C.

[ATHENS Attica Greece Ancient 450BC Silver Greek Coin w ATHENA & OWL NGC i77395](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece
 Silver Drachm 15mm Struck circa 450-404 B.C.
 Reference: HGC 4, 1631

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) G 4934596-010

Head of Athena in Attic helmet right.

Owl standing right, head facing; to right AΘE; to left, olive-twig and crescent.

[ATHENS Greece 455BC Ancient Silver Greek TETRADRACHM Coin Athena Owl NGC i77669](#)



**Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece
Early transitional issue.**

Silver Tetradrachm 24mm (17.20 grams) Struck circa 455-440 B.C.

Reference: Starr Group V.A, series 3. HGC 4, 1597

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) MS Strike: 5/5 Surface: 2/5 4629244-015

Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet ornamented with three laurel leaves and vine scroll.
AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent moon behind, all within incuse square.

[ATHENS Attica Greece Authentic Ancient Silver Athena Owl Greek Coin NGC i77878](#)



Greek city of [Athens](#) in Attica Greece

Silver Diobol 10mm (1.27 grams) Struck circa 400-353 B.C.

Reference: HGC 2, 1644

Certification: [NGC Ancients](#) VF 4934588-005

Head of Athena in Attic helmet right.
A-Θ-E, Double-bodied owl standing facing; olivespray to left.
