

# [Mythical Creatures on Ancient Greek and Roman Coins Guide](#)

Overview of the mythological creatures depicted on ancient coins from various myths



Journey to the mythical age of heroes of antiquity. An age filled with fantastic animals. Try not to look at Medusa or you will be turned to stone. Fly into the sky on the winged horse known as the Pegasus and so much more. This guide was designed to show you authentic ancient coins depicting these various creatures.

The types of mythical creatures depicted on coins, a list.

Click any of the links below and see all the examples of ancient coins I have for that keyword inside my [eBay store](#).

- [Capricorn](#)
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- [Medusa](#)
- [Gorgoneion](#) or [Aegis](#)

- [Owl](#)
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## Examples of Authentic Ancient Greek and Roman coins illustrating the various creatures on the list above

Below you will find ancient coins I have used to illustrate the various fantastical creatures of myth on ancient coins. The pictures are clickable, with the picture searching all coins for that keyword. The underlined blue links also search my store for those specific terms. The goal is for to familiarize you with the types available and make it easy for you to find the most interesting coins for you to collect. May you find these coins as enjoyable as I do.



### Augustus Capricorn before & Rhoemetalkes Thracian King Ancient Roman Coin i50082

Augustus - [Roman Emperor](#): 27 B.C. - 14 A.D.  
[Augustus](#) & [Rhoemetalkes](#) Client King of Thrace  
 Bronze 21mm (6.75 grams) from the Greek Kingdom of

[Thrace](#) circa 11BC-12 A.D.

Reference: RPC I 1715; SNG Copenhagen -

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΡΟΙΜΗΤΑΛΚΟΥ, diademed head of King Rhoemetalkes right.

ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥ, Laureate head of Augustus right, [Capricorn](#) before.



### GALLIENUS son of Valerian I Rare Ancient Roman Coin Centaur Sagittarius i48033

[Gallienus](#) - [Roman Emperor](#): 253-268 A.D. -  
 Son of [Valerian I](#)  
 Bronze Antoninianus 20mm (2.76 grams) Struck circa

253-268 A.D.

Reference: RIC 164k, C 73

GALLIENVS AVG - Radiate head right.

APOLLINI CONS AVG - [Centaur](#) advancing left, holding globe and trophy.



**CORINTH 375BC Athena Pegasus  
Silver Stater Ancient Greek Coin  
Triskeles i46350**

Greek city of [Corinth](#) in Corinthia  
Silver Stater 21mm (8.40 grams) Struck circa 375-300  
B.C.  
Reference: Ravel 1065; Pegasi 383; BCD Corinth 126

[Pegasus](#), with pointed wing, flying left; koppa beneath.  
Helmeted head of [Athena](#) left; behind, N and triskeles of crescents within circle.



[Constans](#) - [Roman Emperor](#): 337-350 A.D. -  
Bronze AE3 18mm (2.73 grams) Siscia mint: 337-350  
A.D.  
Reference: RIC 241 (VIII, Siscia), LRBC 1134  
DNCONSTANSPFAVG - Diademed, draped and  
cuiassed bust right.  
FELTEMPREPARATIO Exe: ASIS - [Phoenix](#) standing  
right on pile of ashes.



**CORINTH Athena Chimera  
Pegasus 400BC Ancient Silver  
Greek Coin Rare i16283**

Greek city of [Corinth](#) in Corinthia  
Silver Stater 21mm (8.31 grams) Struck circa 400-350  
B.C.  
Reference: Sear 2626 var.

Pegasus, with pointed wing, flying left; koppa beneath.  
Helmeted head of [Athena](#) right; behind, facing [Chimera](#).

**Gergis 400BC ORACLE Sibyl  
Herophile Sphinx Authentic  
Ancient Greek Coin i52560**



ΓΕΡ before [Sphinx](#) seated right.

Greek city of [Gergis](#) in [Troas](#)  
 Bronze 17mm (3.85 grams) Struck circa 400-300 B.C.  
 Reference: Sear 4099; SNG München 199  
 Facing laureate head of [Sibyl](#) Herophile, head turned slightly right and wearing necklace.



ΣΥΡΑ - Head of [Athena](#) left, wearing Corinthian helmet bound with olive-wreath, dolphins, before and behind.  
[Hippocamp](#) left, with curled wing.

### **Syracuse in Sicily Ancient Greek Coin Hippocamp Sea horse Athena Cult i39686**

Greek city of [Syracuse](#) in [Sicily](#)  
 Time of [Timoleon](#) 344-336 B.C.  
 Bronze Trias 21mm (8.15 grams)  
 Reference: Sear 1193; B.M.C. 2. 289



Greek city of [Thasos](#), an Island off [Thrace](#)  
 Silver Stater 22mm (8.54 grams) Struck circa 525-463 B.C.  
 Reference: HGC 6, 331; Le Rider 1-2 and 5; Sear 1357; Weber 2500; Price & Waggoner 100-126  
 Naked ithyphallic [satyr](#) in kneeling-running attitude right, carrying in his arms a struggling [nymph](#) who raises her right hand in protest.  
 Quadripartite incuse square.

### **LARISSA in THESSALY 356BC Silver Drachm Nymph Horse**



## Ancient Greek Coin i47969

Greek city of [Larissa](#) in [Thessaly](#)  
Silver Drachm 20mm (5.86 grams) Struck circa 356-320 B.C.

Reference: HGC 4, 453; BCD Thessaly II, lot 280

Pedigree: Ex BCD Collection with his original hand-written tag and photos of this coin

Head of [nymph](#) Larissa facing three-quarters left, wearing ampyx.

ΛΑΡΙΣΑΙΩΝ, [Horse](#) grazing right.



## PHILIP I the ARAB 1000 Years of Rome LION of COLOSSEUM Silver Roman Coin i53515

[Philip I 'the Arab'](#) - [Roman Emperor](#): 244-249 A.D. - Silver Antoninianus 22mm (4.49 grams) Rome mint, 1st officina. 9th emission, 248 A.D.

[Commemorating the 1000th anniversary of Rome](#)

Reference: RIC IV 12; RSC 173

IMP PHILIPPVS AVG, radiate, draped, and cuirassed bust right

SAECLVARES AVGG / I, [Lion](#) walking right.



## Roman Republic Hosidia 1 68BC Calydonian Boar Diana Cult Silver Coin i41957

[Roman Republic](#) C. Hosidius C. f. Geta moneyer  
Silver Denarius 17mm (3.47 grams) Rome mint: 68 B.C.

Reference: [Hosidia 1](#); B.M.C. 903; Syd. 407/2

Diademed head of [Diana](#) draped right, bow and quiver at her shoulder, GETA before, III VIR behind.

The wild [boar](#) of Calydon right, pierced by spear and attacked by dog.

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**NERO 62AD Antioch Tetradrachm  
Large Ancient Silver Roman Coin  
Eagle i53405**

[Nero](#) - [Roman Emperor](#): 54-68 A.D. -  
Silver Tetradrachm 23mm (14.70 grams) of  
[Antioch](#) in Seleukis and Pieria

Dated Year 111 of the Caesarian era; Regnal Year 9, 62/63 A.D.

Reference: RPC I 4185; Prieur 85; Wr. 42 Pedigree: Ex Superior Sale June 4,7, 1984 No. 1777

ΝΕΡΩΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, Laureate bust right wearing aegis.

ΕΤΟΥΣ - ΑΙΡ•Θ, [Eagle](#) with wings spread standing right on thunderbolt, palm branch and pellet in right field.



**KYZIKOS in MYSIA 2-1CenBC  
Bull Torch LARGE Authentic  
Ancient Greek Coin i53580**

Greek city of [Kyzikos](#) in [Mysia](#)  
Bronze 25mm (10.34 grams) Struck 2nd-1st centuries  
B.C.

Reference: Von Fritze III, 30 var; SNG von Aulock

1240 var; SNG Cop 81 var

Pedigree: Ex NY Sale 2016 844

[Bull](#) butting right within a circle of pellets.

ΚΥΕΙ / ΚΗΝΩΝ, Flaming torch, monogram to left and right.



**APOLLONIA in ILLYRIA 208BC  
Cow Calf Fertility Gemini Silver  
Greek Coin i41973**

Greek city of Illyria- [Apollonia](#)  
Silver 'Drachm' 17mm (3.20 grams)  
Ariston (Moneyer), Aisanos (Magistrate)

Class ALc2a Struck circa 208-48 B.C.

ΑΠΙΣΤΩΝ, [Cow](#) left, calf right, Α in exergue.

ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΑΝΩΝ, Curved, double-stellate pattern, vertical single device line, petal rays, triple dots, line border.



Greek city of [Pantikapaion](#) in [Cimmerian Bosphorus](#)  
 Bronze 21mm (7.15 grams) Struck circa 310-303 B.C.  
 Reference: HGC 7, 113 [Rare R1](#); MacDonald 69;  
 Anohin 111; Sear 1700; B.M.C.3.20  
 Wreath head of [Pan](#), the satyr right.  
 IIAN, Forepart of [griffin](#) advancing left; sturgeon below.



**AKRAGAS in SICILY 510BC**  
**Didrachm EAGLE CRAB Silver**  
**Greek Coin RARE R1 i53571**

Greek city of [Akragas](#) in [Sicily](#)  
 Silver Didrachm 21mm (8.23 grams) Struck circa 510-500 B.C.  
 Reference: HGC 2, 87 [Rare R1](#); Jenkins 1970, Group Ia  
 AKRA/CANTOS, [Eagle](#) standing left.

[Crab.](#)



Greek city of [Apameia](#) in [Phrygia](#)  
 Silver [Cistophoric Tetradrachm](#) 23mm (11.28 grams)  
 Struck circa 88-67 B.C.  
 Attalos and Timo-, magistrates.  
 Reference: Sear 5113 var.; Kleiner, Late Issue XVII;  
 SNG Copenhagen 156  
[Cista mystica](#) with serpent; all within ivy-wreath.  
 Two [serpents](#) / [snake](#)s entwined around bow and  
 bowcase; ATTA/ΛΟΥ/ΤΙΜΩ in three lines above, aulos  
 (double flute) to right; TA in field to left.



**Roman Republic 47BC Medusa &**  
**Aurora Leading Sun Ancient**  
**Silver Coin i52631**

[Roman Republic](#) L. Plautius Plancus moneyer  
 Silver Denarius 19mm (3.49 grams) Rome mint, circa 47  
 B.C.  
 Reference: [Plautia 14](#); B.M.C. 4009; Syd. 959b; Craw.

453/1c

Mask of [Medusa](#), facing, hair dishevelled. L PLAVTIVS below.

[Aurora](#) flying right conducting the four [horse](#)s of the Sun, PLANCVS below.



## **Kamarina Sicily 413BC Gorgoneion Owl Lizard Authentic Ancient Greek Coin i51603**

Greek city of [Kamarina](#) in [Sicily](#)

Bronze Trias or Trionkia 16mm (3.44 grams) Struck circa 420-410 B.C.

Reference: HGC 2, 546; Sear 1062 var. (owl left); CNS

III, pp. 47-55

Head of [Gorgoneion](#) facing.

KAMA, [Owl](#) standing right, head facing, holding lizard in left claw; in exergue, three pellets (mark of value).

See also: [Aegis](#)



## **Athens in Attica Greece 320BC Ancient Tetradrachm Silver Greek Coin i40763**

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-twig and crescent.



## **GALLIENUS One of Gallienus' last issues RARE Ancient Roman Coin Panther i46461**

[Gallienus](#) - [Roman Emperor](#): 253-268 A.D. - - Joint Rule with Valerian I 253-260 A.D. -

Bronze Antoninianus 20mm (3.19 grams) Rome mint:



267-268 A.D.

Reference: RIC Vi, 230, page 151 - Cohen 588 - VM 153  
GALLIENVVS AVG - Radiate head right.  
LIBERO P CONS AVG - [Panther](#) walking left. Exe: B



**ARADOS in PHOENICIA third-stater Merman Dolphin Hippocamp Greek Coin i46403 RARE**

Greek city of [Arados](#) in [Phoenicia](#)  
Silver Third-Stater or Tetrobol 14mm (3.27 grams)

Struck late 5th Century B.C.

Reference: Sear 5968; B.M.C. 26.3,7

[Merman](#) right, holding dolphin each hand; above, Phoenician letters (= m a).

[Galley](#) right, row of shields along bulwars; beneath, marine creature (hippocamp) right; all in dotted square within incuse square.



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