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ULTIMATE RARE COIN GUIDE

If you are in possession of a collection of old coins, you've no doubt wondered how to determine whether or not your coins are rare or valuable. The internet would seem like a logical place to go for more information. Unfortunately, there is an overwhelming amount of information out there and a good bit of it is either confusing or misleading. If you're familiar with Atlanta Gold & Coin Buyers, you know that we love to share our knowledge of coins with our customers. We believe that the more you know, the more confident and comfortable you'll be doing business with us. So we've developed the Ultimate Rare Coin Guide as a free resource to help you sort potentially valuable coins from less valuable coins.

This guide covers all types of numismatic coins, from half cents to silver dollars. At the top of each page you'll see a picture of the coin, front and back, to help in identification if you're not sure what your coin is called. If you know the term used to describe your coin, you can simply find it in the table of contents and click on it to be automatically directed to the correct page.

Beneath the pictures and coin name you'll see a date or date range in parentheses which tells you the year(s) that the coin was minted. Beneath the date range you'll see a list of individual dates. If you do not see the date of your coin listed, this means that it is a common date coin and it has minimal numismatic or collectible value. Dates in standard font are semi-key date coins, which are more valuable than common date coins. Those with dates in bold are truly rare and valuable coins, with values typically in excess of $100.

You'll notice that some dates in the guide have a hyphen followed by a letter 's', 'd', 'o', 'p', or 'cc'. These letters are what is called a "mint mark" and indicate where the coin was minted. On the actual coin, you can usually locate the mint mark near the bottom on the reverse ("tails") side of the coin. Coins without a mint mark are very common; it just means that the coin was minted in Philadelphia (the primary U.S. mint). With some coins you'll also see a description following the date/mint mark. If your coin matches the description for the given date, you know you have a unique and potentially valuable coin. Most of the time the description is self-explanatory, but they can sometimes be confusing, so feel free to contact us if you're not sure.

Specific prices are not listed in this guide because the condition of numismatic coins plays a large part in the ultimate value of the coins and an in-person inspection is typically required before a quote can be given.

We hope that you find our Ultimate Rare Coin Guide to be a valuable resource and welcome you to contact us at **404-236-9744**, via e-mail at **sales@atlantagoldandcoin.com** or through our website at **http://atlantagoldandcoin.com** if we can be of any assistance.

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LIBERTY CAP HALF CENTS
(1793 - 1797)

1793
1794
1796, With Pole
1796, No Pole
1797, Gripped Edge
1797, Lettered Edge

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DRAPED BUST HALF CENTS

(1800 - 1808)

1802, 2 over 0
1805, Small 5, Stems to Wreath
1806, Small 6, Stems to Wreath
1808, 8 over 7

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CLASSIC HEAD HALF CENTS
(1809 - 1836)

1811

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BRAIDED HAIR HALF CENTS

(1840 - 1857)

1840
1841
1842
1843
1844
1845
1846
1847
1848
1849

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FLOWING HAIR LARGE CENTS
(1793)

1793, All Types

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LIBERTY CAP LARGE CENTS
(1793-1796)

1793
1794
1795
1796

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DRAPED BUST LARGE CENTS

(1796-1807)

1796
1796, Liherty Error
1797
1798, 8 over 7
1799, 9 over 8
1799, Normal Date
1801, 3 Errors: 1/000, One Stem, IInited
1803 Large Date, Small Fraction
1804
1807, Small 7 over 6, Blunt 1

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CLASSIC HEAD LARGE CENTS
(1808-1814)

1809
1811, Last 1 over 0

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MATRON HEAD LARGE CENTS
(1816-1839)

1821
1823, 3 over 2
1823, Normal Date
1839, 1839 over 1836, Plain Cords

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BRAIDED HAIR LARGE CENTS
(1837-1857)

1857, Large Date
1857, Small Date

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FLYING EAGLE CENTS
(1856 - 1858)

1856

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INDIAN HEAD PENNIES

(1859 - 1909)

1859
1861
1864
1864 (with the letter "L" on neck)
1866
1867
1868
1869
1870
1871
1872
1873
1874
1875
1876
1877
1878
1908-s
1909-s

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LINCOLN CENTS
(1909 - CURRENT)

1909-s vdb
1909-s
1911-s
1912-s
1914-d
1914-s
1915-s
1922-d
1922 (no d)
1924-d
1931-s

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TWO CENT PIECES
(1864 - 1873)

1864, Small Motto
1870
1871
1872
1873

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THREE CENT NICKELS

(1865 - 1889)

1879
1880
1882
1883
1884
1885
1886
1887
1888
1889

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THREE CENT SILVER PIECES

(1851 - 1872)

1863
1864
1865
1866
1867
1868
1869
1870
1871
1872
1873

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SHIELD NICKELS (1866 - 1883)

1866, Rays
1867, Rays
1871
1875
1876
1877
1878
1879
1880
1881
1883, 3 over 2

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V NICKELS
(1883 - 1912)

1883, Cents
1884
1885
1886
1888
1894
1912-S

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BUFFALO NICKELS
(1913 - 1938)

1913-s, v1
1913-d, v2
1913-s, v2
1914
1914-d
1914-s
1915-d
1915-s
1916 - Double Die
1916-d
1917-d
1917-s
1918-d
1918-d, 8 over 7
1921-s
1924-s
1926-s
1931-s
1937-d **(3 legged buffalo)**
v1 - Raised ground below buffalo's feet
v2 - Recessed ground below buffalo's feet

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FLOWING HAIR HALF DIMES
(1794 - 1795)

1794
1795

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DRAPED BUST HALF DIMES

(1796 - 1805)

1796, All Types
1797, All Types
1800
1800, Libekty
1801
1802
1803
1805

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CAPPED BUST HALF DIMES
(1829 - 1837)

No Key Dates

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SEATED LIBERTY HALF DIMES
(1837 - 1873)

1838-O, no stars
1842-O
1844-O
1846
1849-O
1852-O
1853, no arrows
1853-O, no arrows
1858, double die
1863
1864
1864-S
1865
1866
1867
1868

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DRAPED BUST DIMES
(1796 - 1807)

1796
1797, All Types
1798, All Types
1800
1801
1802
1803
1804
1805
1807

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CAPPED BUST DIMES
(1809 - 1837)

1809
1811, 11 over 09
1822

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SEATED LIBERTY DIMES
(1837 - 1891)

1837
1838-o
1840, drapery
1843-o
1844
1846
1853, no arrows
1856-s
1858-s
1859-s
1860-s
1860-o
1863
1864
1865
1866
1866-s
1867
1870-s
1871-cc
1872-cc
1873-cc
1874-cc
1878-cc
1879
1880
1881
1885-s

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BARBER DIMES
(1892 - 1916)

1892-s
1893, 3 over 2
1893-o
1894-o
1894-s
1895
1895-o
1895-s
1896-o
1896-s
1897-o
1901-s
1903-s
1904-s
1913-s

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MERCURY DIMES
(1916 - 1947)

1916-d
1921
1921-d
1942-p, 42 over 41
1942-d, 42 over 41

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TWENTY CENT PIECES
(1875 - 1878)

1875
1875-cc
1875-s
1876
1876-cc
1877
1878

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DRAPED BUST QUARTERS
(1796 - 1807)

1796
1804
1805
1806
1806, 6 over 5
1807

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CAPPED BUST QUARTERS
(1815 - 1838)

1822, 25 over 50 cents
1823, 3 over 2

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SEATED LIBERTY QUARTERS
(1838 - 1891)

1841
1842
1842-o small date
1849-o
1851
1851-o
1852
1852-o
1853, 3 over 4
1855-o
1855-s
1856-s
1857-s
1858-s
1859-s
1860-s
1861-s
1862-s
1864
1864-s
1865
1865-s
1866
1866-s
1867 - 1870
1870-cc
1871-cc
1871-s
1872-cc
1872-s
1873-cc
1875-cc
1876-cc
1877-cc
1878s - 1888
1889
1890
1891-o

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BARBER QUARTERS
(1892 - 1916)

1892-s
1896-o
1896-s
1897-s
1901-o
1901-s
1905-o
1909-o
1913-s
1914-s

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STANDING LIBERTY QUARTERS
(1916 - 1930)

1916
1917-p
1917-d
1917-s
1918-d
1918-s, 8 over 7
1919-p
1919-d
1919-s
1920-d
1921
1923-s
1924-d
1927-s

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WASHINGTON QUARTERS
(1932 - CURRENT)

1932-d
1932-s

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FLOWING HAIR HALF DOLLARS
(1794 - 1795)

1794
1795
1795, Recut Date
1795, 3 **Leaves Under Each Wing**

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DRAPED BUST HALF DOLLARS
(1796 - 1807)

1796, All Types
1797, 15 Stars
1801
1802
1803
1805, All Types
1806, All Types
1807

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CAPPED BUST HALF DOLLARS
(1807 - 1839)

1807
1815, 5 over 2
1836
1839-o

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SEATED LIBERTY HALF DOLLARS

(1839 - 1891)

1846-6 over 6
1850
1851
1852
1855-s
1866-s (no motto)
1870-cc
1871-cc
1872-cc
1873-cc
1874-cc
1878-cc
1878-s
1879 - 1890

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BARBER HALF DOLLARS
(1892 - 1916)

1892-o
1892-s
1893-s
1896-s
1897-o
1897-s
1913
1914
1915

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WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLARS

(1916 – 1947)

1916
1916-d
1916-s
1921-s
1921-p
1921-d
1938-d

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FLOWING HAIR SILVER DOLLARS
(1794 - 1795)

1794
1795

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DRAPED BUST SILVER DOLLARS

(1795 - 1804)

1795
1796
1797
1798
1799
1800
1801
1802
1803
1804, Variety 1, Proof
1804, Variety 2, Proof

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GOBRECHT SILVER DOLLARS
(1836 - 1839)

1836
1838
1839

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SEATED LIBERTY SILVER DOLLARS

(1840 - 1873)

1848
1850
1850-o
1851
1852
1854
1855
1856
1857
1858
1859-s
1861
1862
1863
1870-cc
1871-cc
1872-cc
1872-s
1873-cc

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TRADE DOLLARS
(1873 - 1885)

1873-cc
1874-cc
1875
1875-cc
1875-s, s over cc
1877-cc
1878-cc
1879 - 1885

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MORGAN SILVER DOLLARS
(1878 - 1921)

1878-cc	1890-cc	**1895-o**
1879-cc	1891-cc	**1895-s**
1880-cc	**1892-cc**	1896-s
1881-cc	1892-s	**1899**
1882-cc	**1893**	1901
1883-cc	**1893-cc**	1902-s
1884-cc	**1893-o**	**1903-o**
1885-cc	**1893-s**	**1903-s**
1886-s	**1894**	1904-s
1888-s	1894-s	
1889-cc	**1895**	

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PEACE SILVER DOLLARS
(1921 - 1935)

1921
1928
1934-s

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