

3-EURO-SUPERSAURS

PACHYCEPHALOSAURUS WYOMINGENSIS



Series	Supersaurs
Face value	€ 3
Date of Issue	15 June 2022
Design	A. Rastl, K. Kuntner
Diameter	34 mm
Quality	Uncirculated
Mintage	65,000
Alloy	Coloured metal
Total Weight	16.00 g
Edge	Plain

Colour application, glow in the dark,
no packaging.

Recommended
initial issue price: € 12.60 (incl. 20% VAT)



Pachycephalosaurus means „thick-headed lizard“ in Greek, a particularly apt name given that the prehistoric herbivore that features on the penultimate coin in the Supersaurs series had a skull roof up to 25 cm thick. As the second part of its name implies, *Pachycephalosaurus wyomingensis* lived in what is now the north-western United States and the province of Alberta in Canada during the late Cretaceous period, some 70 million years ago.

Unusually curved and with short, blunt spines protruding along its edge, the skull of Pachycephalosaurus was unique among dinosaurs. Towards the front it tapered into a small, knobby beak and the eyes faced forward, meaning that the dinosaur could see stereoscopically, as we humans do, in three dimensions. Scientists disagree about the skull's function. The first and most popular theory interprets it as a weapon to be used in intra-species combat, although this is disputed. Another theory assumes that the skull served as an individual recognition feature and exerted a signal effect on conspecifics through its shape and colour. This idea is supported by the fact that there was probably a sexual dimorphism in thick-skinned dinosaurs; that is, males had larger and higher skull roofs than females. The flatter skulls found show no injuries, suggesting that they belonged to females or juveniles that did not have to engage in rutting combat.

COIN MOTIF

Pachycephalosaurus wyomingensis features all 12 of the extreme prehistoric animals in the *Supersaurs* series in silhouette on its obverse. The obverse features a colour-printed Pachycephalosaurus being threatened by a predatorial Allosaurus in a prehistoric landscape. All of the 3 euro coins in the series are legal tender in Austria.

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Price: € 19.80 (incl. 10% VAT)

Colourful Creatures Collector album with 40 Pages,
coins not included.

SERIES OVERVIEW



Spinosaurus
aegyptiacus

2019



Mosasaurus
hoffmanni

2020



Arambourgiania
philadelphiae

2020



Ankylosaurus
magniventris

2020



Tyrannosaurus
rex

2020



Therizinosaurus
cheloniformis

2021



Deinonychus
antirrhopus

2021



Styracosaurus
albertensis

2021



Argentinosaurus
huinculensis

2021



Microraptor
gui

2022



Pachy-
cephalosaurus
wyomingensis

2022



Ornithomimus
velox

2022