3-EURO-SUPERSAURS

# THERIZINOSAURUS CHELONIFORMIS





Series Supersaurs

Face value € 3

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**Design** K. Kuntner/ H. Andexlinger

Diameter34 mmQualityUncirculatedMintage65,000AlloyColoured metalTotal Weight16.00 gEdgePlain

Colour application, glow in the dark, no packaging.

Recommended

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



Appearances can be deceptive. Weighing five tons, up to ten metres tall and boasting sharp claws that were longer than those of any other land animal that has ever existed, the *Therizinosaurus* was not as dangerous as it looked. The subject of the sixth coin in the superlative Supersaurs series was actually a vegetarian and its claws more suited to detaching vegetation than attacking the other animals that roamed the planet some 70 million years ago.

As a theropod, *Therizinosaurus* cheloniformis was not only distantly related to predators such as *Tyrannosaurus* rex but also to present-day birds. Originally carnivorous, over time the *Therizinosaurus* changed its diet and became a pure herbivore. During the late Cretaceous period, it lived in areas of the northern continent of Laurasia that now correspond to North America, China and Mongolia. Up to one metre in length, flat, curved and pointed at the end, the dinosaur's claws are responsible for its nickname, 'scythe lizard'. They were used primarily to reach high branches in trees as well as perhaps for self-defence. Well preserved remains of one of its close relatives have suggested that, rather surprisingly, the *Therizinosaurus* was also partially feathered.

## **COIN MOTIF**

*Therizinosaurus* features all 12 of the extreme prehistoric animals in the *Supersaurs* series in silhouette on its obverse, while a colour-printed *Therizinosaurus* is shown in its native prehistoric habitat next to a nest full of eggs on the coin's glow-in-the-dark reverse. The 3 euro Supersaurs coins are legal tender in Austria.





# **Price:** € 19.80 (incl. 10 % VAT)

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

# COLLECTOR ALBUM SUPERSAURS SERIES

## The Collector Album answers a lot of questions

Which dinosaur was the most sophisticated predator? Which had the longest claws, the most powerful bite, the strongest armour. Which was the most intelligent, the smallest, the most dangerous, the most unusual? The special characteristics of the prehistoric creatures featured make them all fascinating.

The Collector album includes lots of lifelike yet imaginative illustrations as well as fascinating information about the super talents of the dinosaurs featured. Packed with huge personalities and crazy characters, the album is the perfect way for dinosaur fans of all ages to get up close and personal with their extinct friends.

## **SERIES OVERVIEW**

