3-EURO-SUPERSAURS

MICRORAPTOR GUI





Series Supersaurs

Face value € 3

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Design A. Rastl, K. Kuntner

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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)





Like all animal groups, dinosaurs came in all shapes and sizes. Weighing just one kilogram and no larger than a chicken, *Microraptor gui* was the smallest of them all. Despite having wings and feathers, the subject of the tenth coin in the spectacular *Supersaurs* series was not a bird, but rather a true dinosaur dating from the early cretaceous period some 120 million years ago.

We know this because numerous well preserved Microraptor fossil specimens have been found in lakebed deposits in China's Liaoning province. Preserved in mud, the dinosaur's remains were protected from oxygen and scavengers and thus provided palaeontologists with a rare and fascinating glimpse of prehistoric life. Even the dinosaur's feathers were clearly visible, forming a fringe around the skull, along the neck before merging into long wing feathers. The elongated long tail also culminated in a fan of feathers, two of which were particularly long. *Microraptor gui* is also one of the few dinosaurs of which the colour of the feathers can be gauged. Although it was not a bird, the Microraptor does, however, provide important evidence about the evolutionary relationship between birds and early dinosaurs.

COIN MOTIF

On the right of the coin's reverse, a colour-printed *Microraptor gui* is shown in a forest landscape, clawing at a tree trunk; on the left, a flying Microraptor chases a dragonfly. The coin's obverse features all 12 prehistoric animals in the *Supersaurs* series in silhouette. All of the 3 euro coins in the series 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



