

3-EURO-SUPERSAURS

# ORNITHOMIMUS VELOX



Series	Supersaurs
Face value	€ 3
Date of Issue	14 September 2022
Design	Kathrin Kuntner, Herbert Wähner
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)

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COLOURED  
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK  
EFFECT



Our fascinating journey to the world of extreme dinosaurs draws to a close in the shape of *Ornithomimus velox*, the twelfth and final coin in the *Supersaurs* series. *Ornithomimus velox* is definitely a case of last but not least, however, given that it was the fastest dinosaur to have ever roamed the earth.

Standing upright on long hind legs that ended in three powerful claws, and with a long, flexible neck and large eyes set in a small head, *Ornithomimus velox* bore some resemblance to the ostrich, albeit with a long tail and arms instead of wings. The dinosaur even had a toothless jaw that tapered into a beak. Weighing around 150 kilograms and measuring 4 metres from its beak to the tip of its long tail, *Ornithomimus* had lower legs that were significantly longer than its thighs, and elongated metatarsal bones, both typical characteristics of a fast runner. Computer models have calculated that *Ornithomimus* had a top speed of 60 to 80 kilometres per hour, but its powerful hind claws suggest that it was capable of defending itself and did not just use its speed to evade attack.

Although the remains found to date cannot exactly substantiate *Ornithomimus*' diet, the presence of small gastroliths – stones that birds and other animals swallow to grind food – in the epigastric region of some skeletons imply that it was a herbivore. Having said that, *Ornithomimus* could also have preyed on small reptiles and insects, another similarity with the ostrich, which despite having a predominantly plant-based diet and employing gastroliths, also eats caterpillars and grasshoppers.

## COIN MOTIF

*Ornithomimus velox* features all 12 of the extreme prehistoric animals in the *Supersaurs* series in silhouette on its obverse, while a colour-printed *Ornithomimus* is shown moving through a grassy landscape on the coin's glow-in-the-dark reverse. The 3 euro *Supersaurs* coins are legal tender in Austria.



## 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.

**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

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