

5 EURO COIN

WAGGLE DANCE



Face value	€ 5
Date of Issue	8 March 2023
Design	Helmut Andexlinger, Herbert Wähner, Rebecca Wilding
Diameter	28.5 mm

Quality	Special Uncirculated
Mintage	50.000
Alloy	Silver Ag 925
Fine Weight	1/4 oz (7.78 g)
Total Weight	8.41 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial
issue price: € 19.80 (incl. 20% VAT)

Blister pack featuring information in German and English

Quality	Uncirculated
Mintage	200.000
Alloy	Copper Cu 999
Total Weight	8.90 g
Edge	Milled



Price: € 5 (Tax free)

Why talk when you can dance instead? That's how bees communicate. Their 'waggle dance' is a wonderful phenomenon and one that not only bees themselves benefit from. Other living creatures, including humans, do so too, because bees are a vital part of our ecosystem: their welfare is our welfare.

In the early 20th century, the unusual behaviour of honeybees piqued the curiosity of behavioural scientist Karl von Frisch (1886–1982), who grew up in Vienna. He was intrigued by the way the insects sometimes move in circles and perform a figure-of-eight 'waggle dance'. In time, von Frisch discovered that when doing so, bees are in fact 'speaking' a dance language to the other members of their hive to show them where they can find pollen and nectar. Although originally disputed by other scientists, von Frisch's theory eventually earned him the Nobel Prize in 1973.

The 'round dance', in which bees walks in a circle, turn around, then walk the same circle in the opposite direction, tells watching bees that there are flowers with pollen in the immediate vicinity of the hive. When the food source is further away, the waggle dance tells the watching bees how far it is and in which direction they can find it. A representation of the waggle dance is shown in the background on the coin's reverse, behind a bee in flight and above a decorative honeycomb design. The obverse of the nine-sided coin shows the coats of arms of all the provinces of Austria. Not just for nature lovers, whether in copper or silver, *Waggle Dance* makes for a great spring or Easter gift.



Price: € 52.80 (incl. 20% VAT)

BEE BOX

As well as being a sign of gratitude to that miracle of nature – the bee – this superb little set encapsulates exactly what bees do for us and what we can do for them in return.

In addition to a 250 g jar of delicious Liquid Gold organic honey, produced by the bee colony on the roof of the Münze Österreich building in Vienna, the set contains seeds of the type of flowers that attract bees, as well as compressed soil and a flowerpot in which to plant them. The set is completed by a silver 5 euro Waggle Dance coin in a blister pack and a wooden self-assembly model of a bee (8 cm x 12.5 cm).

Not just an ingenious way of giving something back to nature, the Bee Box also makes for a perfect gift set for friends and family.