

Tips & Techniques

Locating Coins and Paper Money in the Standard Databases

US Coins

Coins in the standard database are organized by Coin Type (Dollar-Morgan, Nickel-Buffalo, etc.) There are, however a number of special categories:

- Proof Sets, Mint Sets, and Prestige Sets – include the standard government sets
- Commemoratives and Commemoratives-Gold – Pre-1954 commemorative issues
- Commemoratives-Modern and Commemoratives-Sets – Post 1982 commemoratives
- Bullion-Gold, Silver and Platinum – American Eagles, American Buffalos, and the High Relief St Gaudens

Some of the database categories also generate more customer questions:

- Recent issue quarters are in three categories
 - Quarter-Statehood – the 50 states issued from 1999-2008
 - Quarter-Territorial – the 2009 Quarters
 - Quarter-National Parks – 2010+
- Native American \$1 coins are in Dollar-Sacagawea

US Paper Money

US Paper Money are organized by Friedberg # using the standard categories. The best way to find a note is:

- Determine if it is large or small (small is current size). Small note categories are preceded by the word Small when a large category exists, for example Silver Certificates and Small Silver Certificates.
- Determine the type by looking at the center top of the obverse of the note
- Open the database category corresponding to the type you found
- Once the type is open. Scroll down to the denomination as all notes of one type are organized grouped by denomination
- Once you reach the denomination, locate the Series

- Once you identify the series, locate the signatures
- In some instances you will also need to identify the seal color

World Coins

World coins are organized by country, but there are a few special categories listed under Country:

- Euro Coinage – this category includes country subcategories for the comprehensive listings of all Euro Coinage (1999-present)
- World Bullion – Silver and World Bullion-Gold – contains sub-categories of world bullion coins (Chinese Pandas, South African Kruggerands, etc.)