

Numismatic Natural History

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1. Which extinct flightless bird is famously featured on the reverse of the New Zealand one-dollar coin?

- A) Kakapo
- B) Takahe**
- C) Moa
- D) Huia

2. The 1936 Australian Commonwealth halfpenny and penny series were struck with a design featuring which specific biological icon?

- A) Kangaroo
- B) Emu
- C) Wattle branch**
- D) Koala

3. The 'Great Seal of Canada' depicted on various commemorative coins features a beaver sitting on a log; which specific botanical element is frequently depicted alongside it in the background?

- A) Maple leaf**
- B) White pine
- C) Birch tree
- D) Willow branch

4. On the Greek 20-euro cent coin, the figure depicted is Ioannis Kapodistrias, but which natural maritime creature is featured on the 1-euro coin?

- A) Dolphin**
- B) Sea turtle
- C) Octopus
- D) Swordfish

5. Which predatory bird of prey, known for its distinct white-headed appearance, was featured on the reverse of the American 'Peace Dollar' transition designs, though famously absent on the minted version?

- A) Peregrine Falcon
- B) Golden Eagle
- C) Bald Eagle**
- D) Osprey

6. The South African 'Krugerrand' gold coin is named after Paul Kruger and which iconic African mammal?

- A) Lion
- B) African Elephant
- C) Springbok**
- D) Black Rhinoceros

7. Which poisonous, endemic reptile is depicted on the reverse of the Mexican 10-peso coin, associated with the founding of Tenochtitlan?

- A) Coral snake
- B) Rattlesnake**
- C) Gila monster
- D) Cottonmouth

8. The 1999 Finnish commemorative coin honoring the centennial of the Bank of Finland depicts which threatened Nordic land mammal?

- A) Saimaa ringed seal**
- B) Arctic fox
- C) European lynx
- D) Wolverine