



2016 \$8 1.25oz 99.99% FINE SILVER COIN BISON

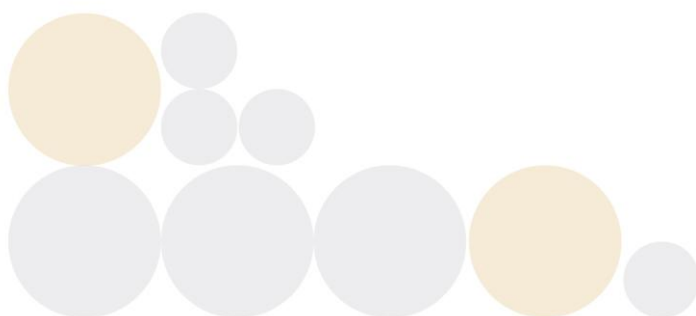
The North American continent's heaviest land animal is *Bison bison*, known commonly as the North American bison. For millennia, the American bison and its Holocene ancestor dominated much of central North America, from what is now Alaska, down through the Canadian prairies and American Midwest, as far south as central Mexico and as far east as near the Appalachians of the United States. In the tens of millions, they wandered along ancient feeding routes so well worn that they are still visible from the air today. Many of these routes, particularly in the United States, were eventually used as wagon trails and, later, for railway beds. By the end of the nineteenth century, though, over-hunting and large-scale exterminations by European settlers had reduced bison numbers from more than 60 million to only a few hundred. Concerted conservation efforts throughout the twentieth century helped to bring the numbers of wild bison up in both Canada and the United States. In total, there are estimated to be about 30,000 non-domesticated bison in Canada and the United States today and several hundred thousand raised on ranches.



ACTUAL SIZE



ENHANCED
SECURITY





SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Masterfully crafted by Royal Canadian Mint engravers using a variety of engraving techniques and finishes to bring depth and texture to this stunning image of Canadian wildlife.
- Two unique features for cutting-edge security, including precise radial lines and micro-engraved lasered maple leaf in the coin field. In the centre of this mark, visible under magnification, is the numeral "16", denoting the coin's year of issue.
- A beautiful gift or collectible for those who love wildlife, natural images, original artwork, and Canadian themes.
- A striking addition to any nature, animal or Canadiana-themed coins.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:

Mint: Royal Canadian Mint
Item Number: 150391
UPC: 6-23932-07249-7
Composition: 99.99% pure silver
Weight*: 1.25 oz (38.88 g)
Diameter (mm): 38
Face Value: 8 dollars (CAN)
Finish: Frosted relief with radial line
Edge: Serrated
Artist: Vanessa Miller

DESIGN

The reverse design by Canadian artist Vanessa Miller presents a full-body profile portrait of a bison in its natural habitat. Viewed from its left side, this massive North American bison bull stands with one hind leg raised in mid-stride. Its shaggy beard, blunt nose, small eye, and upturned horns are presented to stunning effect through the masterful use of varied finishes and engraving. The powerfully muscled, hunched back and fur-lined forelimbs give way to a low sloped hind section ending in a short fringed tail.

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