



CENTRAL BANK
of BELIZE

Introducing the

National Symbols of Belize

Coin Series

"Belize In Every Coin"



A Fully Redesigned Coin Series

The Central Bank of Belize introduces the *National Symbols of Belize Coin Series*—a modern collection celebrating Belize’s cherished national symbols and complementing the 2025 National Heroes Banknotes.

Modern Alloys

Upgraded with durable, industry-standard metals to replace legacy materials.

Fresh Artwork

All-new obverse and reverse designs featuring the national symbols and the map of Belize on every denomination.

World-Class Minting

Produced by the Royal Canadian Mint to ensure the highest global standards of circulation quality.

The One Cent — Black Orchid



OBVERSE
Black Orchid



REVERSE
Denomination

Honouring Belize's national flower, the new one-cent features the *Prosthechea cochleata*, a native orchid thriving across the country's forests. It showcases the flower's distinctive clamshell shape and dark petals on the coin's reverse side.

Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison

| | MONARCH SERIES | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Weight (g) | 0.79 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2.3 ↑ |
| Diameter (mm) | 19.51 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 19.25 ↓ |
| Shape | 12 Scalloped | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 Sided |
| Edge | Plain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Plain |
| Alloy | Aluminum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nickel-Plated Steel |

The Five Cents — Baird's Tapir



OBVERSE

Baird's Tapir



REVERSE

Denomination

As Belize's national animal and the largest non-domesticated land mammal in Central America, the Baird's Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) is featured on the new five-cent coin. The reverse side depicts this endangered species, celebrating Belize's commitment to wildlife conservation and native biodiversity.

| Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | MONARCH SERIES | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES |
| Weight (g) | 1.045 g | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3.20 g |
| Diameter (mm) | 20.19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20.19 |
| Shape | Round | <input type="checkbox"/> | Round |
| Edge | Plain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plain |
| Alloy | Aluminum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nickel-Plated Steel |

The Ten Cents — Coat of Arms



OBVERSE

National Coat of Arms



REVERSE

Denomination

The new ten-cent coin depicts Belize's National Coat of Arms, which features two woodcutters, a mahogany tree, and the national motto, "Sub Umbra Floreo." Meaning "Under the Shade I Flourish," this iconic symbol honors the nation's historical roots and enduring identity.

Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison

| MONARCH SERIES | | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| Weight (g) | 2.40 | ✓ | 2.35 ↓ | |
| Diameter (mm) | 17.00 | ✗ | 17.00 | |
| Shape | Round | ✗ | Round | |
| Edge | Milled | ✗ | Milled | |
| Alloy | Cupro Nickel | ✓ | Nickel-Plated Steel | |

The Twenty-Five Cents — Keel-Billed Toucan



OBVERSE

Keel-Billed Toucan



REVERSE

Denomination

The reverse of the new twenty-five-cent coin showcases the striking profile of the Keel-Billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*), Belize's national bird. Known for its vibrant, rainbow-coloured bill, this social species beautifully reflects the rich diversity of the nation's tropical forests.

Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison

| | MONARCH SERIES | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Weight (g) | 5.66 | ✓ | 5.25 |
| Diameter (mm) | 23.60 | ✗ | 23.60 |
| Shape | Round | ✗ | Round |
| Edge | Milled | ✗ | Milled |
| Alloy | Cupro Nickel | ✓ | Nickel-Plated Steel |

The Fifty Cents — Mahogany Tree



OBVERSE

Mahogany Tree



REVERSE

Denomination

The new fifty-cent coin features the majestic canopy of the Mahogany Tree (*Swietenia macrophylla*), Belize's national tree. Rooted in the country's early forestry heritage, this towering species serves as an enduring symbol of strength and national identity.

| Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | MONARCH SERIES | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES |
| Weight (g) | 9.07 g | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8.25 g |
| Diameter (mm) | 27.74 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27.74 |
| Shape | Round | <input type="checkbox"/> | Round |
| Edge | Milled | <input type="checkbox"/> | Milled |
| Alloy | Cupro Nickel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nickel-Plated Steel |

The One Dollar — Map of Belize



OBVERSE

Map of Belize



REVERSE

Denomination

The reverse of the new one-dollar coin showcases an engraved relief map of Belize, serving as a unifying visual for the entire coin series. This detailed design highlights the country's geography, stretching from the Caribbean coast to the western highlands.

Coin Specification Changes: A Detailed Comparison

| | MONARCH SERIES | Change Status | NATIONAL SYMBOLS SERIES |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Weight (g) | 9.0 g | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7.3 g ↓ |
| Diameter (mm) | 26.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26.0 |
| Shape | 10 Sided | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 Sided |
| Edge | Alternate Plain/Milled | <input type="checkbox"/> | Alternate Plain/Milled |
| Alloy | Nickel Brass | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bronze Plated Steel |

***Note:** The change in alloy will result in the \$1 having a bronze/rose gold appearance rather than the traditional yellow gold appearance of the monarch series.

LIMITED EDITION COLLECTIBLE

Painted Fifty Cents



OBVERSE



REVERSE

To commemorate the new coin series, the Central Bank has minted a limited-edition painted version of the fifty-cent Mahogany Tree coin. Restricted to **100,000 pieces**, this collectible will not enter circulation and is available exclusively through the Bank's numismatic services.

Full Series



What You Need to Know



Dual Legal Tender

- The legacy Monarch series and the new National Symbols series are both **valid legal tender**.
- There is no need to exchange your existing Monarch coins, as both hold equal financial value.



Built to Last

- Coins are highly durable and can remain in circulation for 20 – 30 years.
- Because of this long lifespan, legacy Monarch coins will remain in circulation for many years.



New Metal Composition

- The National Symbols coins use modern alloys with a steel core, meaning they will naturally react to magnets.
- This magnetic attraction is normal and confirms the updated minting materials.



Smooth Transition

- Both coin series will circulate side by side seamlessly in everyday commerce.
- No action is required from the public—simply use either coin series normally as you always have.

Questions?

