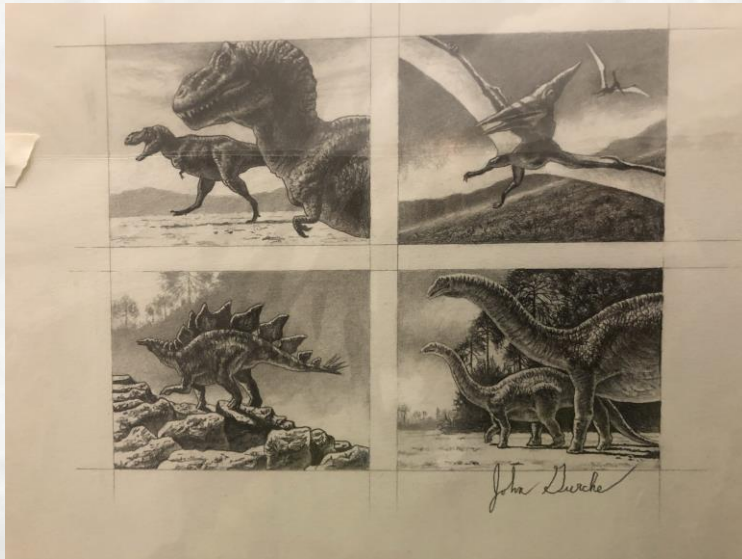


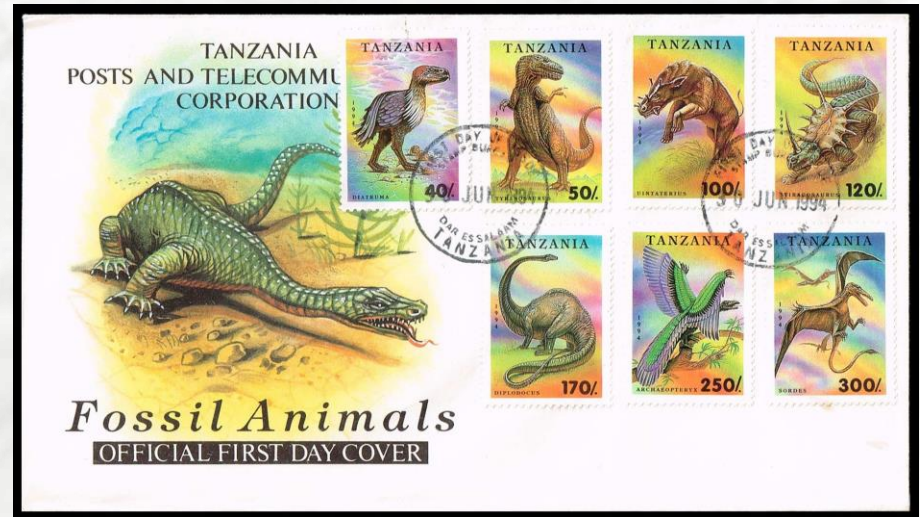
Going Postal: Dinosaurs on Stamps



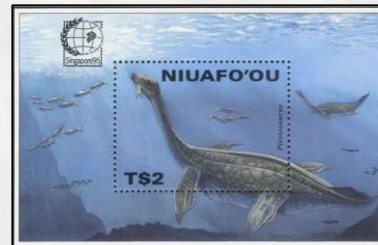
Jon Noad
Senior Palaeontologist,
Stantec Consulting;
University of Adelaide

Introduction

- Topical – a collection by subject
- Thematic – using a topic to tell a story; does NOT focus on the stamps themselves, e.g.
 - History of dinosaur collecting
 - Geography of dinosaur discoveries
 - Dinosaur lifestyles
- Thematic collecting allows you to collect whatever you want
- Only problems are that you are up against country collectors
- And there are thousands of “wallpaper stamps” out there to tempt the collector



Tanzania 1994



Niafo'ou 1993



Solomon Islands



In The Beginning

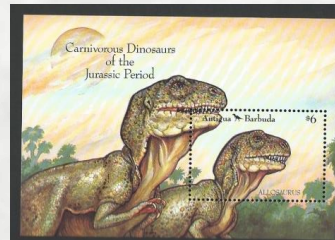
- Started collecting all stamps as a child – the Odeon Stamp Shop
- My collection included Poland 1965
- Collection lapsed in teens
- Passed the Strand Hotel in 1992 and saw the sign, entered and found the thematic stall
- Got serious, attended Thematica
- Wrote to many dealers – luckily! Pre the internet
- Joined Ebay in 2001
- Joined Delcampe in 2002
- Exhibited for the first time in 2018



Where it all began



Antigua 1992



My collection

- More than 10,000 different dinosaur stamps
- Numerous other postal items
- My favourites are:
 - Original artwork
 - First day covers
 - With a bias towards issues from the 60s & 70s (and sauropods)
- Collection completed in terms of mint stamps
- Now looking for rare items and I focus on eBay and thematic auctions

Niafo'ou original artwork



UK 1991



Brazil

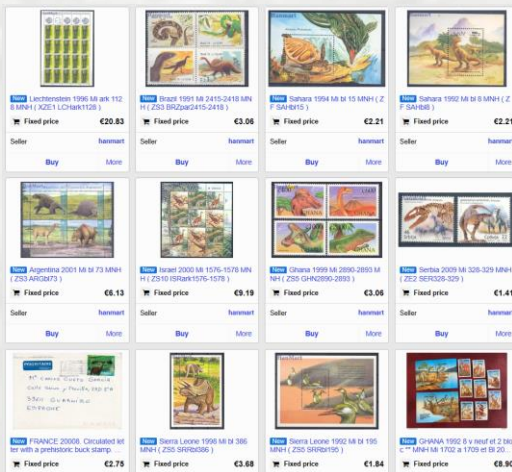


PNG



The impact of Ebay

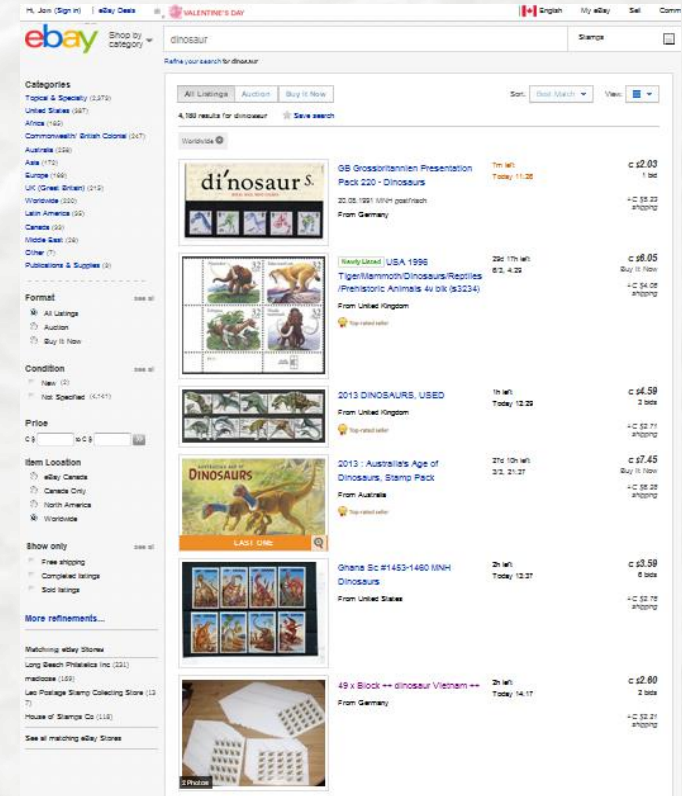
- Currently ~18000 dino stamp lots for sale
- Range from singles and sets to rare items
- Number of bidders has increased dramatically over time
- My competition are Chinese bidders with too much money
- Rare items used to go for \$100, now \$1000
- Ebay provides a yardstick – now we know the value of everything – viz my friend Tim and his Victorian bottle



Delcampe
website



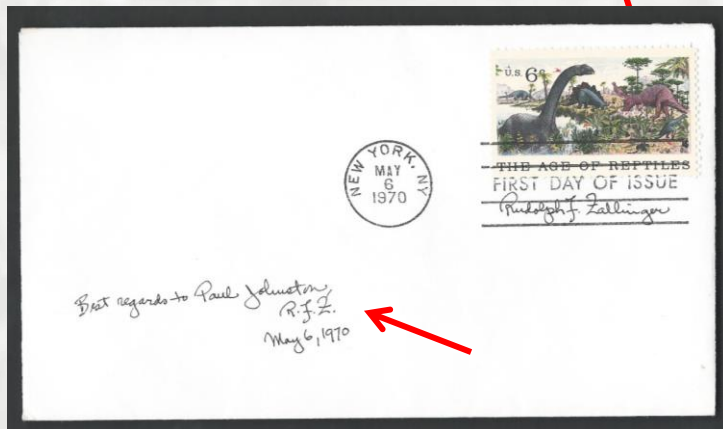
Ebay website



Inspiration? Famous artists



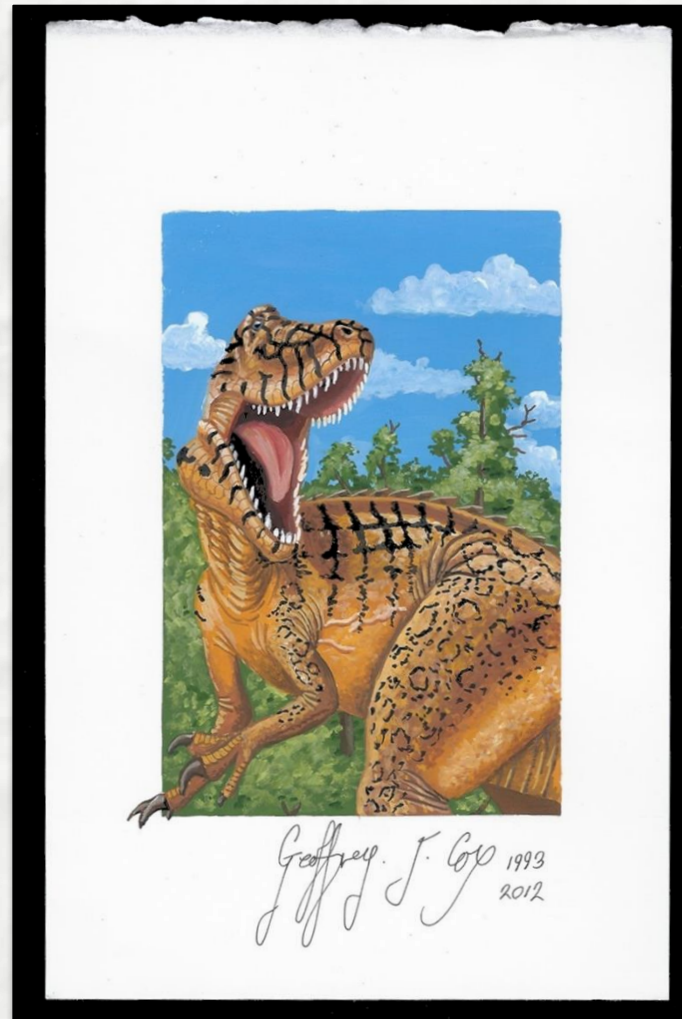
Zallinger's famous mural at Yale



First Day Cover signed by Zallinger on Day of Issue

- Famous dinosaur artists: Zallinger, Knight, Burian, etc
- Used repeatedly without permission

The Range of Postal Items



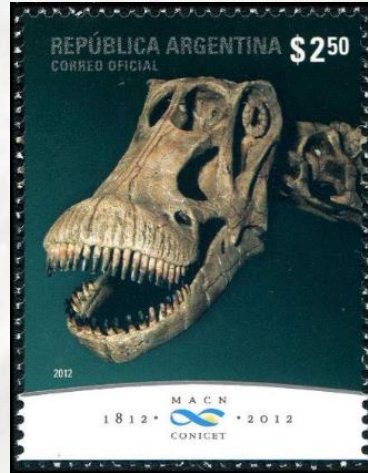
Stamps

- Perforated and Imperforated
- Gummed or Self adhesive
- Geometric and other shapes

Thailand 1991



Argentina



Argentina

Kampuchea



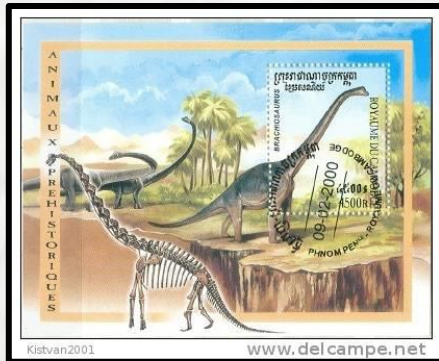
Sweden 1992

BAT 1991



All Sorts of Sheets

- Mini-sheets
- Sheets of stamps
- Tete bêche pairs
- Be aware of marginal markings & text

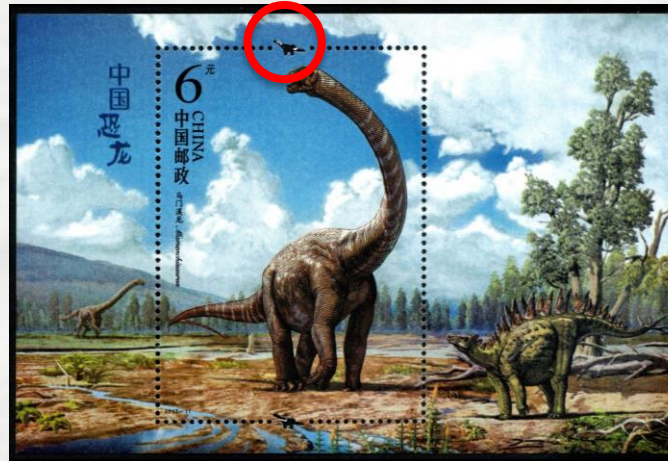


South Africa

Cambodia



New Zealand 1993



China

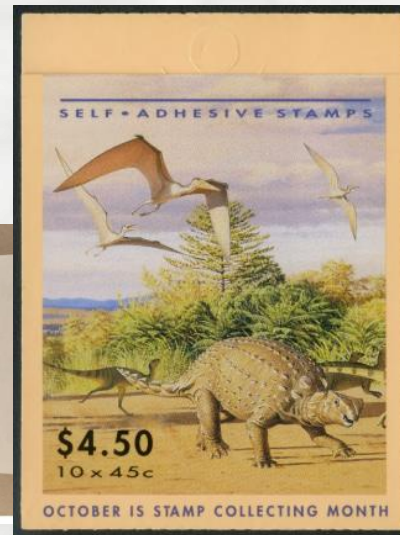


Belgium 1966

Argentina



Booklets and Coils



Bulgaria

Australia

New Zealand

Sweden

Thailand

Postally Used Letters

- Countries issue many FDCs but posted letters are usually rarer
- Those posted on the day of issue are more valuable than FDCs
- I get dealers to send sets of stamps on cover



Lesotho 1970



Japan 1977



Lourhino, Portugal

Mongolia

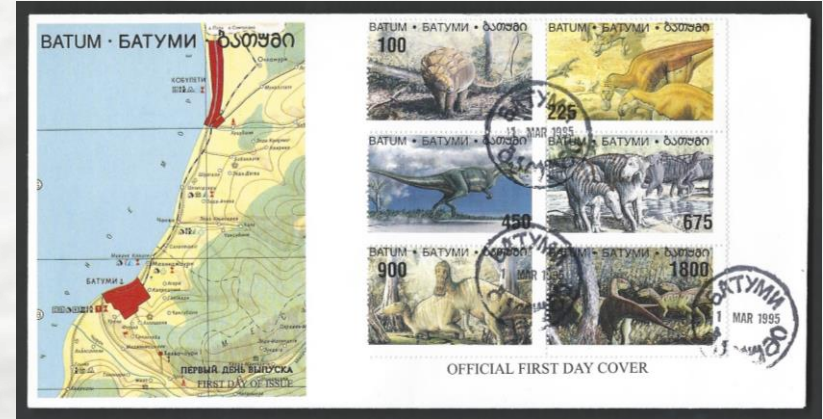


First Day Covers – many more to come...

- May be many covers for the same issue
- Include Postmarks – nice as give issue date
- Cachets make the cover



USA 1993



Batum 1995



Mozambique 1971



Central African Republic 1996

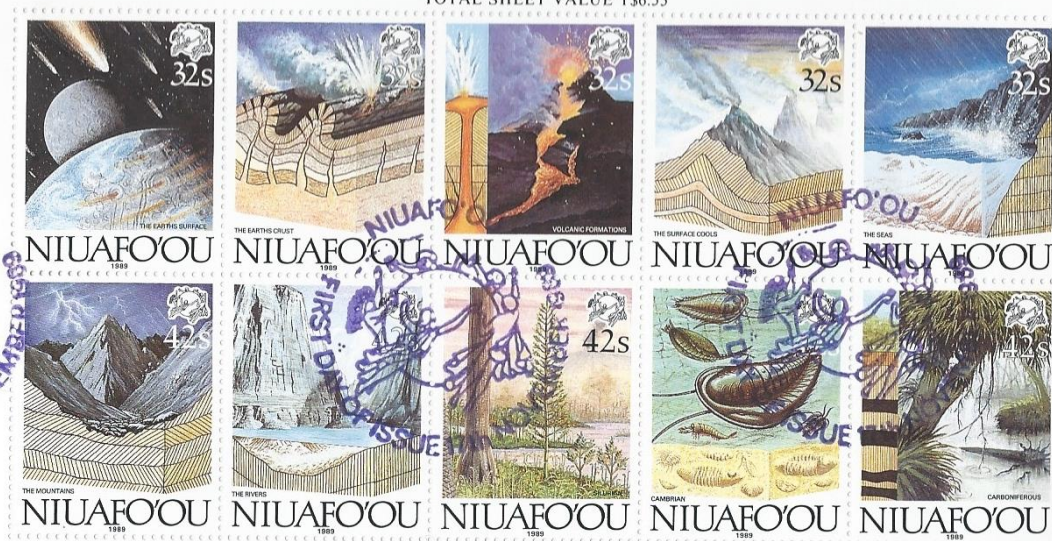
San Marino 1965



The Planet Earth – Niuafo'ou 1989

WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 WASHINGTON DC.

TOTAL SHEET VALUE T\$6.55



THE PLANET EARTH



UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION XX CONGRESS
WASHINGTON DC 1989



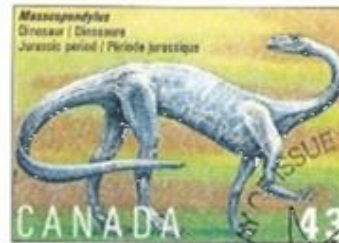
Oh Canada! 1993

250 million De
to 250 millions
65 million jusqu'à
years 65 millions
ago d'années



Day of Issue
Canada Post Corporation

Jour d'émission
Société canadienne des postes



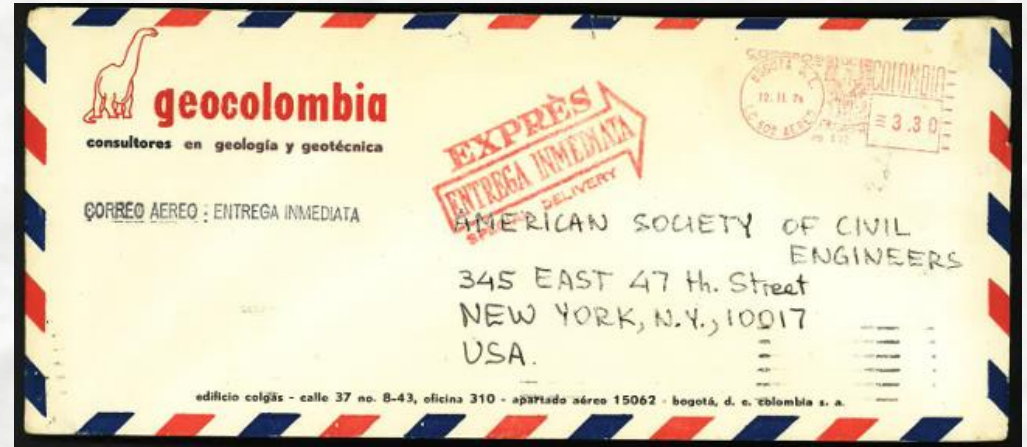
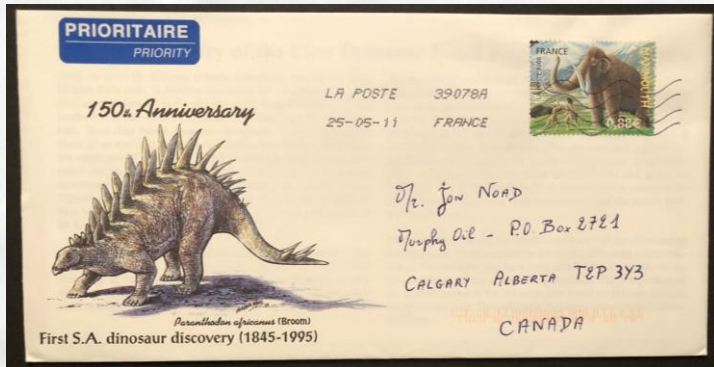
Leitch-Post Limited
Design: Paul Heiser

Color calibration bar with CMYK and RGB values.

La vie préhistorique au Canada - 3
L'âge des dinosaures

Covers with cachets

- Wide variety
- Companies with dino logos

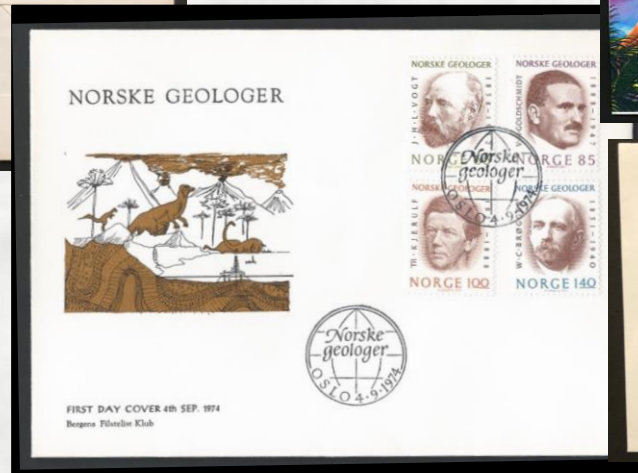


RSA Colombia company



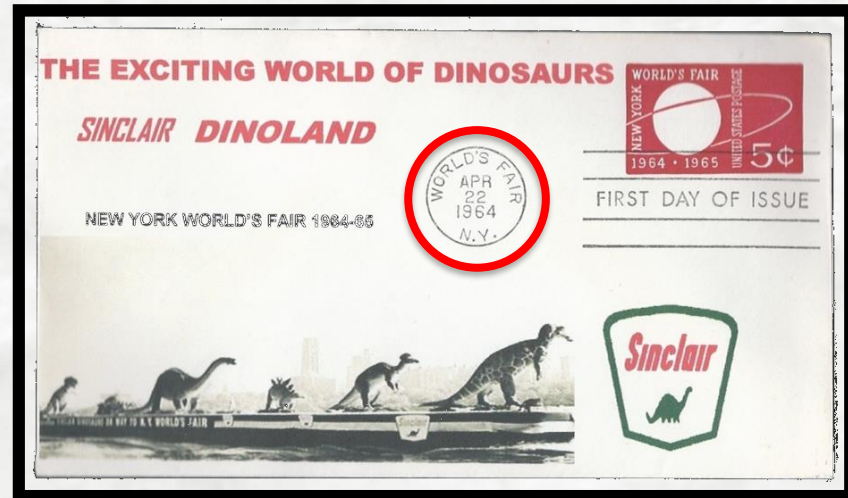
AMNH

Norway China

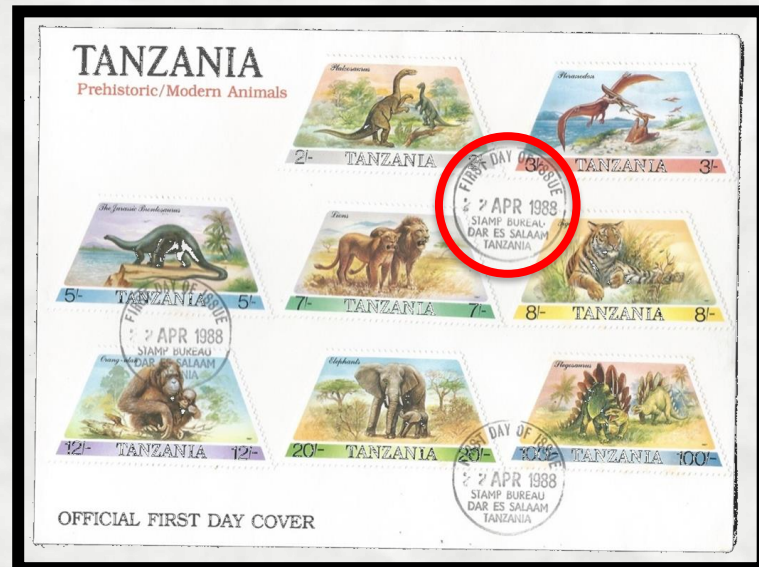


My Birthday!

- Original envelope had the stamp and first day cancel
- Cachet added on later
- This cover was issued for the 1964 New York World Fair
- And was issued the day I was born!



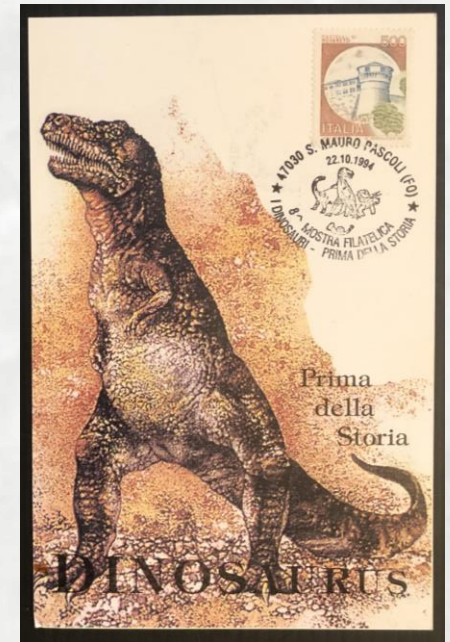
- And the Tanzania issue of unusual shaped dinosaur stamps was also issued on my birthday – April 22nd, Earth Day



Postal Cards and Maximum cards

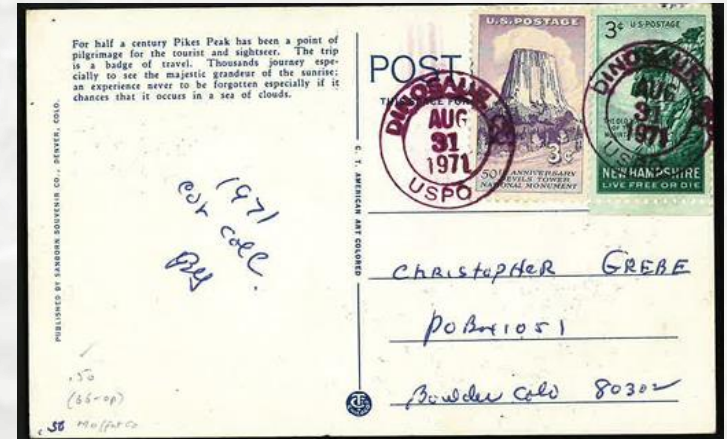
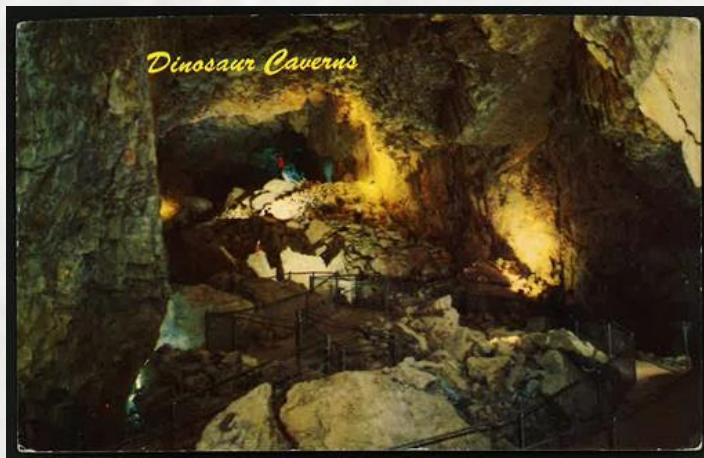
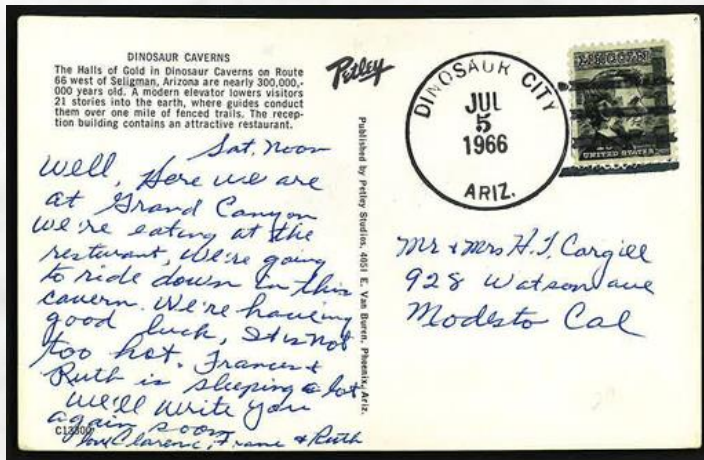
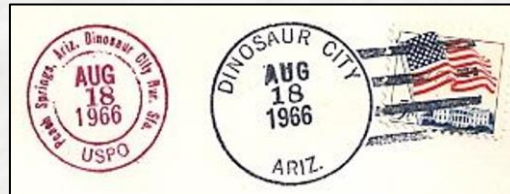
- Postal Card shows the stamp on a postcard
- Maximum cards - Picture postcard tying together an illustration, a stamp and a cancellation in a common theme

Singapore



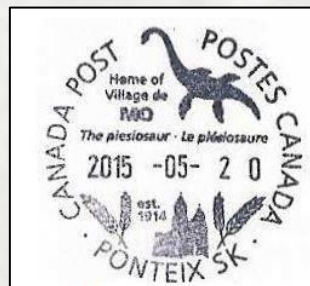
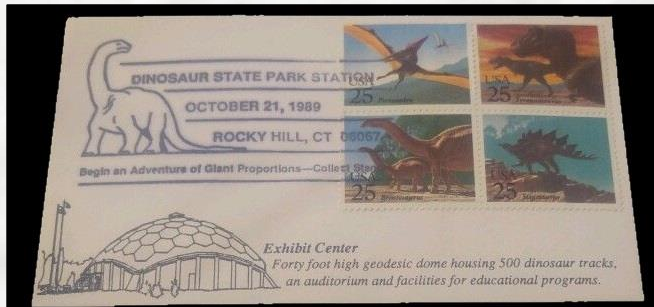
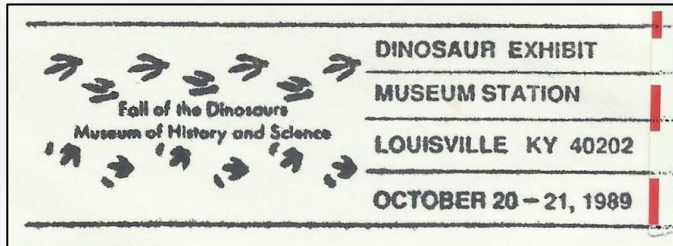
Postmarks - locations

- Dinosaur, Colorado
- Dinosaur City, Arizona
- Sinclair



- Not a postmark but a hand stamp advertising Vernal, Utah

Postmarks - dinosaurs

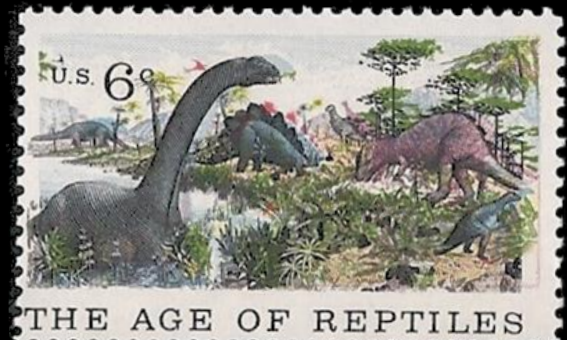
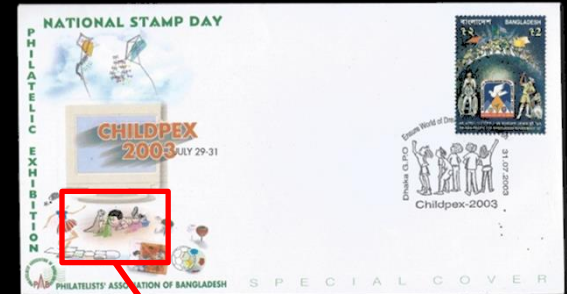


Errors from Poland

- Misprints
- Misperfs
- Colours missing
- Foldovers

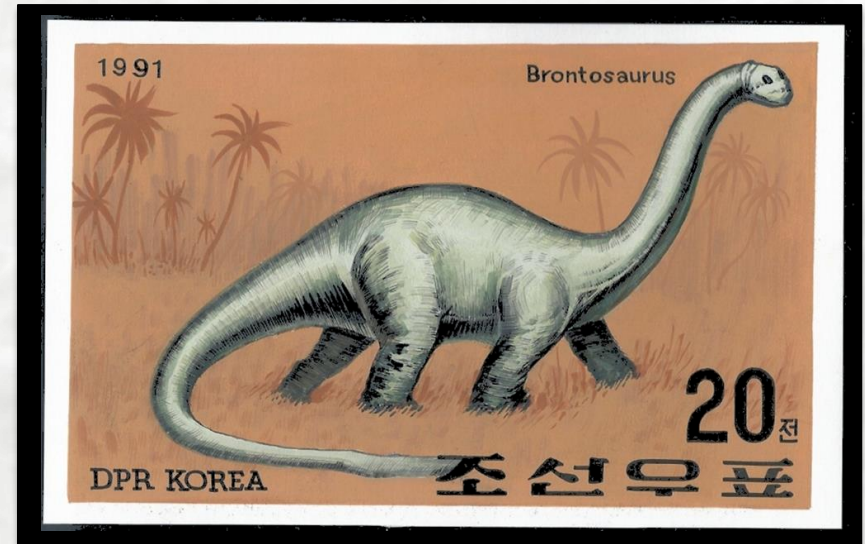


More errors



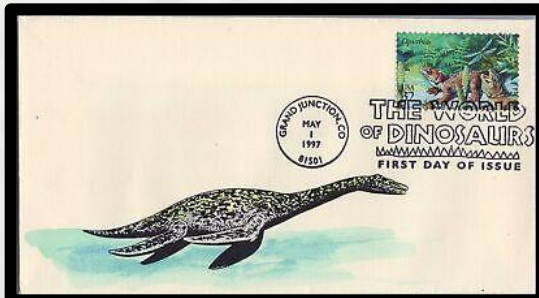
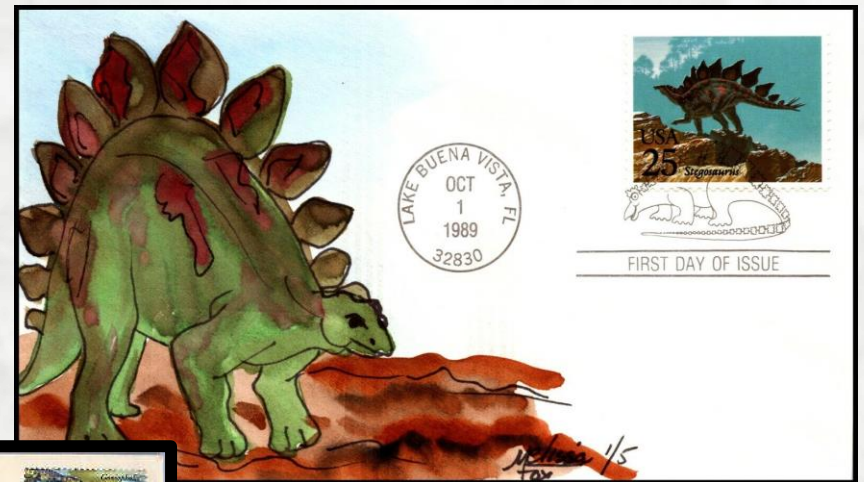
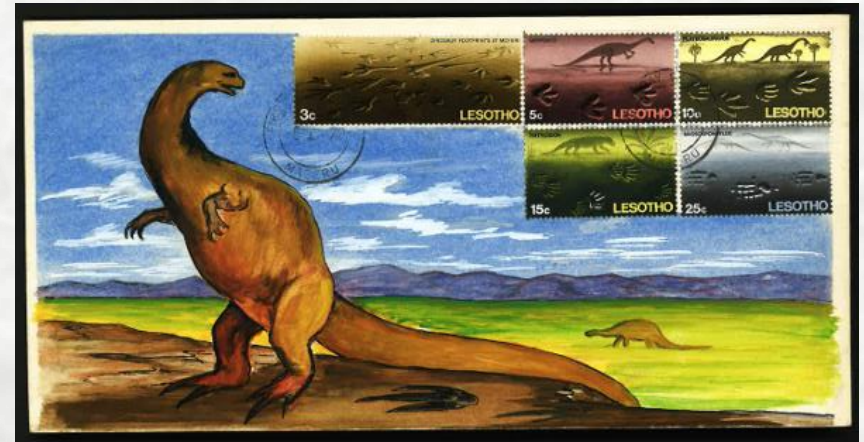
Original artwork

- Typically, rare and VERY expensive
- Original drawings and sketches
- Trials and Essays – proposed designs
- Unused artwork
- Proofs – practice runs by the printer, black and white or colour prints

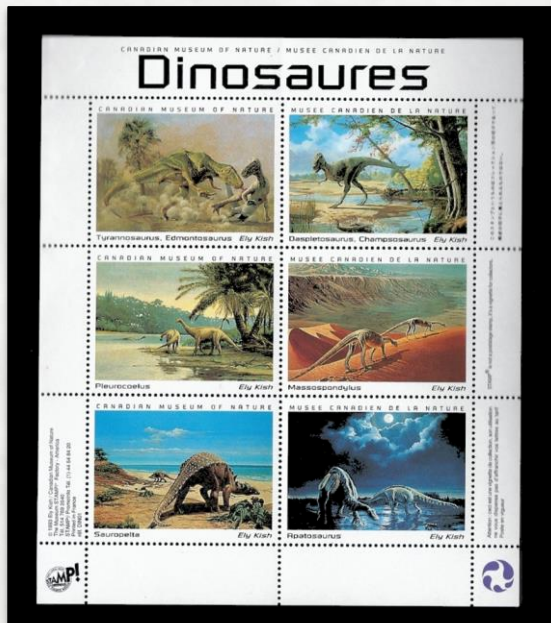
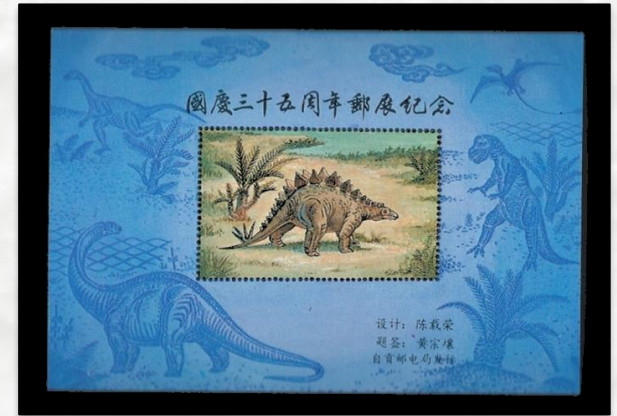
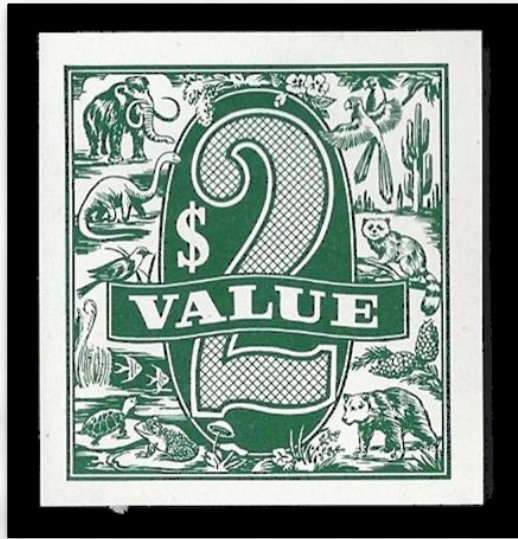


Painted covers

- Often by lesser know artists
- May be quite charming
- Thousands available from the US
- Watch out for “add on cachets”, often from years later

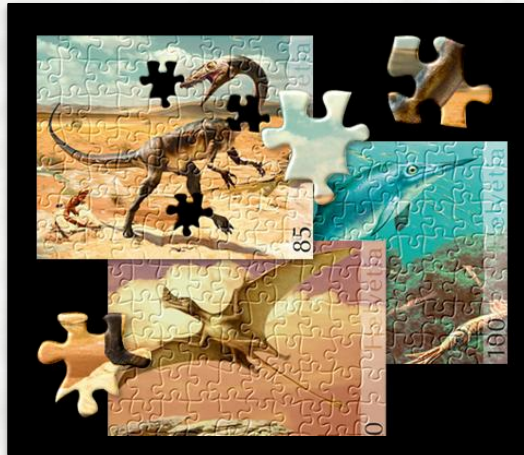


Cinderellas

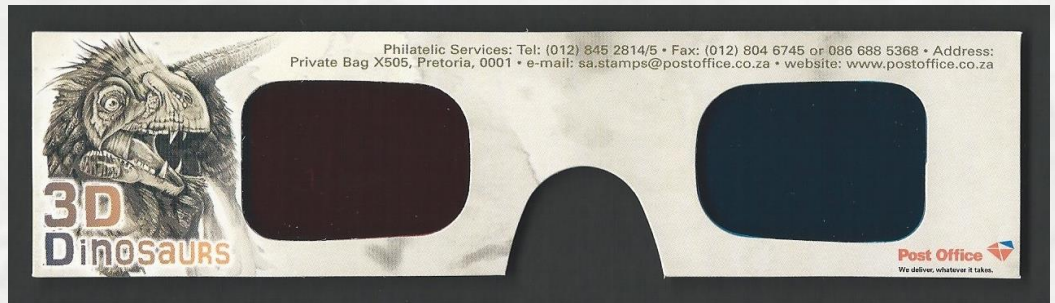
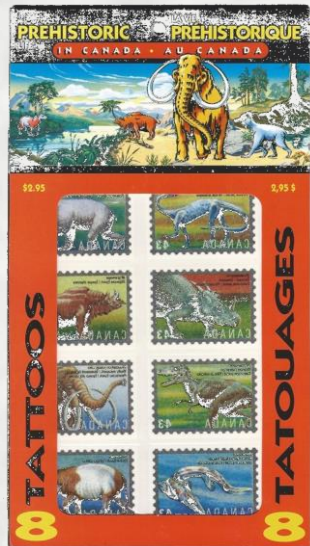
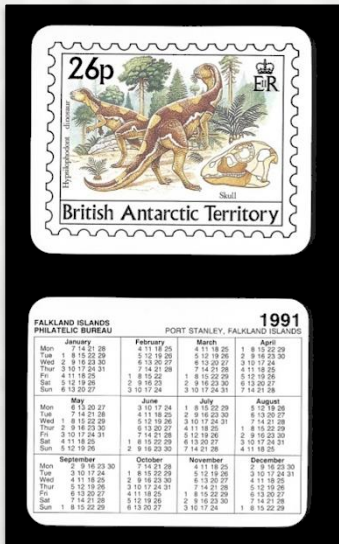


Other Items (1)

- Images
- Jigsaws
- Calendars
- Fossils and more



Other Items (2)

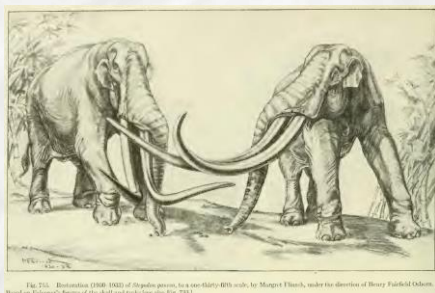


A History of Dinos on Stamps

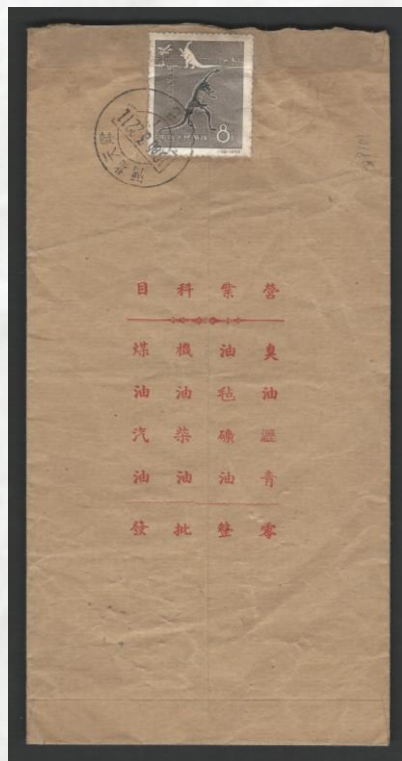


China's Greatest Achievement!

- First dinosaur stamp issued in 1958
- Part of set of 3 stamps
- First ancient mammal was earlier – mastodon from 1951



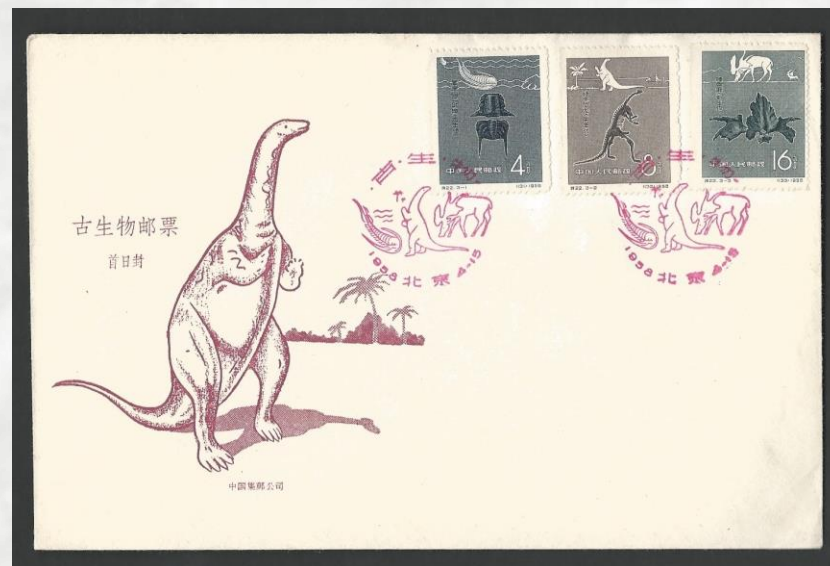
Original painting by Margaret Flinch (1933)



Chinese letter posted in 1958



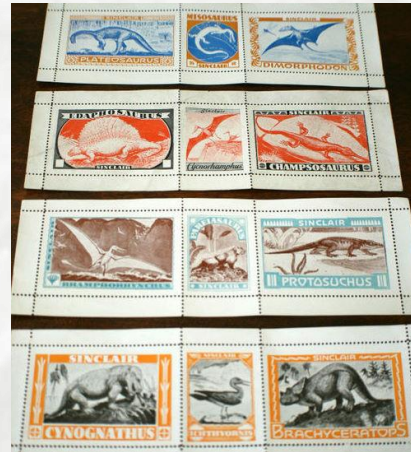
Sheets of stamps and a delightful First Day Cover



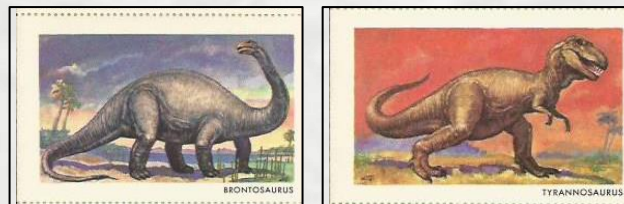
Sinclair Stuff – from the 1930s



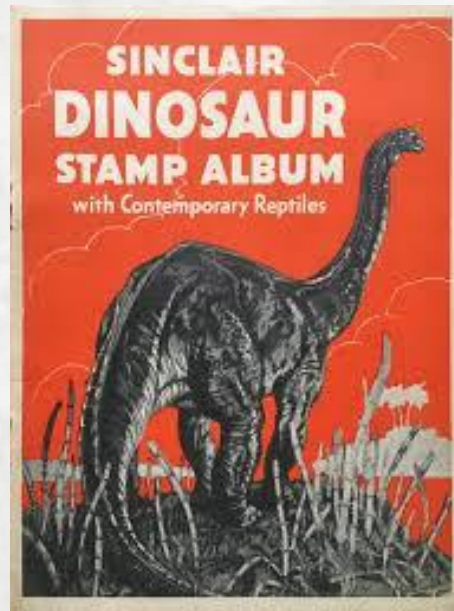
- Major oil company in the US
- Used Dinny the Dinosaur to advertise their gas
- Produced their own stamps to stick in albums
- Millions given away
- Also used dinosaur postmarks that predate China 1958



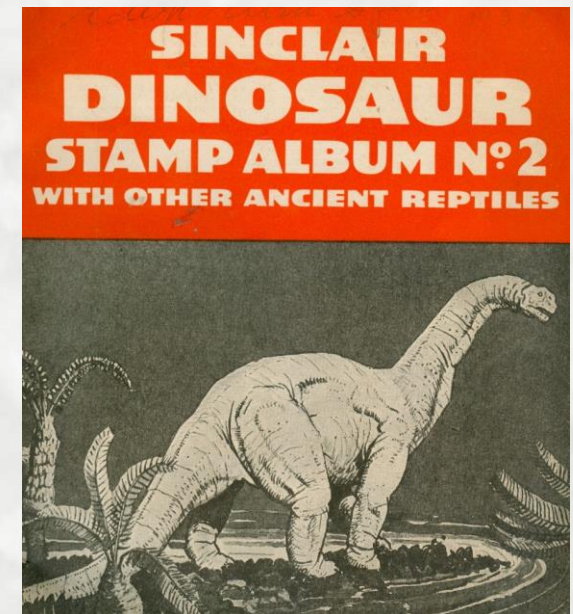
Booklet with Cinderella dinosaur stamps



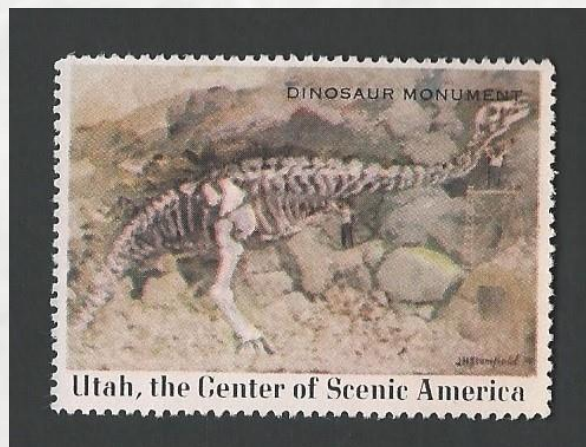
1935 album



1938 album



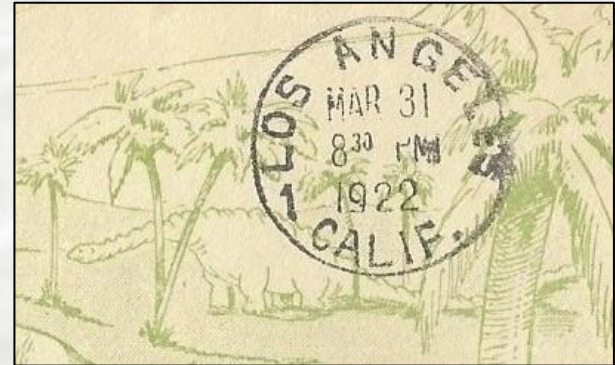
Sinclair - Pièce de la Resistance... and another challenger



- Painting by John Heber Stansfield from 1932
- Depicts "Utah, the Center of Scenic America"
- Sheet of 20 Cinderella stamps with one dinosaur

The Oldest Postal Dinosaur

- Envelope given to me by a dealer
- Possibly unique
- Cover is prepaid postal stationery and is postally used
- Dates to 1922
- Provides an advert for fertilizer



Torrance Fertilizer

- Fossil beds discovered by two schoolboys close to the Palos Verdes Hills in 1921
- Developed as a fertilizer quarry mining fossiliferous Pleistocene marl and limestone
- Managed by Samuel Maus Purple, who brought in many famous palaeontologists
- Used dynamite to expose treasures
- Finds included whale, dolphin, sharks, mammoth and sabre-toothed tiger
- Series of wonderful adverts in the local papers through 1928

MONSTER SHARK TOOTH IS FOUND.

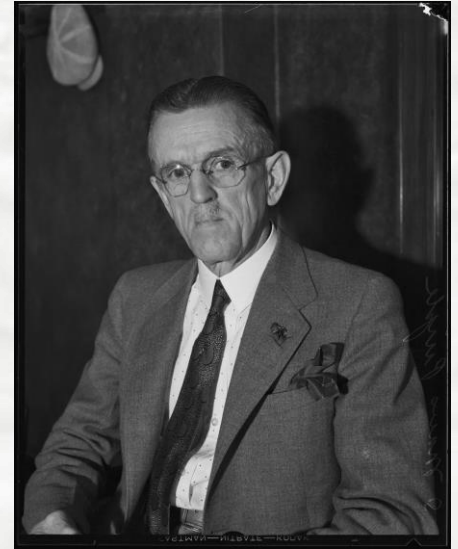
*Largest Specimen Unearthed
in History of Science.*

*Fish That Lost It Estimated at
Sixty Feet Long.*

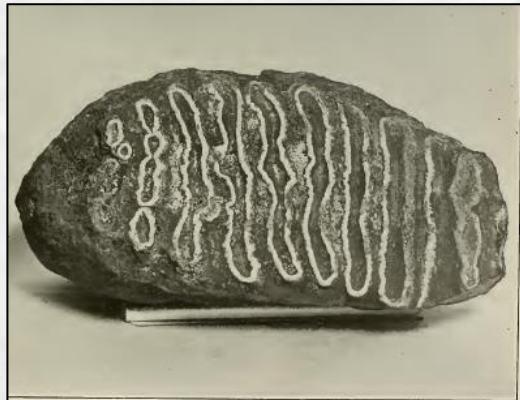
*Modern Man-Eater Would
Look Like Minnow.*

A shark's tooth more than twice as large as any heretofore known to scientists was unearthed last week from the lime pits of the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company, near Torrance, where excavations which have held the attention of geologists for several weeks are still in progress.

The gnasher is five and three-fourths inches long, three inches thick at its heaviest end and is fully four inches wide at its base. Dr. L. E. Wyman of the Museum of History, Science and Art, after a careful examination of the tooth, declared that he felt that he was speaking conservatively when he said that it is far and away the largest shark's tooth recorded and might even go as high as two and a half times as large as any with which he is acquainted.

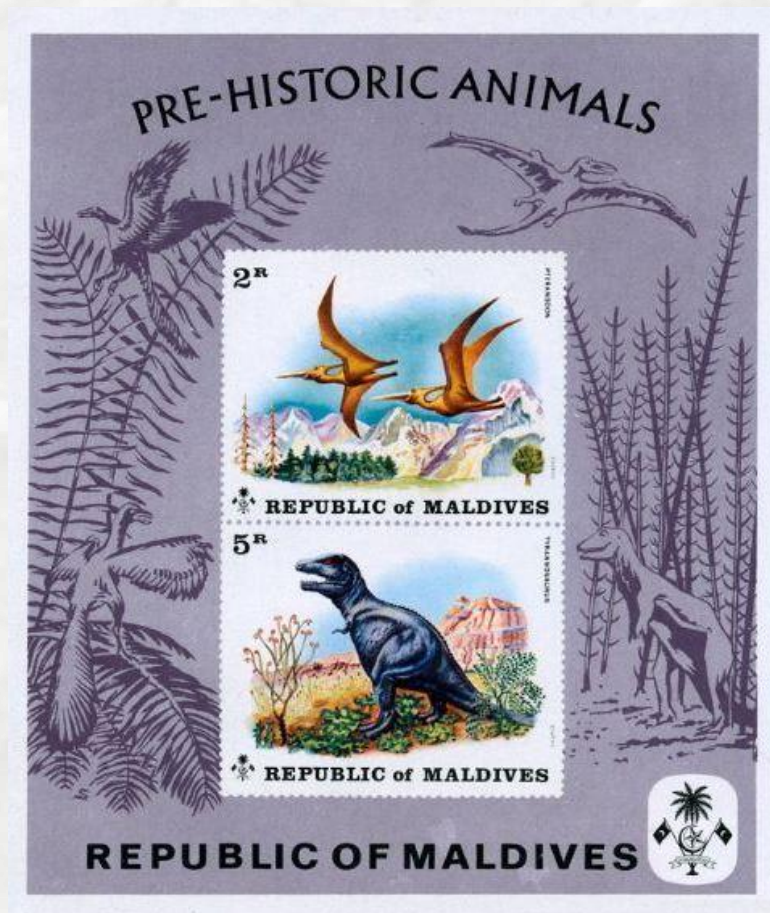


S. Maus Purple



Mammoth tusk

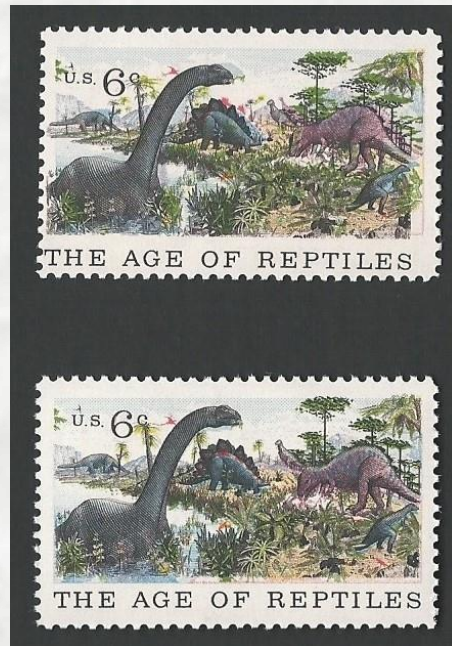
Dinosaur Stamp Evolution



Maldives 1972

The Early Days – 60s and 70s

- Some attractive commemorative issues i.e. stamps with drawings on them, not just heads
- Well designed, simple yet effective
- True art on a tiny piece of paper



My first set of dinosaur stamps

- Poland 1965
- Designed by Andre Heindrich, who also did many bank notes
- We will see more of these on the errors page



Commissioned artwork signed by the artist



Jennifer M. Toombs - M.C.S.D.

“Dunes” from the mid 60s

- Britain managed the Trucial States' external relations until 1963
- Finbar Kenny saw an opportunity and concluded a deal with several Arabian states to produce, market and sell stamps for them, designed purely for collectors
- Thousands of issues, luridly illustrated
- Eventually saturated the market and now often considered as bogus issues



Original artwork



Fujeira miniature sheet

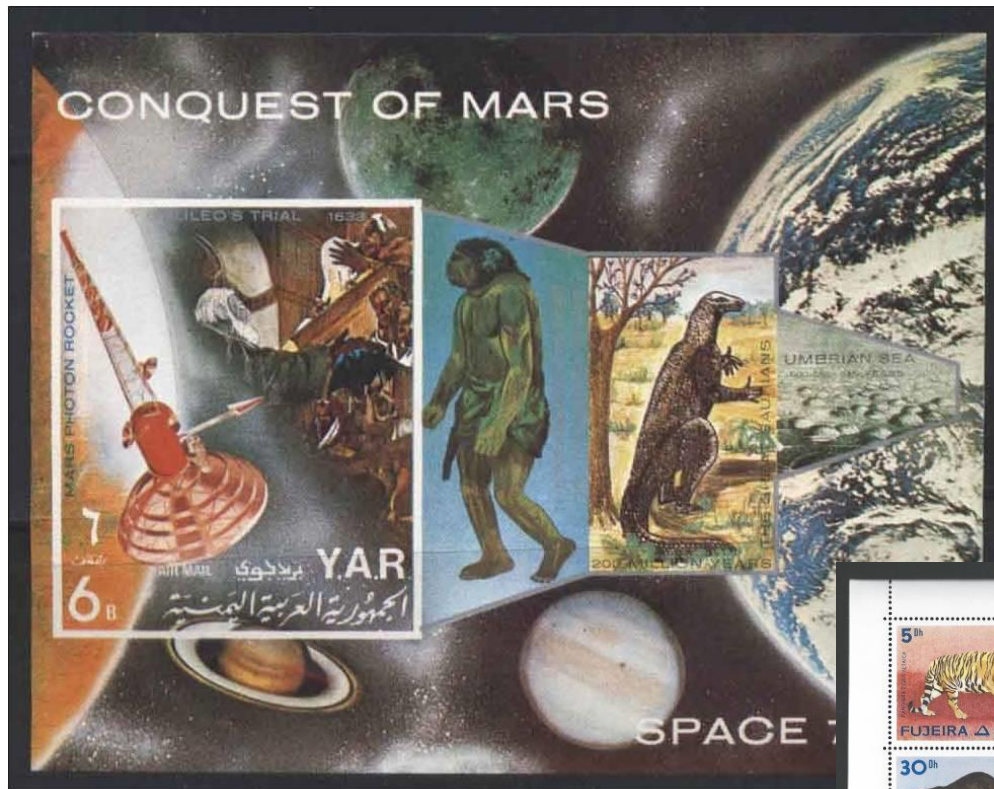


Fujeira special sheets

Triangular stamps from Aden



Possibly the worst "dunes"

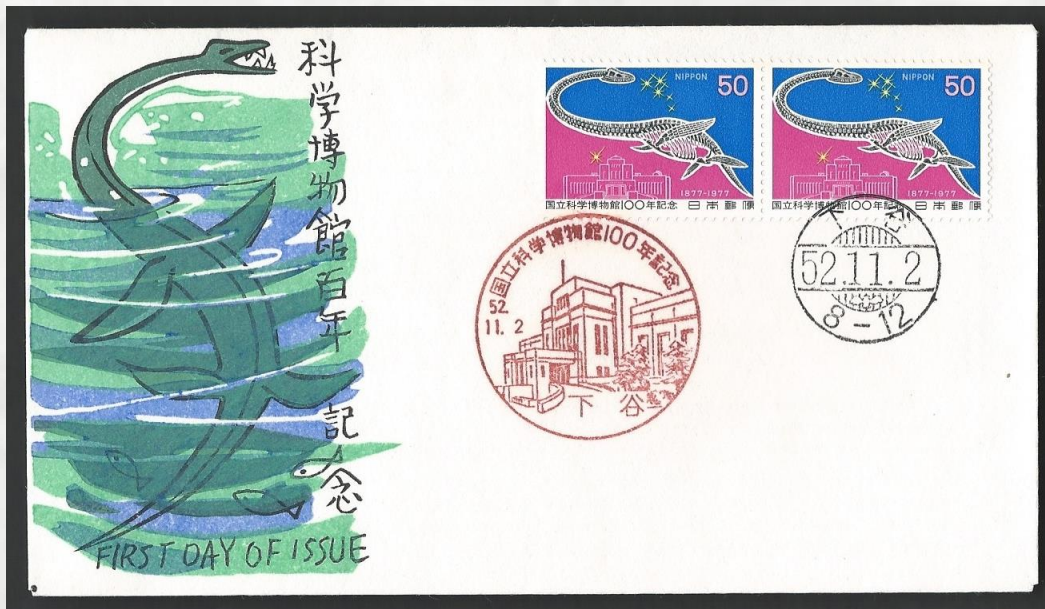


Zhuangstamps

Issue by Yemen 1970

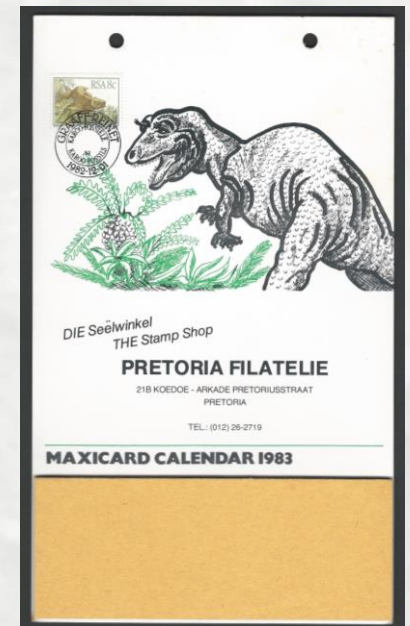
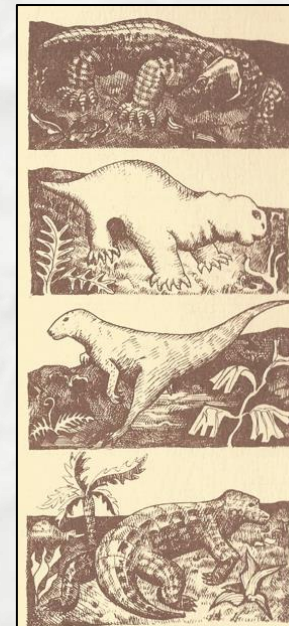
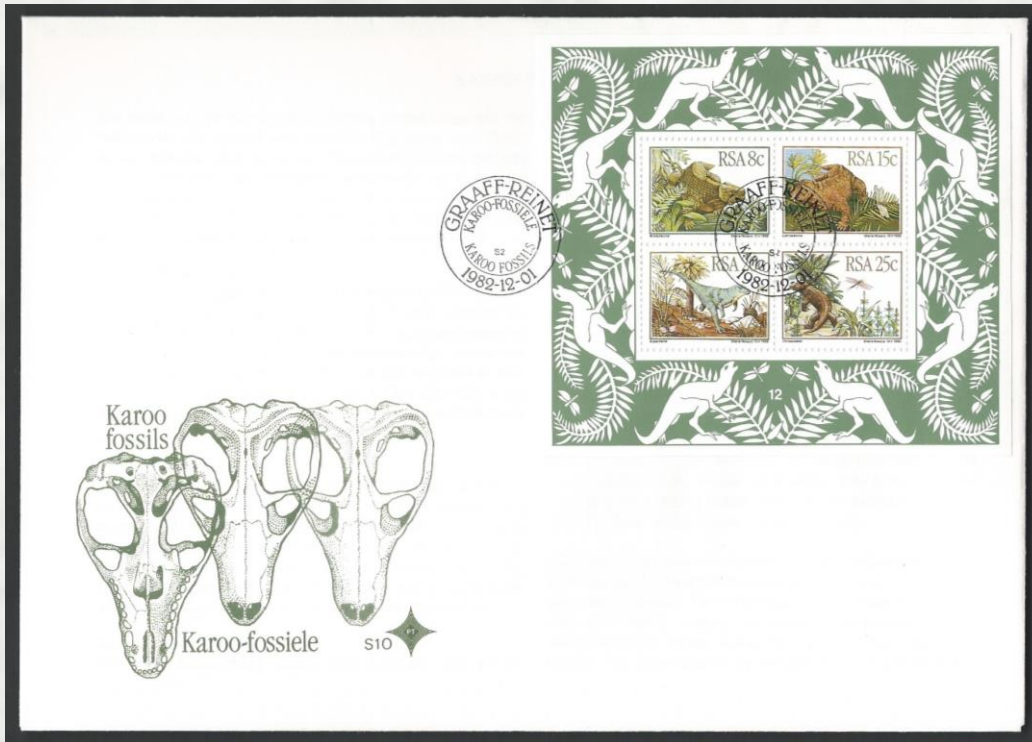
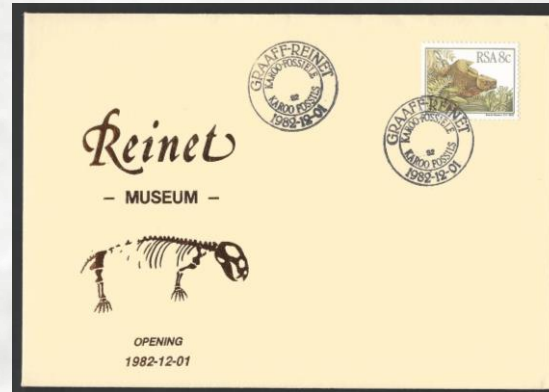


New Romantics and Disco Fever: the 70s and 80s



Karoo '82

- South African artist, Sheila Nowers
- Covers several Karoo fossils

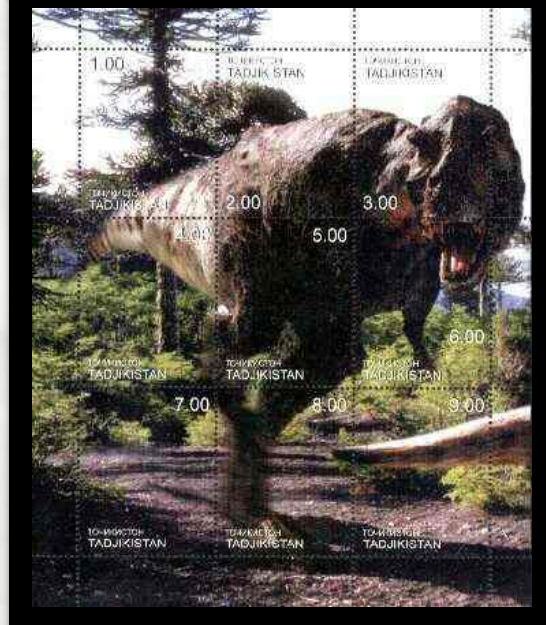
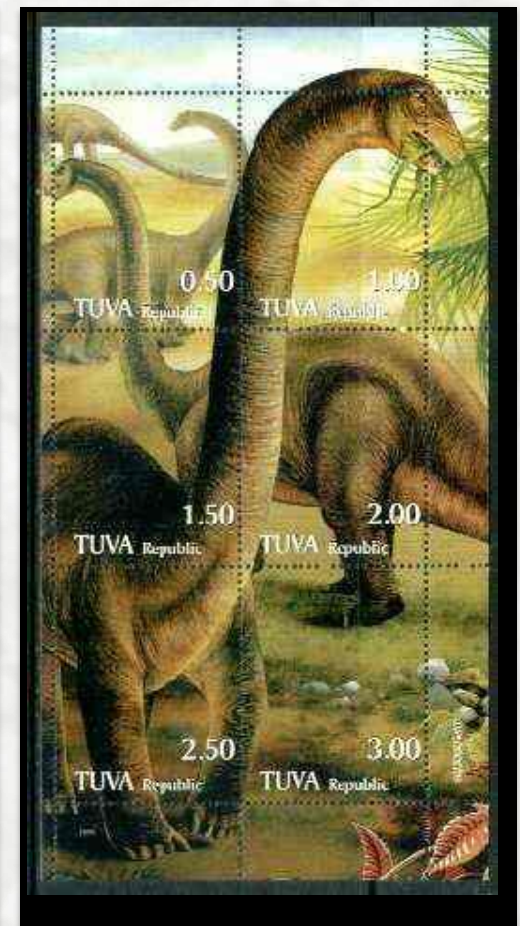
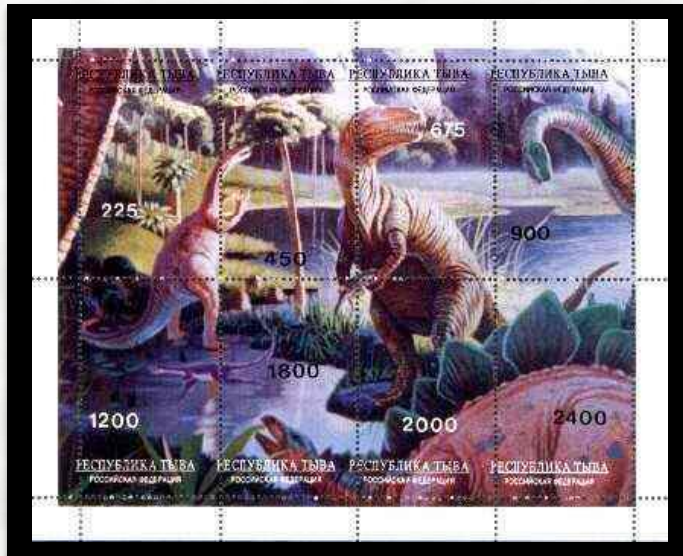


Russian overprints – late 80s

- Break up of Soviet Union (CSSR), beginning in the late 1980s
- Opportunity for individual states to make money simply by overprinting existing stamps
- Literally THOUSANDS of counterfeit stamps issued – not even cinderellas
- Clive Feigenbaum behind the scam (also famous for the “Dunes”)
- Too many to collect, and now impossible to fill in the gaps



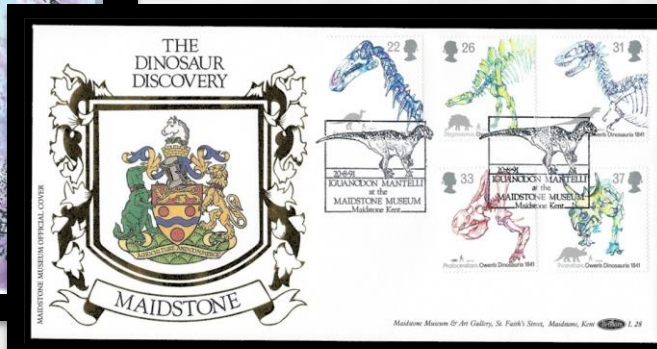
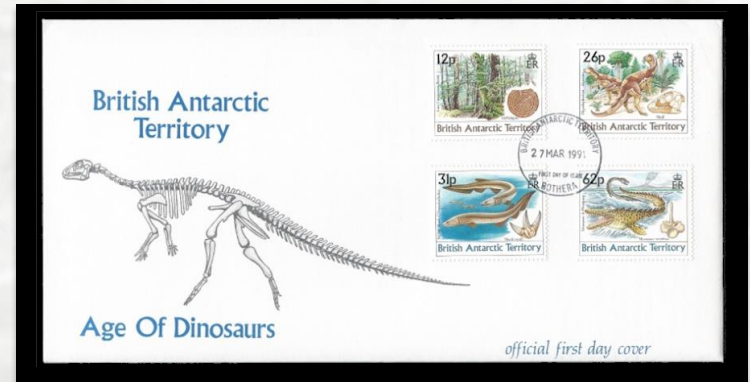
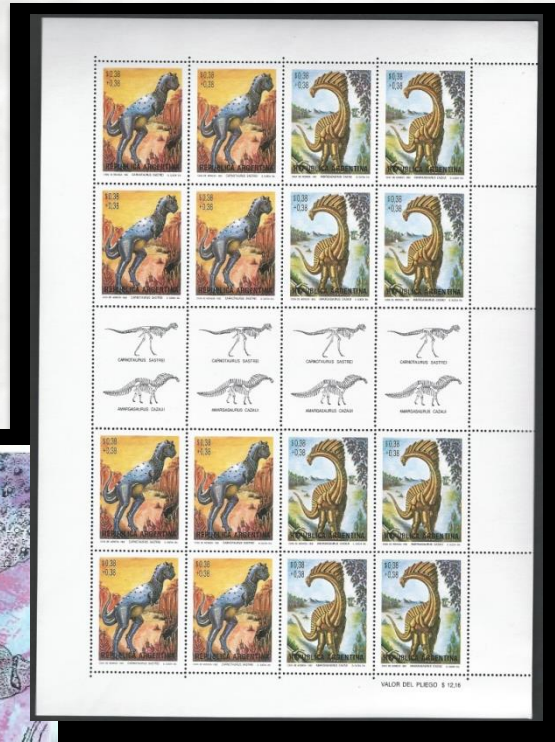
Russia's former States making \$\$ (1995 to 2000)



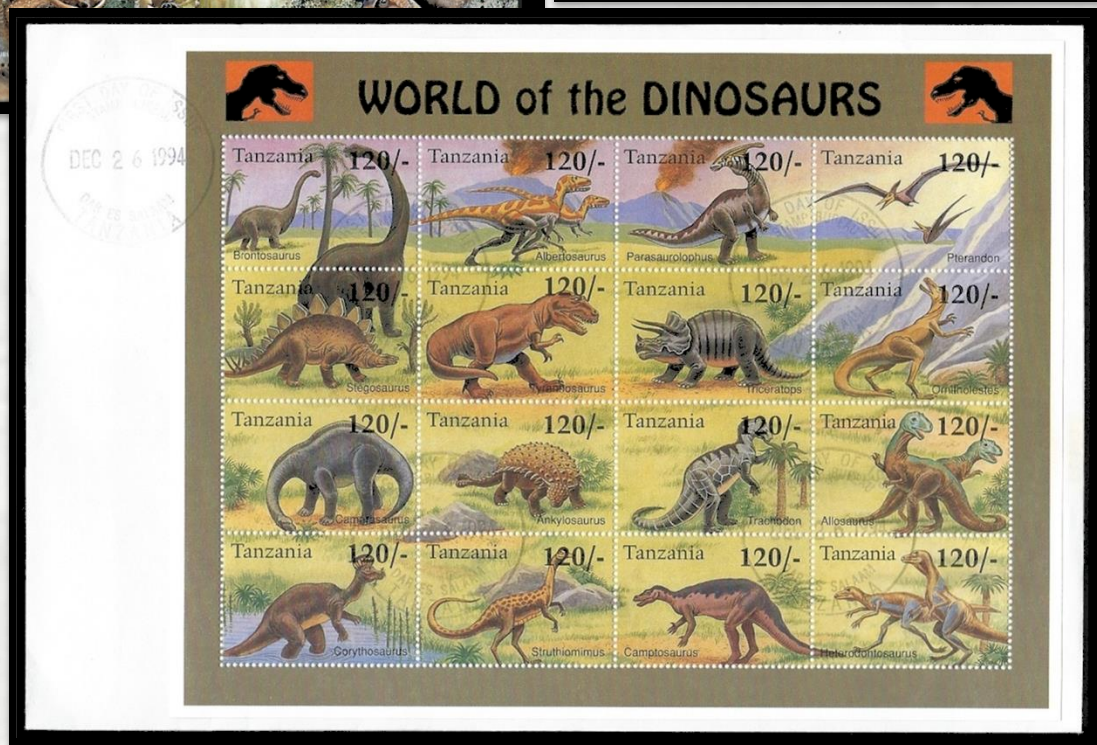
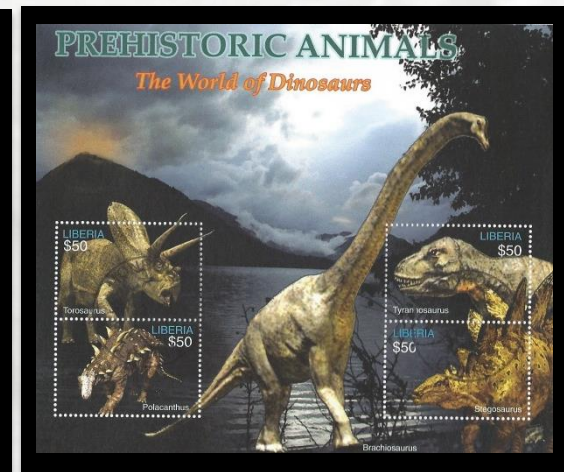
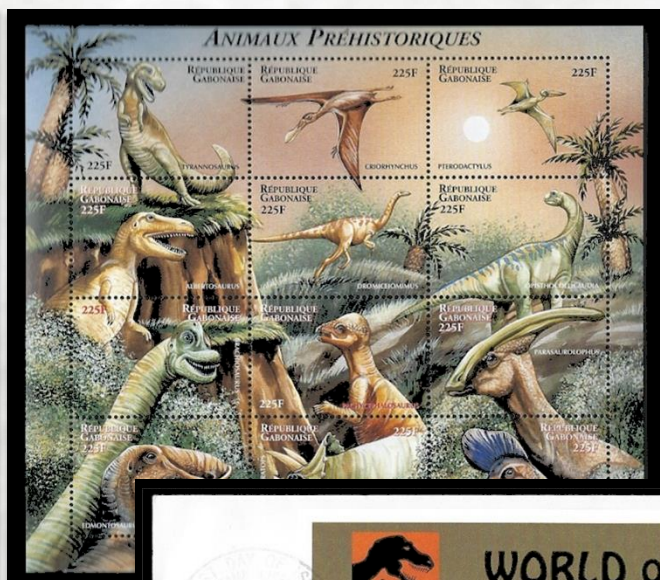
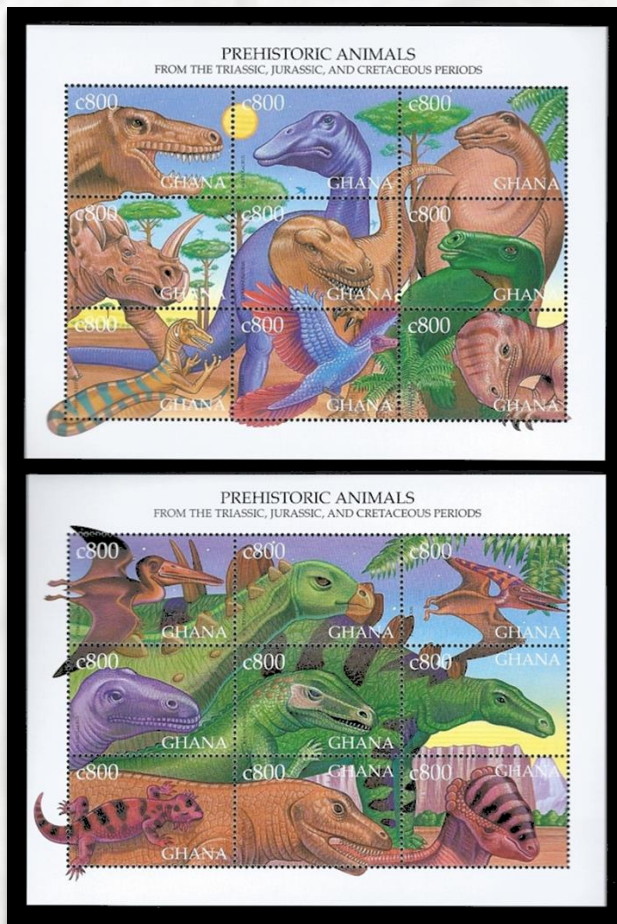
- 1025 dino stamps issued, almost all in sheets that make pretty pictures
- Pretty much all are counterfeit

Techno 90s

- Scientifically accurate
- Waiting cautiously for the millennium



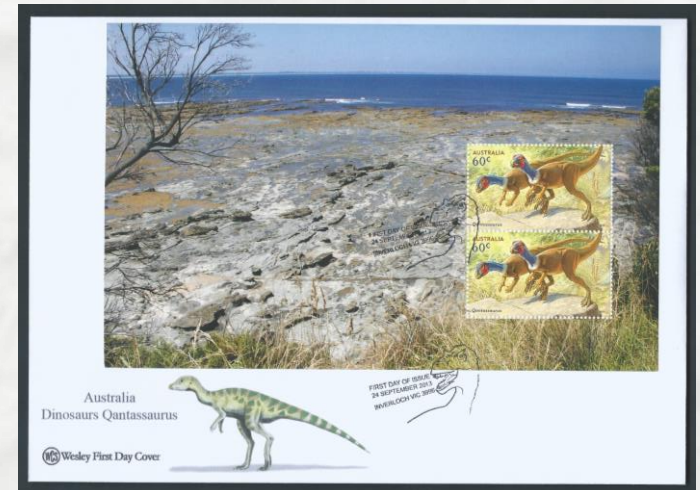
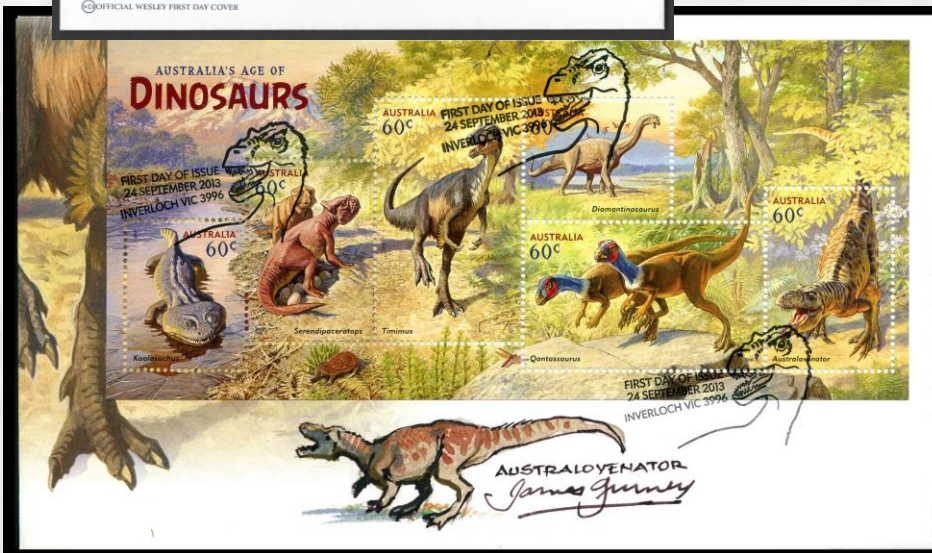
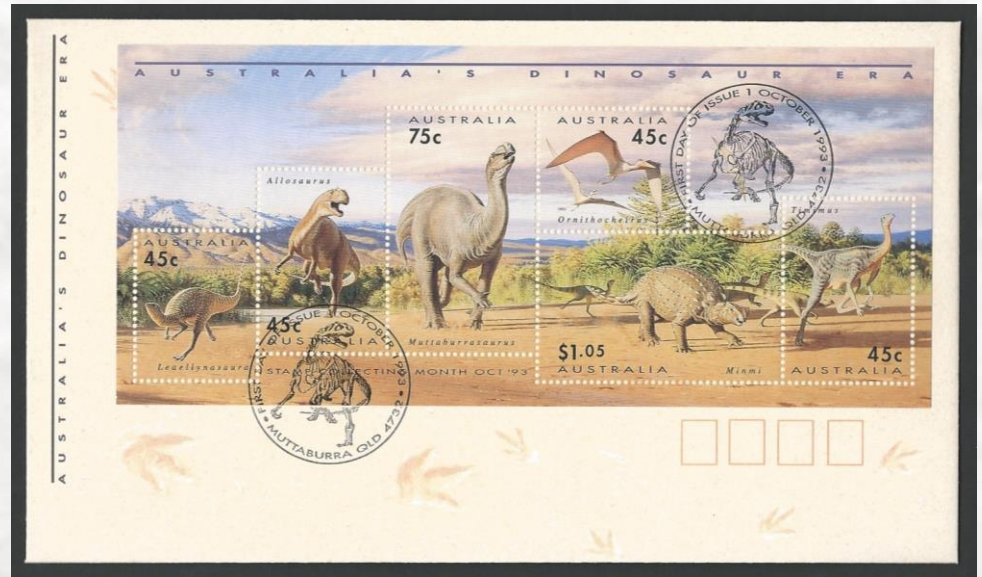
Africa in the 90s



- Africa issued over 1000 stamps, mostly in picture sheets
- Many from countries with no dinosaur discoveries

The simple 2000s

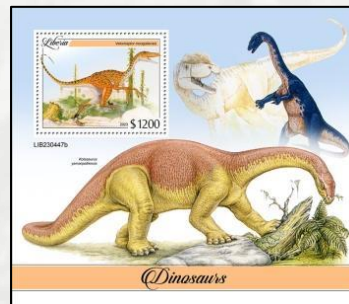
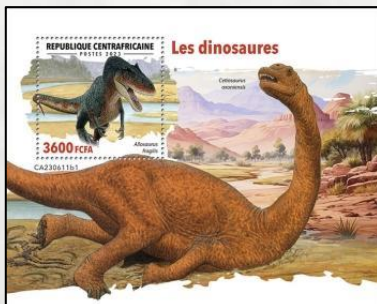
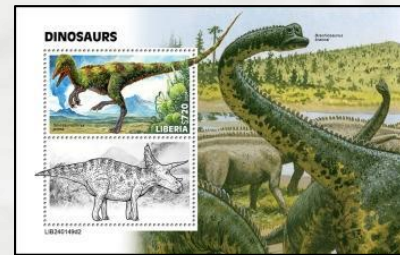
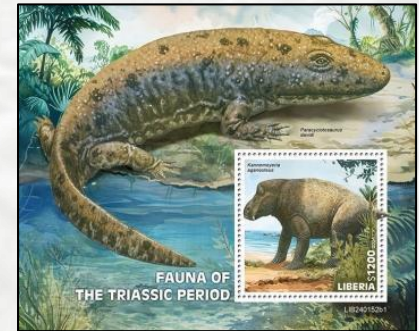
- Scientifically conscious
- Strong designs
- Led by countries like Australia



Artwork by James Gurney

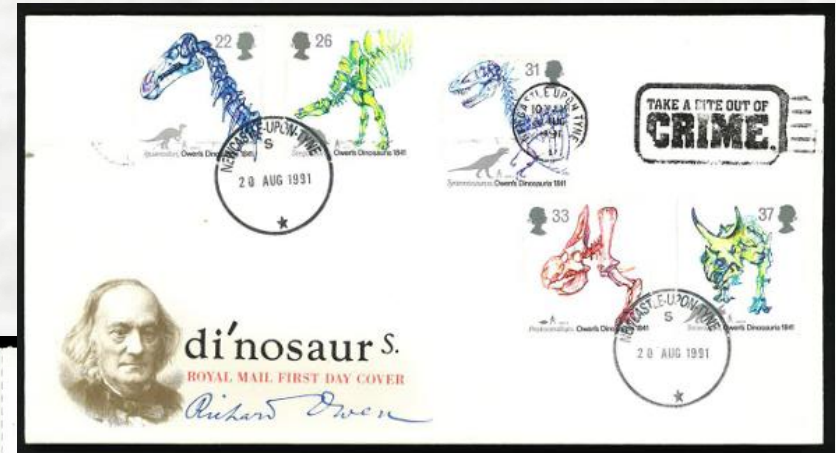
Stamperija – 2002 onwards

- Agency from Lithuania
 - Produces postage stamps of various countries
 - Represents their post offices
 - Distributes their stamps upon contract
- Typically issues 40 sets of dinosaur stamps every year (1007 dino sheets on their website)
- Costs for special sheets up to 100 euros
- Designs often dubious, with misspellings and errors and many collectors say no
- They are legal stamp issues



A shout out to the UK

- Issues in 1991 – anniversary of the term “Dinosaur”
- 2013 to celebrate 200 years of palaeontology in the UK
- 2024



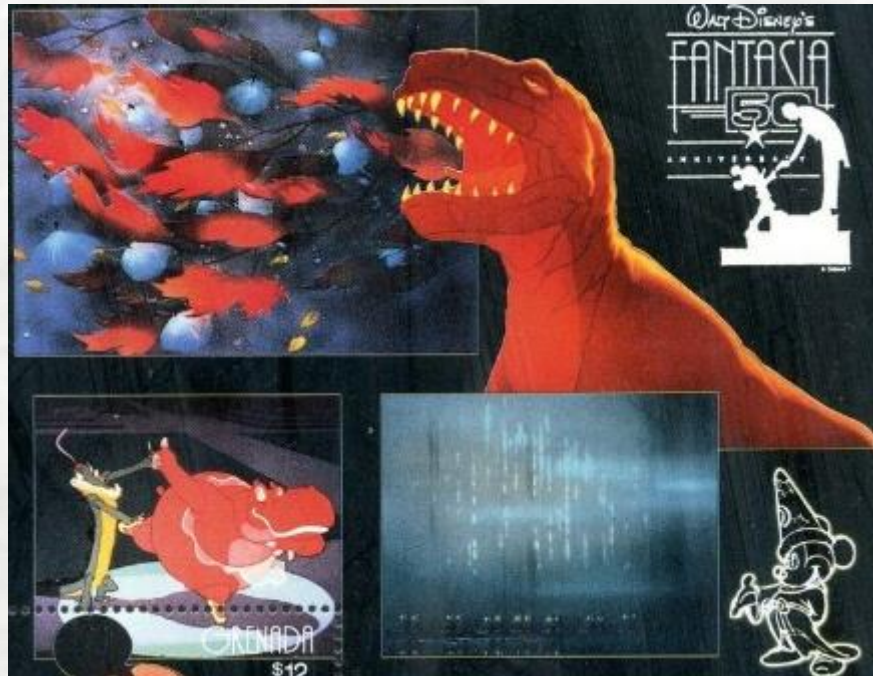
Postmarks for this set include:

- The Lizard, in Cornwall
- The House of Lords
- The House of Commons
- Take a Bite out of Crime



UK Darwin issue with dramatic shift

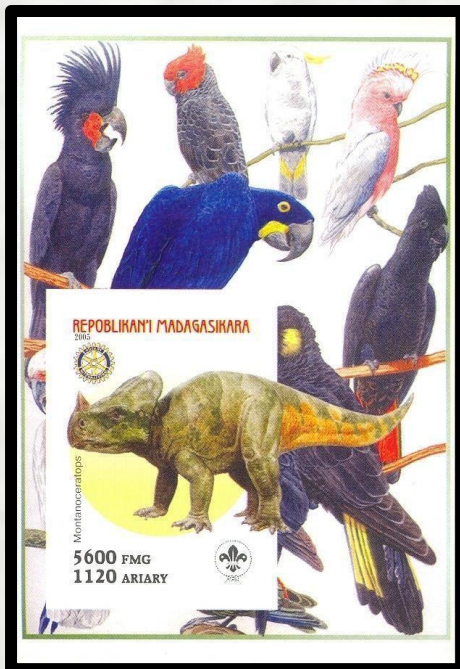
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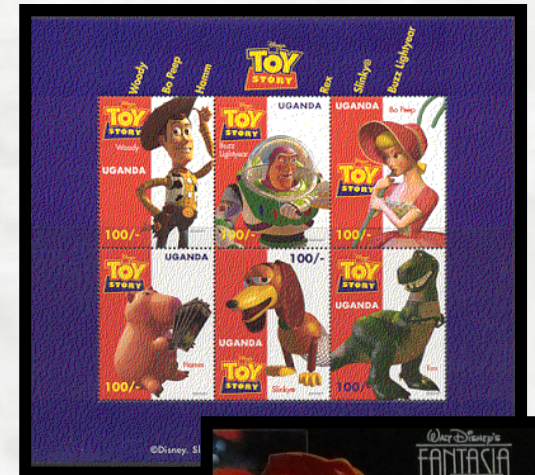
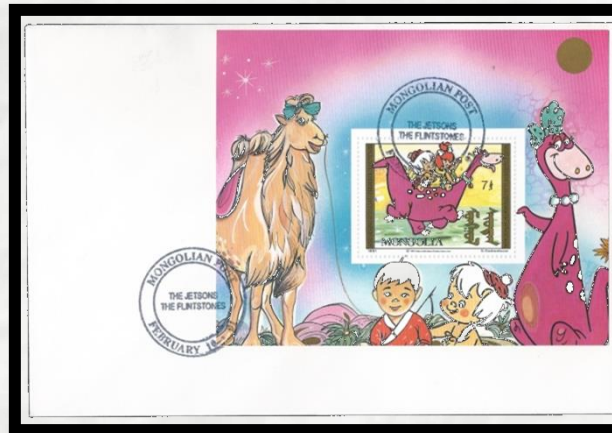
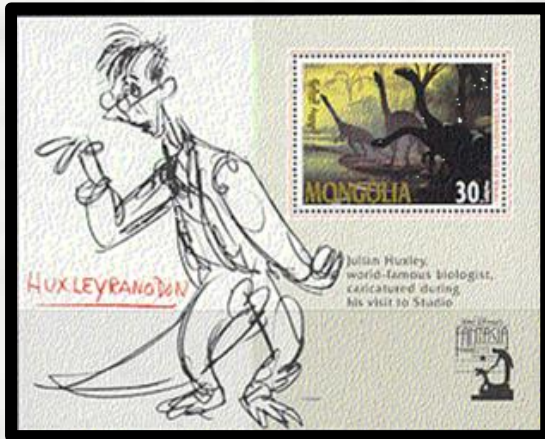
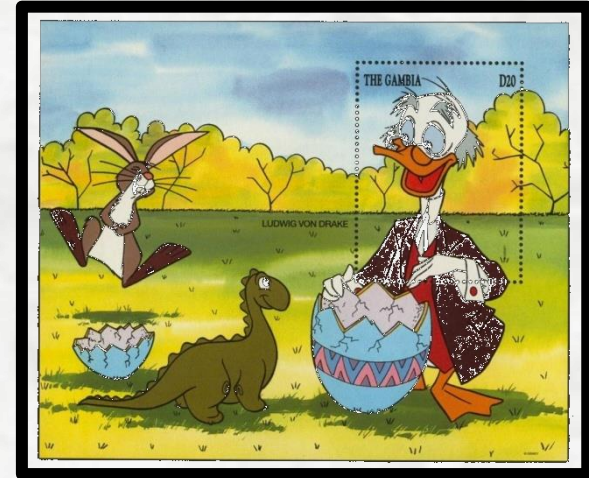
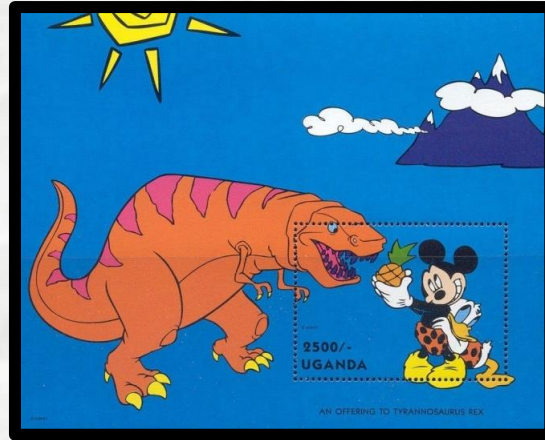
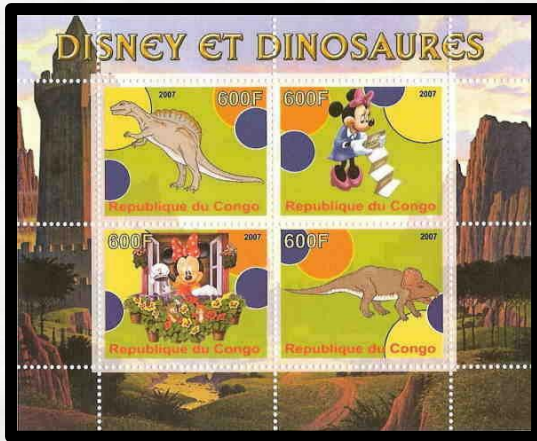
Grenada

African nonsense

- Easy money
- Multiple themes – “Dinosaurs and mushrooms” syndrome
- Put a scout logo on everything

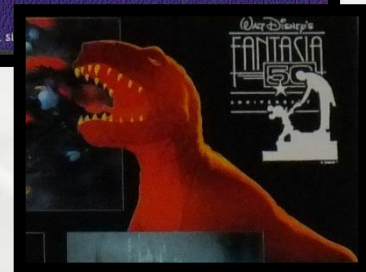


Disney ☹️

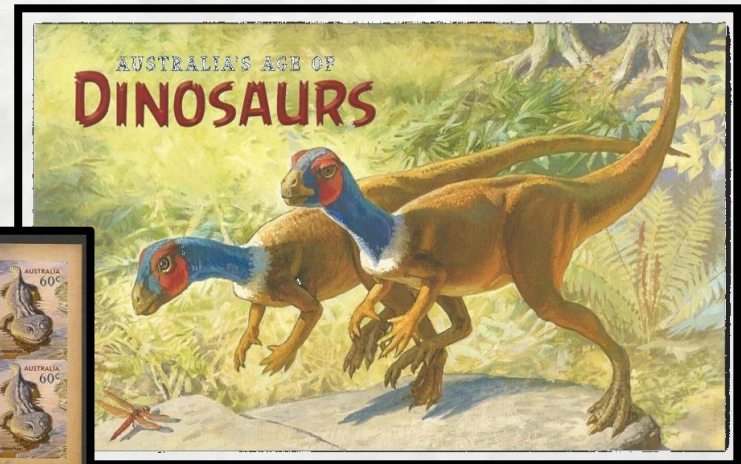
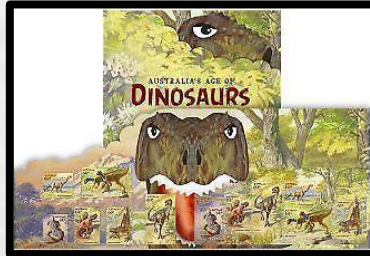
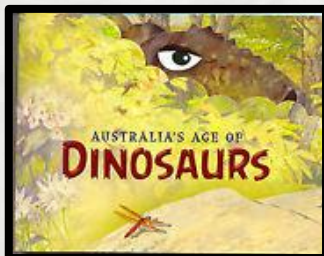
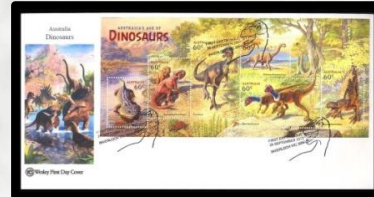
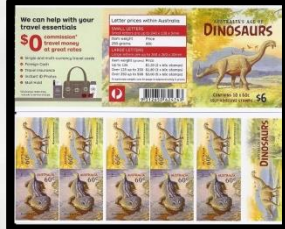
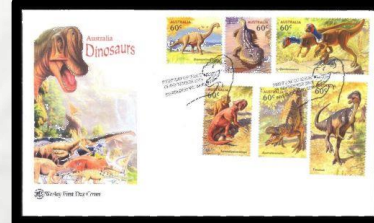
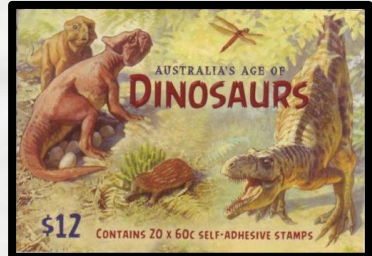
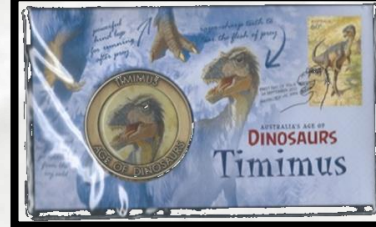
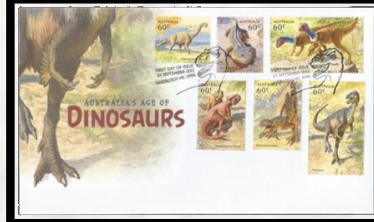
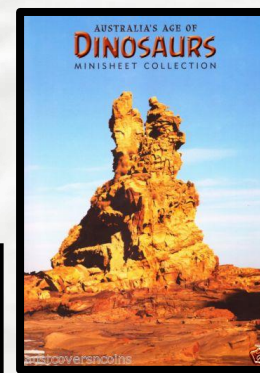
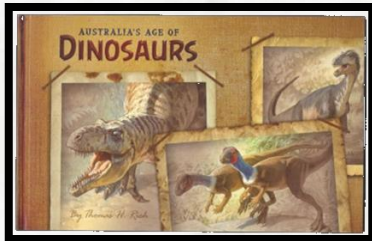


- Probably around 150 Disney dinos

- Really quite painful to pay for
- Not even my daughter likes them



Pricey coinage

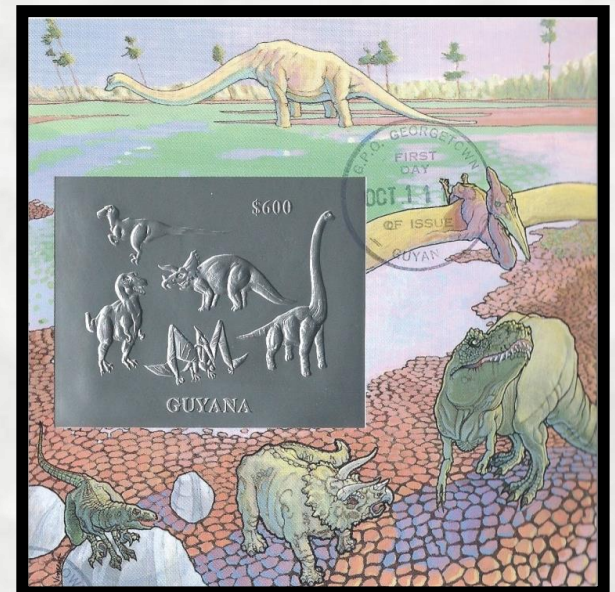
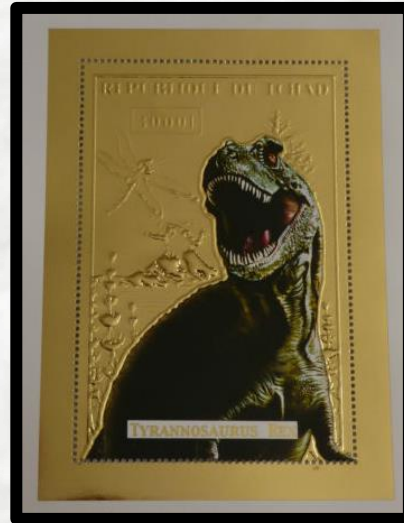


AUSTRALIA 2013:

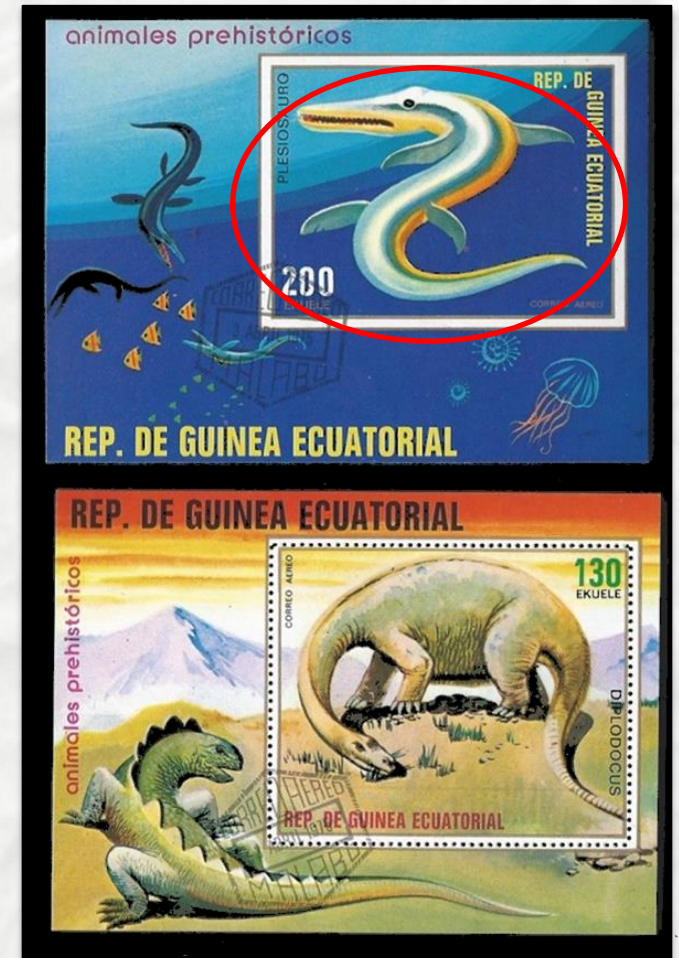
- FDCs
- Coin covers x3
- Roaring folder
- Booklets
- Prestige folder
- Presentation pack
- Framed artwork
- \$360... ouch

Gold sheets

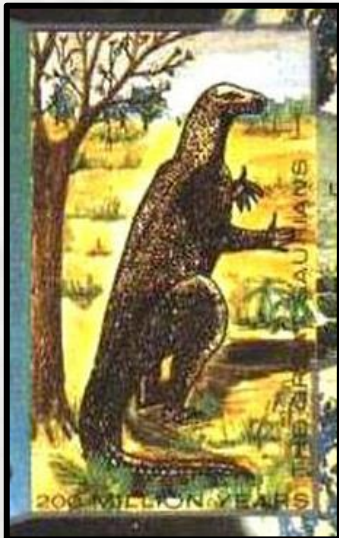
- Mainly Guyana and Mongolia
- Hundreds of gold and silver sheets
- Postally valid?
- Hugely expensive



Artwork to die for - literally



Equatorial Guinea 1978



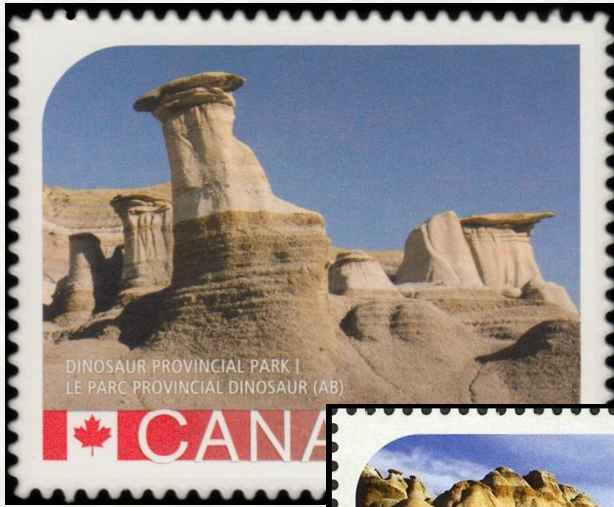
Yemen 1970

Canada's shame



Russian dinosaur stamps

Canada's shame

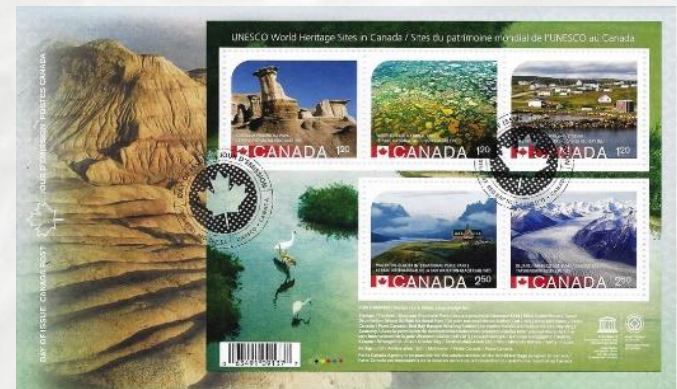
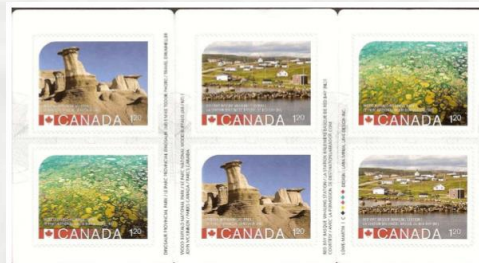
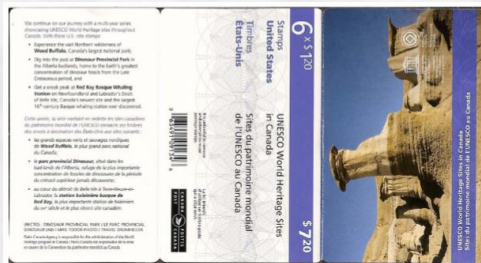


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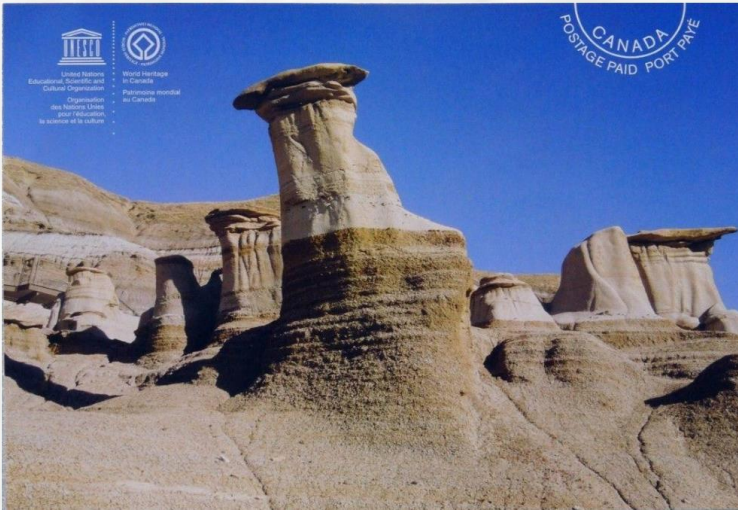
Correct image



- Stamp issue on July 3rd 2015 included stamp showing hoodoos in Dinosaur Provincial Park
- Stamp actually showed hoodoos from Willow Creek, near Drumheller
- Error quickly realized and all stamps recalled on July 6th and destroyed
- Stamps reissued August 21st with new image



And a little irony...



2015
correct
post
card



2015
error
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1972
postal
card



- Error card currently listed at \$795, originally sold for \$1.20

Some favourites

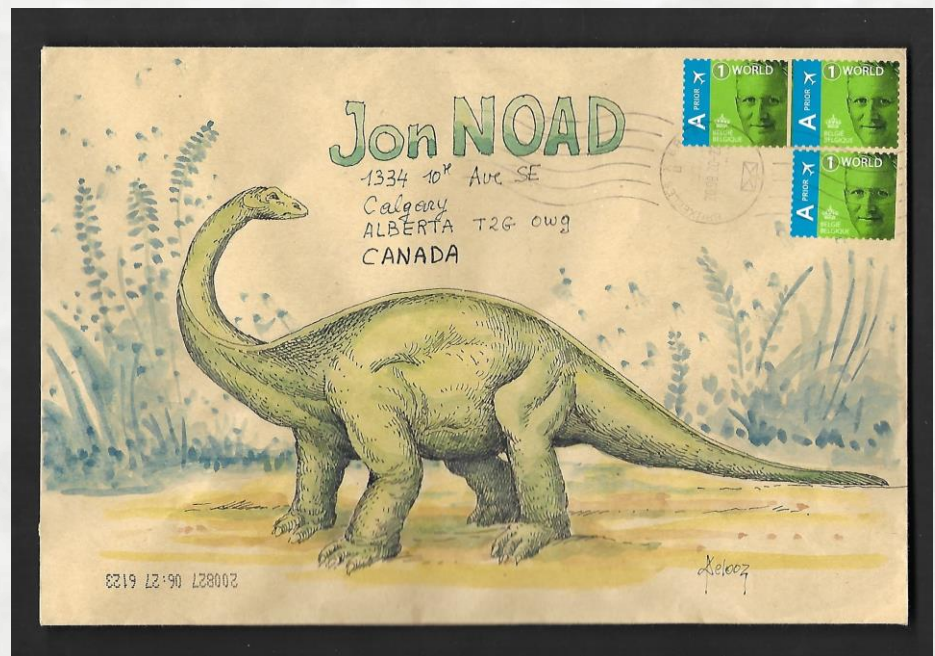
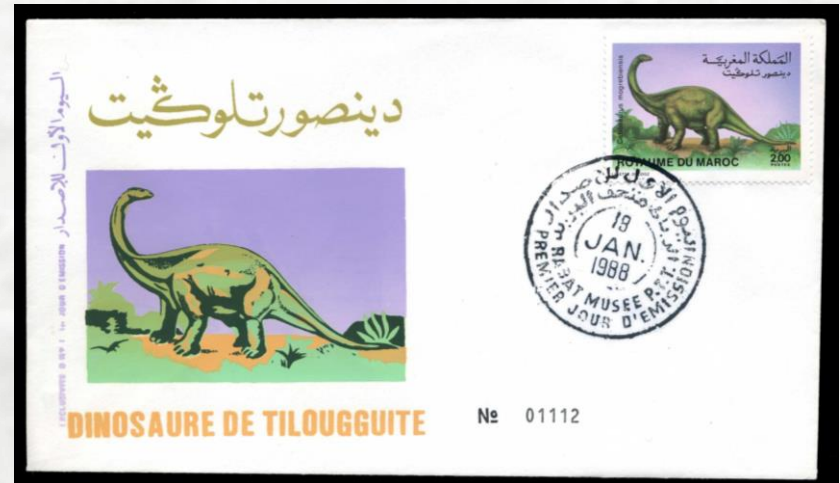


Kyrgyzstan recent issue

A gift from Morocco

- Dinosaur of Tilougguite - *Cetiosaurus mogrebiensis*
- Three skeletons found in the El Mers Formation, Bathonian in 1950s
- I contacted the artist to ask if she had the original artwork or could reproduce it
- She said no but sent me a letter...

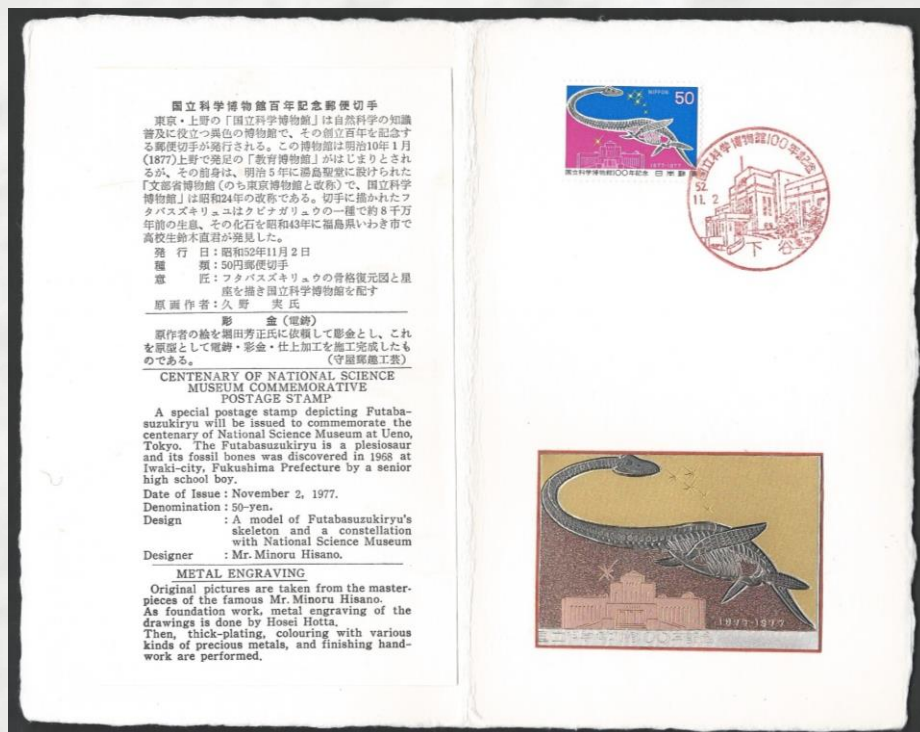
Cetiosaurus mogrebiensis (Dinoraul)



Rarities

- Many FDCs issued in limited numbers
- Very few bought by collectors so now vanishingly rare
- Presentation packs may also be rare

Japan 1977 special folder



Mauritius FDC with dinosaur off stamp

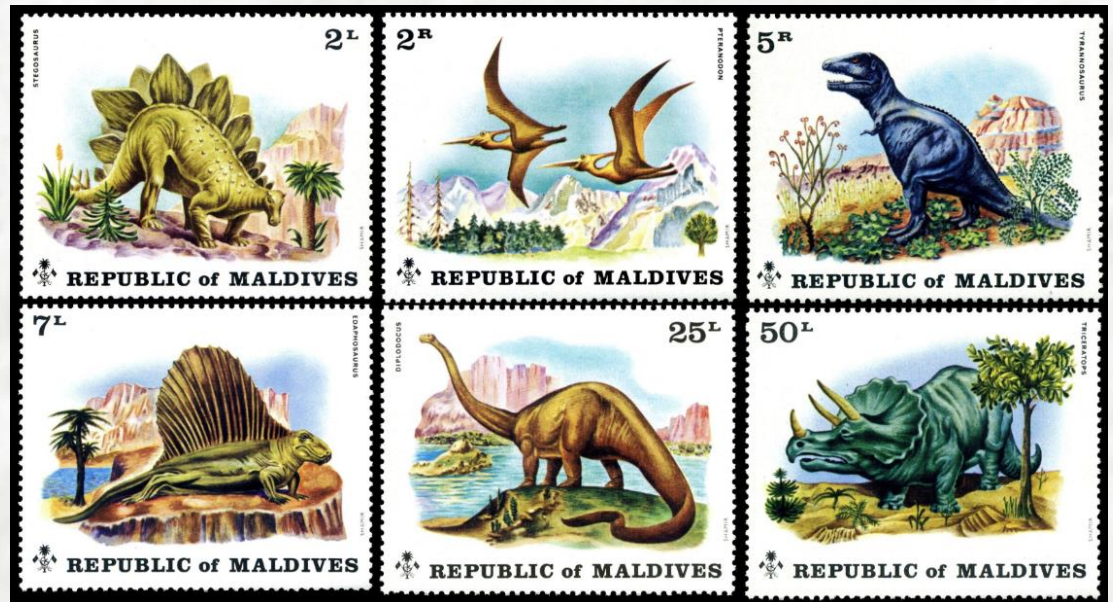
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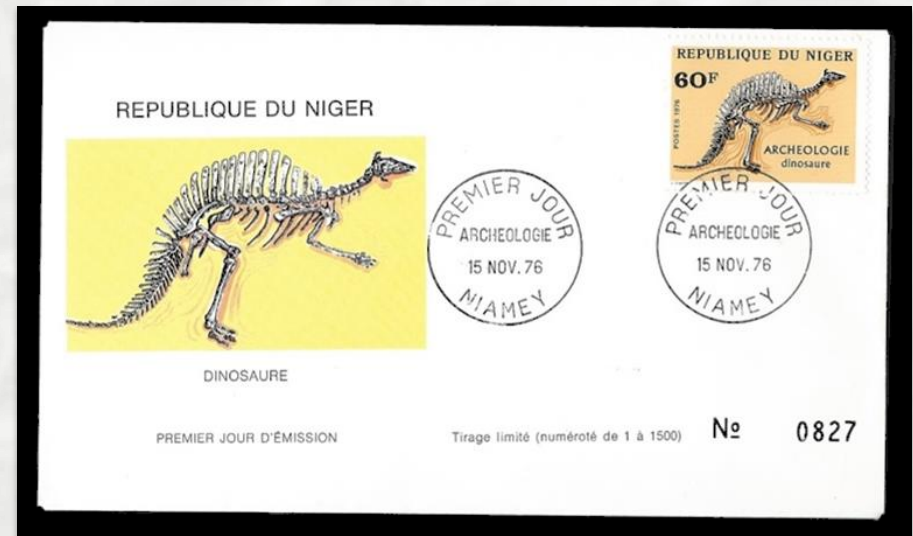
A nice story to tell



San Marino
1965



Maldives 1972, designed by the Israeli Shamir brothers

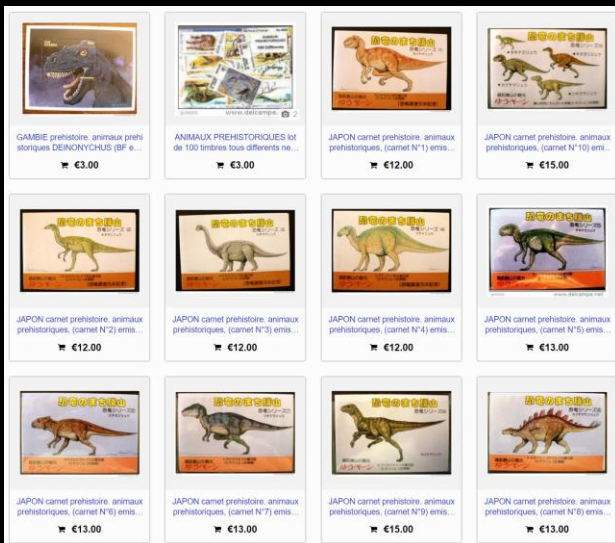


Big in Japan

- Found an amazing folder of dinosaur booklets in Japan
- Have seen the booklets for sale but never the folder



Japan



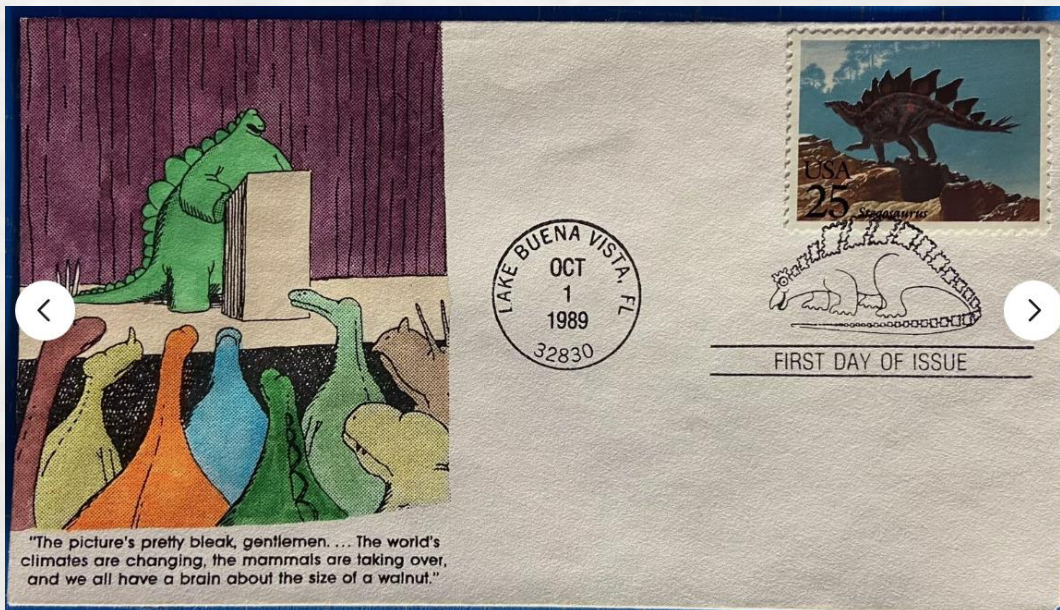
Humorous covers



Germany – the dangers of smoking

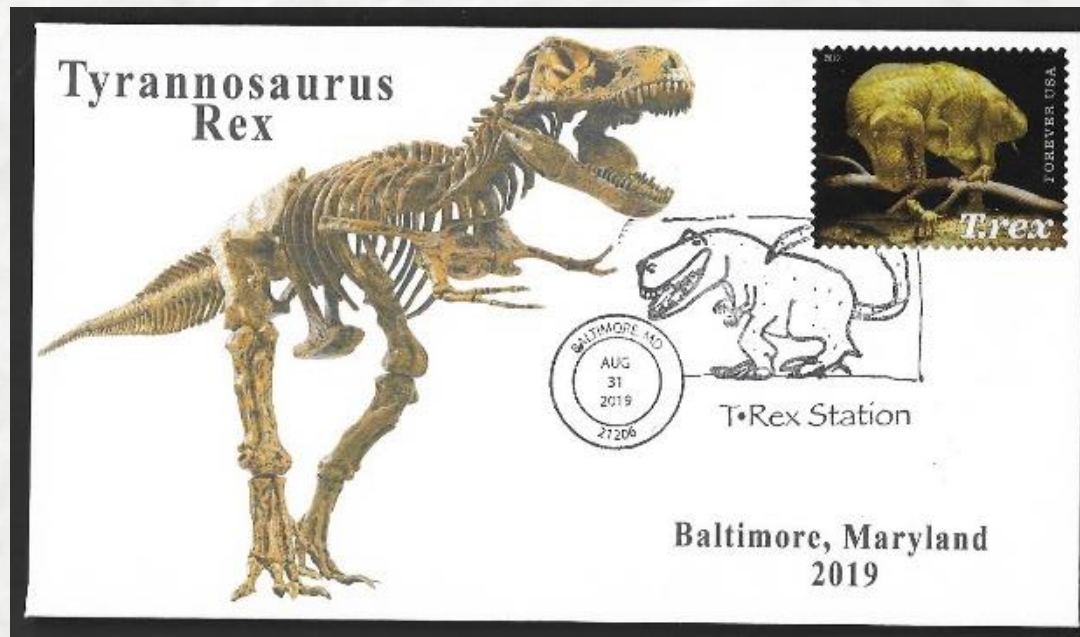


United Nations – climate change



"The picture's pretty bleak, gentlemen... the world's climates are changing, the mammals are taking over and we all have a brain about the size of a walnut"

Summary

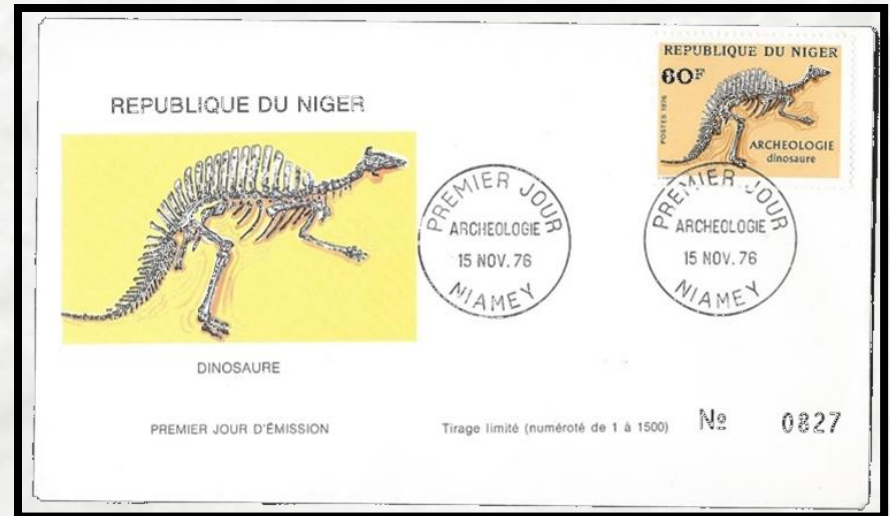


USA 2019

The joy of collecting

- Collecting can be wonderful
- The nice thing about thematics is that you can choose what to specialize in – my recommendation is do NOT be a completist
- eBay, Delcampe and Hipstamp are a fantastic source of material and a great price check
- Almost every country has issued dino stamps
- The best thing is when something you have spent years searching for (and wondered if it even exists) turns up online
- Happy hunting!
- Excellent resource:

<https://www.paleophilatelie.eu/>



Spain

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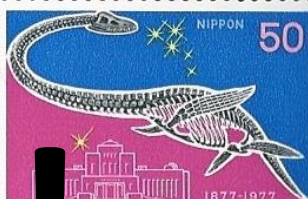
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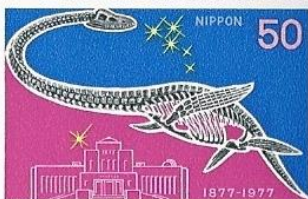
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Canadian Fossils



Prehistoric Life in Canada