

GEORGE V AUSTRALIAN SOVEREIGN

COLLECTION

AUSTRALIAN GOLD OF KING GEORGE V

Born June 3, 1865, King George V ascended the throne upon the passing of his father, King Edward VII, on May 6, 1910. Confronted with the First World War, the Roaring 20s reconstruction and the Great Depression, George V was destined to oversee one of the most tumultuous periods of European and, indeed, global history. The turmoil that enveloped his time in power is perfectly encapsulated by the history of the world's most famous gold coin – the Sovereign.

Before the outbreak of the First World War, gold coins were genuine circulation issues, and the early part of the reign of George V saw a continuation of the prolific sovereign production that defined his father's reign. As a consequence, sovereigns struck from 1911 to 1914 are generally scarce in decent grade, with a significant percentage of the low-mintage pre-war issues well-worn from everyday use.

Everything changed with the advent of WWI. The British Government called for sovereigns to be handed in to support the war effort, and issuing banknotes in their place, gold coins

quickly ceased to circulate in Britain. By war's end, the global economic crisis engendered by the conflict had transformed the sovereign from circulating currency to international trading commodity. Although Australia's three mints continued to strike sovereigns after the war, a huge number of coins were shipped overseas to satisfy international debt, and the 1920s are littered with great rarities as a result.

No matter which period of his reign you examine, George V Sovereigns and Half Sovereigns range from scarce to extremely rare. It is the difficulty in securing George V gold – particularly in superior quality – that makes

this opportunity so exciting. Comprising a vast array of 1911-31 sovereign dates, as well as every 1911-18 Half Sovereign date & mintmark issue, the *King George V Australian*Sovereign Collection will command the attention of gold collectors around the world.

Underpinned by superb presentation, with each coin set in a plush timber case with a Certificate of Authenticity, this stunning collection is also defined by premium grade quality. More than 90% of the single coins and sets are graded at about Uncirculated or better! With limited stocks available, immediate action is recommended.





1911M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18098 \$845





1911P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18108 **\$1,095**





1911S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AS086 \$845



1911 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18784 **\$2,785**





1912M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18099 \$845





1912P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18109 **\$1,095**



1912S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AS087 \$845



1912 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18785 **\$2,785**





1913M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18100 \$845





1913P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18110 **\$1,095**





1913S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AX121 \$845



1913 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC



18786 **\$2,785**



1914M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN CHOICE UNC



17403 \$995



1914P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



14137 **1,095**





1914S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



AV162 \$845



1914 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18787 **\$2,785**



1915M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AX125 \$945



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1915P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18111 **\$1,195**





1915S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AS088 \$845



1915 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18788 **\$2,785**



1916M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AX127 \$995





1916P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



AV159 \$1,095





1916S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



14145 \$845



1916 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC







18789 **\$2,785**





1917M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18103 **\$1,095**





1917P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



AW099 \$995





1917S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18116 \$845



1917 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18790 **\$2,785**





1918M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AS093 \$995



1918P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AX131 \$995



1918S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



18117 \$945



1918 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18791 **\$2,785**





1919M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



17529 **\$1,695**





1919P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC



17530 \$895





1919S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC



AX132 | \$1,095



1919 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO aUNC-UNC





18792 **\$3,485**



1920M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN gEF

One of the key King George V Melbourne Mint sovereign dates, we have a single high grade example available of the sought after 1920M Sovereign.

The mintage of the 1920M Sovereign was extremely low, at just 530,000. As with virtually all Australian-struck sovereigns of the Roaring 20s, however, the mintage is largely irrelevant in determining the rarity. It is all but certain that a vast majority of the mintage was dispatched overseas to satisfy the enormous debt accumulated by Australia during the First World War, with very few coins, if any, remaining on Australian shores. Today, the 1920M Sovereign is missing from most collections, and is rightly regarded as very rare.

An eye-catching example, grading at good Extremely Fine with strong detail and a lovely natural lustre, do not miss this mouthwatering opportunity to dine at the head table of Australian numismatics.

18793 **\$7,950**



1921S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC

Although the mintage is tiny at 839,000, it is the infrequent appearance on the market that confirms the true rarity of the 1921S Sovereign. It is seldom offered to collectors, regardless of the grade. We have just the single available example of this 97-year-old Sydney Mint sovereign date in stock – in premium grade Uncirculated condition!

AX137 \$3,950



1920P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

A superb example of the Perth Mint's 1920P – in aUnc to Unc quality!

18112 \$895



1921P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Impressive aUnc to Unc quality – and outstanding value at just \$895!

18113

\$**89**5

1922P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

A prize acquisition in aUnc-Unc, the 1922P is surprisingly affordable.







1923M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC

Mintage just 511,000! Tiny number remaining in Unc, as seen here.

18794 **\$995**





1923P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

A splendid example, the single 1923P we have available is in aUnc-Unc.

18115 \$895





1924M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Among the Melbourne Mint's lowest mintage sovereigns – just 278,000 struck!

18105 \$995





1924P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC

Increasingly scarce, particularly in Unc quality, as presented here.

AX147 \$895







1924S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN NEAR UNC

One of Australia's most desirable sovereign dates, the George V 1924S is unquestionably rare in the outstanding state of preservation seen here.

Apart from the famed 1920S Sovereign, which is known by perhaps seven or eight examples, the 1924S was the Sydney Mint's lowest mintage sovereign date. Production was closed at a mere 394,000 coins! It is not, however, the low mintage that has driven the rarity of this coin. As with so many Australian-struck 1920s sovereigns, a huge percentage of the 1924S mintage would have almost certainly been shipped overseas in satisfaction of post-WWI debt. As a result, this key date is seldom seen on the market.

Absent from many collections, we are delighted to open this limited window of opportunity for one of our clients to own the 1924S Sovereign in virtually flawless condition! With just the one near Uncirculated example available, immediate action is an absolute must.

AS833 \$4,250

The 1926P – rarely seen in aUnc...



1926P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC

The highest cataloguing coin in the Perth Mint's 1911-1931 Sovereign Series, the 1926P is among Australia's most desirable sovereigns.

The 1926P mintage was very low, especially by the Perth Mint's prolific standards. Indeed, the mintage was little more than one million, making the 1926P the third lowest mintage P mintmark issue from 1899 to 1931! With so many coins melted for the gold or lost to the ages, it's no shock that the 1926P is rare in aUnc – as here.

15155 \$3,500





1925M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Surprisingly affordable in aUnc to Unc.



18106 **\$945**





1925S GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Sydney Mint's penultimate sovereign date.



18119 \$895



1925P GEORGE V

SOVEREIGN UNC

The rarest of the three 1925 Sovereigns.



AX150 \$1,250





1926M GEORGE V SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

With a tiny mintage just 211,000 coins!



18107 **\$1,150**





1927P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC

Low mintage – scarce in high grade.



AO862 \$1,150





1928P GEORGE V SOVEREIGN UNC

Lowest mintage P sovereign! Just 133,000!



AS244 \$99.



DEATH OF THE SOVEREIGN

With the exception of a one-off striking of sovereigns in 1925, gold coin production at the Royal Mint in London ceased in 1917. Despite the fact that sovereigns were rarely released into circulation in Australia, the mints in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne continued to strike the Empire's primary gold coin throughout the 1920s – admittedly in wildly varying mintages.

The final days of the sovereign coincided with the final change to the series, with the original portrait of George V – known as the Large Head obverse – replaced by a smaller version. This 'modified' portrait was employed from 1929 until 1931, with the Perth and Melbourne Mints striking sovereigns in each year.

Although dies had been prepared for the striking of 1932 sovereigns, the global economic collapse led the British Government to 'temporarily' abandon the Gold Standard in September 1931 – a move that quickly became permanent. As a result, the 1932 dies were never required, and the last Australian sovereign was destined to bear the date 1931.





1929P GEORGE V MODIFIED PORTRAIT SOVEREIGN UNC

In Unc! An absolute bargain at just \$895!

AJ738 \$895





1930M GEORGE V MODIFIED PORTRAIT SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Incredible mintage! Only 77,000 coins struck!

AH443 \$995





1930P GEORGE V MODIFIED PORTRAIT SOVEREIGN UNC

Penultimate Perth sovereign date – in Unc!

AJ737 \$895





1931M GEORGE V MODIFIED PORTRAIT SOVEREIGN UNC

Last M Sovereign! Mintage just 58,000!

18186 \$**1,495**





1931P GEORGE V MODIFIED PORTRAIT SOVEREIGN UNC

Historic: the final Perth Mint sovereign date.

назвз \$945

THE AUSTRALIAN HALF SOVEREIGN

Astonishingly low mintages!

Highly sought after, the George V 1911-18 Half Sovereign Series is a key element of Australia's long history of gold coin production.

Struck at the branches of the Royal Mint in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth, George V Australian Half Sovereigns are scarce to rare in any grade. This is largely due to the tiny mintages, with approximately one Half Sovereign struck for every TEN Sovereigns. Indeed, the average mintage across the nine George V Half Sovereign dates & mintmarks was little more than 300,000.

When you then consider how many coins have been lost to the profiteer's melting pot in the century since struck, it's no surprise that George V Half Sovereigns are tough-to-find today – and usually only found in low grade. This is largely due to the fact that, as a lower denomination, Half Sovereigns had a much higher circulation rate than their full Sovereign counterpart. The coins that did manage to avoid the fiery fate of their brethren are generally found in well-worn condition.

An outstanding opportunity, we have all NINE King George V Half Sovereign dates and mintmarks available – including the excessively rare 1918P! With tiny numbers available, a swift response is highly recommended.

COMPLETE GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN COLLECTION SAVE OVER \$1,500! 18796





1911S GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN EF-aUNC

Mintage 252,000 – the first and lowest mintage Sydney Mint Half Sovereign of the George V era. Scarce in premium grade, yet still affordable!

16627 **\$645**





1911P GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN EF-aUNC

Mintage 130,000 – one of only three George V Perth Mint Half Sovereign dates, and scarce in superior quality, as presented here.

17094 **\$745**





1912S GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN aUNC

Mintage 278,000 – very tough-to-find in the upper echelons of quality, the last pre-WWI George V Half Sovereign is a bargain at just \$645.

10303 \$645





1914S GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN UNC

Mintage 322,000 – struck in the year that the Great War began, we have four examples of the 1914S in strictly Uncirculated quality.

AS143 | \$645





1915M GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN UNC

Mintage 126,000 – setting aside the super-rare 1918P, the 1915M was the lowest mintage Half Sovereign during the reign of King George V.

AQ947 \$745



1915S GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN aUNC

Mintage 892,000 - struck in the year of Australia's Baptism of Fire at Gallipoli, the 1915S is among the most sought after of the series.

10314 \$625





1915P GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN aUNC

Mintage 138,000 - very scarce today, the lowmintage 1915P is hotly pursued in any grade, and a must-have in aUnc, as seen here.

17927 \$895





1916S GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC

Mintage 448,000 – the very last Sydney Mint Half Sovereign, and the penultimate date of Australia's 1855-1918 Half Sovereign Series.

AK174 \$645

The last Half Sovereign – a great Australian rarity



1918P GEORGE V HALF SOVEREIGN aUNC

The last date of Australia's 1855-1918 Half Sovereign Series, the 1918P Half Sovereign is exceptionally rare in any grade. Although records state that no Half Sovereigns were produced at the Perth Mint in 1918, it is believed that perhaps 200 to 300 were indeed struck. We have one example of this great Australian rarity available – in near flawless aUnc quality!

AR194 \$9,950



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