




Specimen Identification Requests & Donations

To request identification or find out about making a donation **please email us a clear and in-focus image of your object**, take multiple images if necessary, and include something in the image for scale (for example a ruler or coin). Send the image(s) to the appropriate department below.

Was it made by a person?	Could it be a fossil?	Was it recently alive?
<p>For example: stone tool or wood carving</p>  <p>Contact the Anthropology Department: Libby.Couch@dmns.org <i>*Note: We cannot provide identification services for human-made objects but may accept donations.</i></p>	<p>For example: shaped like bone or shell but feels like rock</p>  <p>Contact the Earth Sciences Department: Libby.Couch@dmns.org <i>*Note: We do not provide identification services for rocks, minerals, meteorites, or fossilized invertebrates. You can find resources on our website here: https://www.dmns.org/science/earth-sciences/earth-sciences-collections/</i></p>	<p>For example: bird, insect, shell, non-fossil bone</p>  <p>Contact the Zoology Department Courtney.Scheskie@dmns.org</p>

Not sure who to send it to?

Contact both Libby Couch and Courtney Scheskie at their email addresses above, and they will direct you to the right person.

We are not able to inspect your object on a drop-in basis and cannot accept objects dropped off at the Museum or with DMNS staff members. We must ensure the object was obtained legally, is accompanied by proper data, and wouldn't pose a risk to our other collections due to contamination, pest infestation, etc. Objects can only be accepted by a Curator, by appointment only.

Please note that identifications may take several weeks, depending on staff availability.

We are unable to provide medical advice, appraisals, or in any way discuss the monetary value of objects.

For more resources, go to our website: <http://www.dmns.org/science/>