

Specimen Identification Requests & Donations

Science Division staff members are often able to help if you have an object that you need identified or would like to learn more about. 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?	Is it a rock or mineral? Could it be a meteorite or fossil?	Was it recently alive?
<p>For example: stone tool or wood carving</p>  <p>Contact the Anthropology Department: Libby.Couch@dmns.org or 303 370 6367 <i>Note that we cannot provide identification information 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 or 303 370 6367 <i>For tips on how to identify a real meteorite please visit http://meteorites.asu.edu/meteorite-facts/have-a-meteorite.</i></p>	<p>For example: bird, insect, shell, non-fossil bone</p>  <p>Contact the Zoology Department Courtney.Scheskie@dmns.org or 303 370 6334</p>

Not sure who to send it to or can't reach the staff member above?

Contact Carla.Bradmon@dmns.org or call 303 370 6473

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 that the object was obtained legally, is accompanied by proper data, and wouldn't pose a risk to our other collections (due to contamination, pest infection, etc.). For these reasons, objects can only be accepted by a Curator.

On some occasions with approval from an Science Division Staff Member a specific specimen may be left with Security.

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 information, go to our website: <http://www.dmns.org/science/>