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NEW MEXICO URANIUM MINERALS

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PRIMARY URANIUM MINERALS AND MINERALS FREQUENTLY CONTAINING U AS IMPURITIES FROM NEW MEXICO*

(*as defined on page 306 by Lauf, R.J., 2016, *Mineralogy of Uranium and Thorium*: Atglen, Schiffer Publishing, 352 p.)



Uraninite, UO_2 , with hematite and calcite
Specimen is 15 cm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 13133, Section 25 Mine, Ambrosia Lake District,
McKinley County, NM. Gift of William Bergloff.



Coffinite, $U(SiO_4) \cdot nH_2O$, in sandstone
Specimen is 12 cm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 15808, Section 23 Mine, Ambrosia Lake District,
McKinley County, NM. Gift of Nick Ferris.



Samarskite, $YFe^{3+}Nb_2O_8$
Specimen is 5 cm tall.
NMBGMR Museum No. 6011, Petaca District, Rio Arriba Co., NM.



Xenotime, $Y(PO_4)$
 Specimen is 3 cm tall.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 12715, Truchas Mine, Nambe District, Santa Fe
 County, NM.



Polycrase, $Y(Ti,Nb)_2(O,OH)_6$
 Crystal is 3 cm across.
 Mary Mine, Petaca district, Rio Arriba Co., NM. On loan from Mel Stairs.



Euxenite, $(Y,Ca,Ce,U,Th)(Nb,Ta,Ti)_2O_6$
 Specimen is 5 cm across.
 NMBGMR No. 18309, White Signal District, Grant County, NM.



Microlite, $U_{2-m}Ta_2O_{6-w}OH_n$ with quartz and microcline
 Crystal is 0.8 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 15592, Harding Mine, Picuris District, Taos County,
 NM. Gift of Dave Bunk.



Pyrochlore, $U_2Nb_2O_6(OH,F)$, on orthoclase
 Crystal is 1.5 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 13483, Rociada District, Mora County, NM. Gift of Al and Betty Tlush.



Allanite, $\{Ca^{2+}, Sr^{2+} REE^{3+}\}_2 \{Al, Fe, Mn^{3+}, Fe, Mg^{2+}\}_3 (Si_2O_7)(SiO_4)(OH)$
 Center crystal is 1 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 10021, Mina Terra Estrella, Lincoln County, NM.
 Gift of Mac Canby and Peter Evatt.



Monazite, $Ce(PO_4)$
 Crystal is 5 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 12683, Cow Camp, San Miguel County, NM.



Columbite-Tantalite, $(Fe, Mn)Nb_2O_6$
 Crystal is 3.5 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 18327, Petaca District, Rio Arriba County, NM.

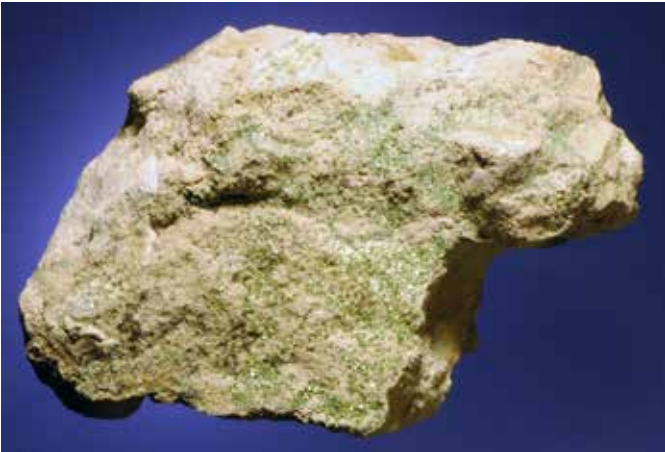
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Andersonite, $\text{Na}_2\text{Ca}(\text{UO}_2)(\text{CO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, with gypsum and calcite on sandstone
Specimen is 10 cm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 18960.



Cuprosklodowskite, $\text{Cu}(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{SiO}_3\text{OH})_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Specimen is 11 cm tall.
NMBGMR Museum No. 13172, Iron Mountain No. 2 District, Sierra County, NM. Gift of Robert Weber.



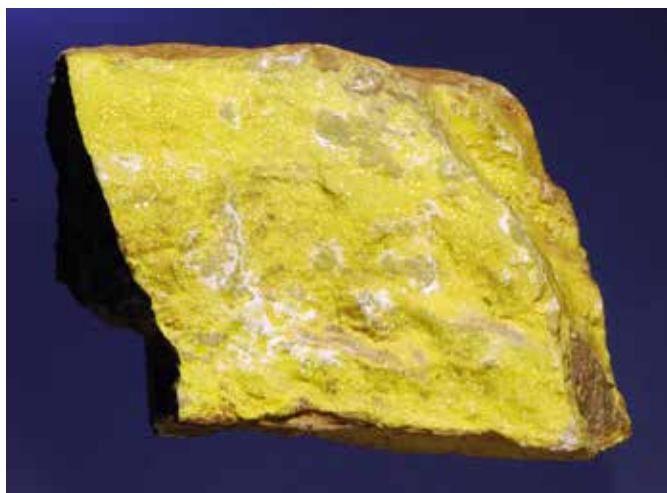
Metatorbernite, $\text{Cu}(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$, on sandstone
Specimen is 8 cm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 13169, Jeter Mine, Ladrone District, Socorro County, NM. Gift of Robert Weber.



Autunite, $\text{Ca}(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 10\text{-}12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, on sandstone
Specimen is 9 cm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 16180, Jeter Mine, Ladrone District, Socorro County, NM. Gift of Robert H. Weber.



Carnotite, $K_2(UO_2)_2V_2O_8 \cdot 3H_2O$, on sandstone
 Specimen is 6 cm long.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 12690, Carrizo Mountain, San Juan County, NM.



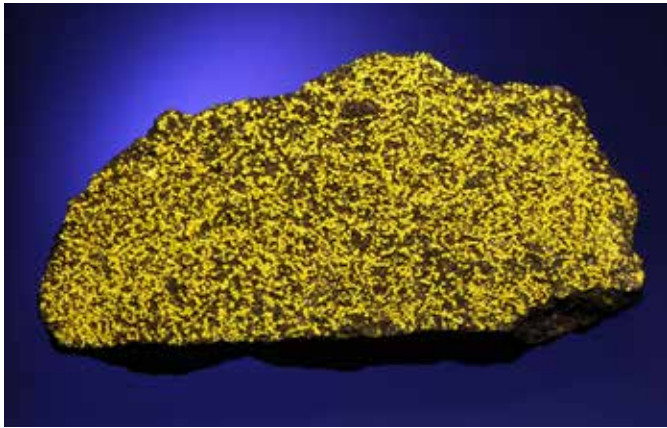
Tyuyamunite, $Ca(UO_2)_2(VO_4)_2 \cdot 5-8H_2O$ on limestone
 Specimen is 9 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 7606, Section 9 Mine, Ambrosia Lake District,
 McKinley County, NM.



Bayleyite, $Mg_2(UO_2)(CO_3)_3 \cdot 18H_2O$ on sandstone
 Specimen is 7 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 12998, Poison Canyon, Ambrosia Lake District,
 McKinley County, NM.



Metatyuyamunite, $Ca(UO_2)_2(VO_4)_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ on limestone
 Specimen is 8 cm across.
 NMBGMR Museum No. 16310, Ambrosia Lake District, Cibola County, NM.
 Gift of Hilja K. Herfurth.



Zippeite, $K_3(UO_2)_4(SO_4)_2O_3(OH) \cdot 3H_2O$, on coffinite and sandstone
Specimen is 17 cm across.
NMBGMR No. 18498, Grants District, Cibola County, NM. Gift of Gary and Priscilla Young.



Uranophane, $Ca(UO_2)_2(SiO_3OH)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$, on calcite
Crystals are about 1-2 cm long.
NMBGMR Museum No. 13134, Section 25 Mine, Ambrosia Lake District, McKinley County, NM. Gift of William R. Berglof. Photograph by Jeff Scovil.



Liebigite, $Ca_2(UO_2)(CO_3)_3 \cdot 11H_2O$, on calcite and sandstone
Crystals are approximately 4 cm long.
NMBGMR No. 17769, Section 23 Mine, Ambrosia Lake District, McKinley County, NM. Gift of the Sanchez Collection.



Kasolite, $Pb(UO_2)(SiO_4) \cdot H_2O$, on granite
Photomicrograph is 2 mm across.
NMBGMR Museum No. 19056, Red Hills, Sierra County, NM. Specimen and photomicrograph a gift of Jerry Cone.