

BRITISH HONDURAS



1894 - 10 CENTS - REVERSE

BRITISH HONDURAS, CROWN COLONY of
LONDON MINT

10 CENTS 18MM .925 FINE 2.32 GRAMS

1894 126,000

▲OV: Diademed head of VICTORIA, facing right,
VICTORIA left, QUEEN right.

▼RV: 10 / CENTS within circle of pearls, BRITISH,
HONDURAS, above / • 1894 • below, each within equal panels.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = LONDON

ENGRAVER:(obv) Leonard Charles Wyon
(rev) George William DeSalles

REFERENCE: Y-3, PR-21, KM-8

POPULATION: British Honduras - 1891 - 31,471, with
capital Belize with 9,113 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: British Crown Colony in Central America with the Car-
ibbean Sea on the east and Guatemala to the west. In 1862 the
country was officially declared a British Colony under Jamaica
and in 1884 British Honduras became an independent British Colony.

FOOTNOTE: United States gold currency was adopted as a legal
tender in 1894 for British Honduras along with British sovereigns
and half sovereigns.



1936 - 10 CENTS - REVERSE

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1918 10,000 PR-22
1919 10,000 PR-23
1936 30,000 PR-24

▲OV: Crowned head of GEORGE V, facing left
GEORGE V KING AND EMPEROR OF INDIA around / • (dot) below,
B.M. on truncation.

▼RV: 10 / CENTS within circle of pearls, BRITISH,
HONDURAS, above • DATE • below, each within equal panels.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = LONDON

DESIGNER: B.M. = Sir Edgar Bartam MacKenna

REFERENCE: Y-13, KM-20

POPULATION: British Honduras - 1930 - 50,286.

FOOTNOTE: 1936 issue was struck in proof with mintage of 50.

FOOTNOTE: The population is composed chiefly of negroes and
caribs from the West Indies, who were first brought to the country
as slaves. Population - British Honduras - c. 1894 - 31,471 in-
cludes about 400 whites. *New Cabinet Cyclopaedia, Phila., 1896.*



1943 -10 CENTS - OBVERSE

BRITISH HONDURAS, CROWN COLONY of
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10 CENTS 18MM .925 FINE 2.32 GRAMS

1939	20,000	PR-25
1942	10,000	PR-26
1943	20,000	PR-27
1944	30,000	PR-28
1946	10,000	PR-29

▲OV: Crowned head of GEORGE VI, facing left
GEORGE VI KING AND EMPEROR OF INDIA around, P M below
bust.

▼RV: 10 / CENTS within circle of pearls, BRITISH,
HONDURAS, above • DATE • below, each within equal panels.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = LONDON

DESIGNER: P M = Percy Metcalfe

REFERENCE: Y-18, KM-23

PR = *The Coins of the British Commonwealth of
Nations - West Indies* by Major F. Pridmore, London,
1965.

POPULATION: British Honduras - 1944 - 63,390 with
capital Belize with 18,188 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: All through this series of small silver coinage, there
are many times when it may be noted that there is a very close
relationship between the population of the country or its capital
city and the annual mintage.

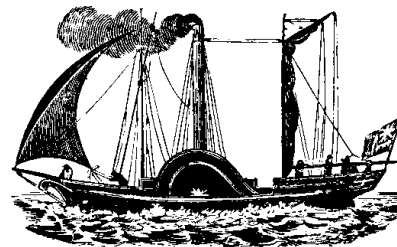
FOOTNOTE: British Honduras, Great Britain's last colony on the
American mainland, achieved independence as Belize, on Sept.
21, 1981.



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FOOTNOTE: British Honduras is a British Crown Colony, the only
political division of Central America which is not a republic. The
population in 1938 was estimated at 57,000. There are only 140
automobiles in the colony. About 17,000 people live in Belize the
capital. The only systematic local transportation from Belize to the
other parts of the country is by motorboats along the coast and on
the Belize river. Overland transportation is by mules or by native
carriers over bush or forest tracks. British Honduras currency is
based on the United States dollar. Only notes and coins issued in
British Honduras are legal tender, although American money circu-
lates inter-changeably with that of the colony. Steamers anchor
from 1 to 2 miles out, and passengers are taken ashore in small
boats. Cargo is lightered to the customs warehouse. The Palace
Hotel in Belize is equipped with running water in each room and
beds are screened against mosquitoes. *Commercial Travelers
Guide, Washington, 1941.*

FOOTNOTE: Belize settlement - This comprises a small territory in
Mexico, on the east side of the peninsula of Yucatan. It is owned
by the British, and was established for the purpose of cutting
logwood and mahogany. It extends along the Bay of Honduras
about 150 miles, and is inhabited by negroes and indians, with a
few whites. Belize, the capital, is situated on a river of the same
name. It contains about 250 houses, built of wood. It is the only
seaport in the settlement, and its exports annually amount to about
one million and a half dollars. *Olney's Geography, 1849.*



FOOTNOTE: *Encyclopedia of Small Silver Coins* of Belize are listed
under Appendix A - NCLT, when in 1974 British Honduras became
a self-governing colony under the name of Belize.