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Some Rare or Unpublished Coins from the North Black Sea

The author identifies and describes four coins currently in his collection, all of them from the mints along the Northern Black Sea coast. Two coins come from Tyra, the third one is a coin of the Scythian king Scilurus, and the last one, from Panticapaeum, dates from the rule of Asander. The first of the Tyra coins represents the bronze issue struck in the years c. 320–280 BC. The coin's countermark depicts a horse head. The author suggests a date after c. 280 BC for this countermark. The other coin from Tyra dates from c. 200–100 BC and is most probably a unique specimen. The third coin, the bronze coin of Scilurus, is only attested in two specimens: the current one, in William M. Stancomb's collection, and the one published by Anokhin. The last of the four coins is an interesting example of an overstrike on a coin from one of the Pontic mints, most likely Amisos.