New Carbon Minerals

Verified since December 2015



Abellaite (Spain)

A hydrous carbonate named in honor of Catalan gemmologist Joan Abella i Creus. Photographer Matteo Chinellato.



Tinnunculite (Russia)

Forms when the droppings of a European kestrel (Falco tinnunculus) react with the burning dumps of coal mines and quarries. Photographer Uwe Kolitsch.



Marklite (Germany)
This mineral is very similar in composition to malachite and azurite. It's named after Dr. Gregor Markl who found the specimen. Photographer Gregor Markl.



Middlebackite (Australia)

An organic mineral discovered in the Iron Monarch quarry, in the Middleback Ridge, Australia. Photographer Peter Elliott.



Leószilárdite (USA)

Discovered in an old uranium mine in Utah and named in honor of Leó Szilárd, this is the first natural sodium, magnesium-containing uranyl carbonate. Photographer Travis Olds.



Ewingite (Czech Republic)

Ewingite is the most structurally complex mineral known. Its rarity appears to be due to a very narrow pH and compositional range during formation that is only found in the Plavno mine. Photographer Travis Olds.



Braunerite (Czech Republic)

Another uranium mineral, braunerite is structurally similar to the carbon mineral línekite. From Mindat.



Parisite-(La) (Brazil)

This is the second discovery with chemistry predicted by the research behind the Carbon Mineral Challenge. Photographer unknown. Photograph from Rruff.info.



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