



Campo del Cielo Meteorite Fragment

Age approx. 4.5 billion years

(First reported in Argentina in 1576)

Campo del Cielo is a nickel-iron meteorite, which once formed the core of a small planet that broke apart perhaps 4 billion years ago. The meteorite fell in a strewn field of 3 x 30 km about 6000 years ago, but was first reported in 1576. The total mass found so far exceeds 60 tons, making it the heaviest meteorite ever found on earth. There could be bigger ones, but they have not been found. A very large piece is in the Natural History Museum collection.