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|  | The obverse (front) of this coin shows the goddess Athena wearing a helmet, because she was the goddess of warfare. The reverse (back) shows an owl and a sprig of olive. The owl was symbolic of Athena because she was the goddess of wisdom. The sprig of olive symbolises her gift of an olive tree to the city of Athens. It also has the first three letters from the names of Athena and Athens. | Athenian silver coin (tetradrachm)  Shefton Collection, Great North Museum (inventory number 678)  500-400 BC  Diameter 2.2 cm  Not on display (a similar example can be seen in Case 4) |