The Ultimate Collector’s Guide for
The Planet of the Apes
Trading Card Sets and Singles
(1968—2023)

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The 1968 Trading Card Set

On April 3rd, 1968, Topps released its trading card set for the Planet of the Apes movie with Charlton Heston. This set is often referred to as a 1969 set. The Topps Company, also, licensed the card set to two other companies for set production. The A & BC Company in the UK and the O-Pee-Chee Company in Canada replicated the card images on their own sets. It is a 44 card set with the USA and CANADA wrappers identical except for the Topps logo. The wrapper for the UK version was green and smaller.

The UK cards, themselves, were smaller than the average 2.5x3.5 inch card at 8x5.5 cm. The images that follow are for distinguishing purposes and can be used to identify the manufacturer of that particular card or set.

Note the copyright marking on each: USA, CANADA and U.K.

The image with the ingredients is the wrapper flap image for the USA and CANADA versions.

Click Here to View the 1968 Card Set
Clockwise from top:
A & BC Wrapper (UK)
OPC Wrapper (CAN)
TOPPS (USA)

Notice the missing Topps logo on the OPC wrapper.
A test set was created by Topps prior to production. These cards are normal sized cards (2.5x3.5 inches) and have “Printed in the USA” on the reverse. These cards have black borders and are not to be confused with the smaller (8 x 5.5 cm) A & BC cards.

Topps Test Card and A & BC card size comparison.
Top: 3.5 x 2.5 inches   Bottom: 8 x 5.5 cm
Some final noteworthy things about these sets:
1) OPC and A & BC wrappers are very scarce and are expensive.
2) Topps wrappers can be obtained at a reasonable price.
3) Set costs vary as to the condition of the cards with MINT being the best and POOR being the worst.
4) Topps cards are more plentiful for collectors. OPC and A & BC cards are a bit more scarce to find in mint condition. Due to the black borders of the A & BC cards, excellent condition is more likely.
5) The Topps test cards are more rare than all others but not as scarce as the afore mentioned wrappers. Test cards are seen on online auctions more frequently. Always inquire about the size of a black bordered card if its dimensions are not in the description or its copyright mark is USA. If it says A & BC gum...it is a smaller UK card.
The 1975 Trading Card Set

These trading card sets were released in conjunction with the Planet of the Apes TV Series. Unfortunately, the series was concluded in 1974 with only 14 episodes made before the set was released in 1975. The trading card images were, as before, licensed to different companies in order to produce their own sets. The set is a 66 card set that was produced by Topps in the USA, Scanlens in Australia, and LYAUSA in Mexico. Scanlens and LYAUSA printed their cards on a brighter cardstock than did Topps so the images seem sharper and
The reverse sides of card #66 are all shown here from all three set issues to show the differences. There are, also, known to exist blank back cards which are either error cards or test cards.
The card faces of the 66 card set all have white borders. This set is notorious for being cut off-center. The LYAUSA card texts are all in Spanish while Topps and Scanlens are in English. Here are some various card faces from the sets.

LYAUSA Card Fronts

Topps Card Fronts
Topps Box Top

LYAUSA Box Top

PLANET OF THE APES

PLANETA DE LOS SIMIOS
With the release of the TV Series in 1974, 20th Century-Fox had a promotional postcard made. This postcard measured 5.5 x 3.5 inches and was available through the studio.
In 1975, an Italian company called “Top Sellers” produced an enlarged sticker set that was printed by S.T.I.G. (most likely Panini) in Torino, Italy. The Planet of the Apes movie sticker is #34 in that set of stickers. It measures 5.5 x 3.75 inches.
Also, in 1978, Ediciones Este, a Spanish card company, released a set of cards intended to be glued into an album. The Planet of the Apes TV Series was featured on 4 of those in the set. The card sizes for each are 7.5 x 5.5 cm.

#66 and #67 were halved.

Top is #66
Bottom is #67
68 EL PLANETA DE LOS SIMIOS
Una escena del telefilm “EL PLANETA DE LOS SIMIOS”.

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69 JAMES NAUGHTON y RON HARPER “El Planeta de los Simios”
Dos de los principales intérpretes de esta serie de aventuras.

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In 1980, the Portuguese company, Clube do Cromo, produced an album of Tele-Stars with 384 cards of which, three were from the Planet of the Apes TV Series. The cards were to be pasted into the album. Those numbers are 66, 67, & 68 in sequence. Card sizes are 2 by 2 7/8 inch.
In 1984, Dalsa (Spain) and Reyauca (Venezuela) produced sets of glue-in cards for albums. Both are meant to be glued into an album and both of the Planet of the Apes cards are #99 in their sets.

**Dalsa**

- **Video Guay** (Spain)
- **Glue-in card**
  - 8 x 5.5 cm

**Reyauca**

- **Movie Series** (Venezuela)
- **Glue-in card**
  - 2.5 x 1.75 inches
The 1999 Inkworks Planet of the Apes Archives Set is comprised of 90 base cards in which the first two films get 18 cards each while the final three are summed up with nine cards a piece. The checklist is rounded out with deleted scenes, key characters and behind-the-scenes activities. There are 5 autograph cards, Four Roddy Revealed foil cards, Nine Poster Gallery cards, One Future of Liberty Copperworks card.

Top Row:
Wax Pack
Common Card
Autograph Card (5)
Roddy Revealed (4)

Bottom Row:
Poster Gallery (9)
Future of Liberty (1)

View the Set Here
For the 2001 Planet of the Apes Tim Burton Re-boot, Topps produced a 90 card set + Foil (9), Topper Foil (9), Costume (7), Auto (7), Simian Suede (6), Stickers (10), Promos (4), (1) 4 card panel, Coin Card, 5x9 in foil card, and a CD foil card promo inserted into the soundtrack. Waldenbooks also had a promo card too.
2001 - Planet of the Apes Movie - CD Cardz - Serious Cardz
Cards were sold in a j-hook sealed complete set of seven mini-CDs, with character profiles and backgrounds, movie trailer, photo galleries, sound effects, screensaver, etc.
2004 Rittenhouse Charlton Heston Collection Set
This set of nine cards was limited to a run of 999 sets.

2005 Rittenhouse Behind the Scenes Set
This set of nine cards was limited to a run of 333 sets. Included were Costume Relic Cards and a Linda Harrison Autograph Card.
2007 Mego Museum Promotional Card Set and Checklist
This 13-card Set + the checklist was made by the Mego Museum in 2007 and was a subset of a much larger set of cards dedicated to the Mego line of toy figures.
2008 Breygent Movie Poster Card Set - Series 2
This single from a much larger card set were cards of famous movie posters. The Planet of the Apes poster is on card #7.

2009-2011 Conspiracy of the Planet of the Apes
This promotional card set was issued by Blam Ventures and Archaia. Cards promote the illustrated novel, and were distributed at shows in two phases.
2010 Breygent Metal Artist Cards
This set of metal cards feature artist renderings of famous characters in movies or TV series'.
Booth Colman as Counselor Zaius by Chris Hoffman is #10 in this set.

2013 Topps 75th Anniversary Set
This set was issued to celebrate Topps’ 75th anniversary and featured many different cards from their sets over the years. There was a common set, a foil set, and a diamond sparkle set with the diamond sparkle cards only limited to a production run of 75 each. The Planet of the Apes card is #52 in this set.
2010-2011 MegoCIPSA/Bullmark Promo Card Sets
Scott Miller of MegoCIPSA.com created these promos for the Mexican CIPSA Planet of the Apes figures, as well as the Japanese Bullmark Planet of the Apes figures. These fan-produced promos were produced in limited quantities.
2017 Topps Book Promotional Set
This set of 4 promotional cards were included in the Planet of the Apes Trading Card Sets Book. These promo cards featured images from the more recent Dawn, Rise, and War Ape movies.

2018 Topps 80th Anniversary Wrapper Art Card Set
This set of cards features wrapper art from various sets produced by Topps over the years. The Planet of the Apes 1968 wrapper is #46 in this set.
Thank you for reading through my collector’s guide for Planet of the Apes trading cards. I have attempted to include all sets and each unique single and subset whether US produced or from other countries. This is a concise collector’s guide. I have not included pictures of cards in any given set nor have I included all the images of the reverse of all cards displayed on these pages. I have included helps and notes that I have learned over many years of collecting Planet of the Apes cards and stickers from around the globe.

I would encourage every Planet of the Apes trading card collector to purchase the Topps book of the sets they have produced. It shows images of both the front and reverse and has a wealth of knowledge included in it. It is written by Gary Gerani and Topps company staff and it has the 4 bonus cards too.

Happy Collecting

And
Best regards from one Ape Card collector To another……..

[Image of Planet of the Apes trading cards]

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