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Taxidermy - Kingfisher by Shaw of Shrewsbury

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1023696****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Description

Circa 1875. Kingfisher in glass dome on ebonised base, by the noted taxidermist Henry Shaw of Shrewsbury (1812-87). His small green trade label can be typically found amongst the groundwork. Height 28cm Notes on Henry Shaw taken from 'A History of British Taxidermy' by C. Frost: Described by Montagu Brown as an excellent taxidermist. Shaw also arranged the bird collections at Clungunford and Ludlow Museum. Lord Hill (the inventor of the penny post) appointed him curator to his bird collection at Hawkstone. The private museum at Clungunford near Ludlow was that of John Rock, a naturalist and collector, who was in touch with many of the country's leading naturalists, including John Gould, Howard Saunders and John Hancock. He commissioned Henry Shaw to begin the classification and mounting of the birds for his museum in 1860. Pairs of every species of British birds, mostly in adult plumage were represented in the collection including a Great Auk and its egg, and was regarded in its day as one of the finest and most complete collections of its kind in the country. Henry Shaw's reputation as a knowledgeable ornithologist and taxidermist, soon spread and he received ord...

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